

**HIGHTOWN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 21ST NOVEMBER 2016**

- 31 Attendance**
Cllrs. K. Brennan (Chairman), J. Drake ,M. Jarrett, E. Triggs, M. Kennan,
Mrs. J. Croasdell (Clerk), 7 members of the public
- 32 Apologies**
Cllrs. Farquhar and Longfellow
- 33 Members and Officers Declarations of Interest**
None
- 34 Minutes of Previous Meeting**
Having previously been circulated, these were agreed.
- 35 Matters of Report from the Minutes**
Suggestion Box is now in the Chemist.
The holes in Thornbeck Avenue have been repaired.
The Alt Centre still belongs to Sefton Council. It is being maintained for future use.
The surgery is an ongoing problem and consultation and action groups could possibly be formed.
It was suggested that a sub-committee be formed to talk with residents about the problems they are having with the surgery.
Many residents are using Formby Practices, but an ageing population will make this difficult in the future. This also undermines the argument for keeping the surgery in Hightown.
Formby surgeries will not be able to take any more patients, which will also help the argument to keep the surgery in HT.
- 36 Matters of Report from Committees attended by Councillors**
Cllr. Brennan attended the Ten Parishes meeting, but Hightown was not discussed.

37 Open Forum

A resident talked about the Range Road Development
Cllr. Brennan had spoken with Sunnyfields, and they asked if the PC
would be able to help with the cost of the flower beds on the road
outside the nursery. This was agreed.

Two crossways near the roundabout were well received. Senior
citizens appreciate the help in crossing the road.

The PC has made enquiries re the bus route, and are waiting for
Merseytravel to decide whether to have a bus to Formby or not.

The railway bridge was also discussed, and again, the PC is waiting to
hear from Sefton.

38 Christmas Arrangements

Cllr. Drake has worked on this, and the lights will be switched on
Wednesday 30th November at 6.45pm. The Salvation Army will be in
attendance, and mulled wine and mince pies will be available.

39 Local Plan

The Plan has not yet been completed.

40 War Memorial

The Remembrance Service had just been held, and the Memorial looks
very good. Malcolm Walker has worked extremely hard on this and
was thanked by the P.C. A resident asked if any news was available re
the grant.

41 Planning Applications

2 Rathbone Road – Extension

42 Correspondence

42.1 British Legion Information

42.2 Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine

42.3 Santander re new signatories on the Bank Account

42.4 Bulletin Magazine

43 Finances

A	Balances	Current Account	3972.20
		Deposit Account	<u>3233.45</u>
			<u>7205.75</u>

B	Bills for Payment	
	BDO	42.00
	British Legion	18.50
	SAPLC	70.00

**A resident suggested that the two bank Accounts be joined together.
Cllr. Brennan to look into this.**

44 Matters of Further Report

**Sefton have agreed to £1500 towards the Christmas Tree and Lights.
A new bench at the bend in the river to be obtained. Concrete was
thought to be the best. Tom Norbury offered his help with the bench
and the nearby fence.**

A donations bucket in aid of the Christmas Lights is already in place.

**A resident asked if the application for funding for the scouts had gone
ahead.**

A new vicar will be in place this week. Jan Ashton.

45. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 16th January 2017.