

HIGHTOWN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16TH JULY 2018

Before the meeting a presentation was made by Gordon Black from Altcar Training Camp.

Colonel Black stated that the camp is 157 years old, and work being completed at present is necessary.

Several residents complained about the speed the lorries drive to the camp. This is being monitored by both Colonel Black and the contractors. The 15-mph speed limit is not enforceable on roads, so it is currently a goodwill arrangement.

It was noted that Thistledown is owned by Chelmere and is not yet adopted by Sefton MBC. A resident raised concern that bridge is not strong enough to take the numbers on the bridge at the same time. Colonel Black will check CCTV and sign in logs.

MAIN MEETING

15. Attendance:
Cllrs. Brennan (Chairman) Jarrett (Vice Chairman), Longfellow, Kennan and Triggs.
J. Croasdell (Clerk), 17 members of the public.
16. Apologies:
Cllr. Farquhar
17. Members and Officers Declarations of Interest:
None
18. Minutes of Previous Meeting:
Having previously been circulated, these were agreed.
19. Matters of Report from the Minutes:
9 Complaints still being received about helicopter flights.
20. Matters of Report from Committees attended by Councillors:
Sefton Central and Ten Parishes Committees have been abolished.
21. Community Development:
Another Grant of £9,800 has been received from National Lottery Fund.
22. Open Forum:
The hanging baskets in the village are suffering in the heat.
Complaints were received about the public bins not being emptied enough.
Chelmere Homes have submitted the same plan as before. The appeal is due for submission this week.

Complaints were received about the number of potholes still needing repair. The Parish Council has no control over this issue, and complaints should be made direct to Sefton.

Sefton Council has provided £5,000 towards refurbishment of the Alt Centre. The question of CCTV on the bridge was raised. The Cost would be circa £6,000 and Sefton will not pay for this & too expensive for the Parish Council to consider. Tree planting was also discussed. The cost per tree from Sefton is £250.00. The Parish Council can purchase them for £36.00 each. Approximately 18/20 trees are needed, and volunteers would be required to help with planting & maintaining. Residents are to be asked to water the trees nearest to their properties. Malcolm was thanked for his work on the hanging baskets in the village.

23. Planning Applications:

23.1 Land off Kerslake Way

23.2 7 Oakfield Road

24. Correspondence:

Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine

National Lottery Fund

Scottish Power – Outstanding bill for the Alt Centre

25. Finances:

A	Current Account Balance	10,986.87
	Deposit Account	3,277.64

B Bills for Payment not advised

26. Matters of Further Report:

None

27. Date of next meeting – Monday 17th September 2018 at 7.45 pm