

Minutes of the February Meeting of **SHINCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL** held in St. Mary's Church Hall, Shincliffe Village, Durham on **TUESDAY 16th FEBRUARY 2010** at **7.00 pm**.

PRESENT: Councillor J Hudson (in the Chair) and Councillors Cook, P Hudson, Lightley, Morgan and Storer.

142. NOTICE OF MEETING

Public notice of the meeting was taken as read.

143. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

144. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Milburn.

145. POLICE MATTERS

PC Cockburn attended the meeting and reported the following:

1. Theft from a vehicle in the Rose Tree car park on 22.1.10
2. Handbag stolen from an office in Sherburn Hospital.

146. SHINCLIFFE VILLAGE TRAFFIC CALMING TALK AND DISCUSSION

Mr Harris Harvey and Mr Dave Bainbridge of Strategic Transport Planning at Durham County Council attended the meeting to discuss traffic calming options for Shincliffe Village. Discussion took place and members of the public raised their concerns. No final conclusion was reached but it was agreed that more factual information was needed about the traffic and parking in the Village. Mr Harvey noted residents' comments and would discuss them with County Traffic Engineers. He was asked to keep the Parish Council informed of the results of any surveys undertaken and the discuss the proposed solutions with the Parish Council before implementation.

Councillor J Hudson thanked Mr Harvey and Mr Bainbridge for attending.

147. MINUTES

It was **AGREED:** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 19th January 2010 (copies previously circulated and publicised) be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

148. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Salt Bin Provision

Councillor Morgan mentioned that the new salt bin in Whitwell Acres had not been installed where agreed. However, it was decided that the location was acceptable.

Other requests had been received fro salt bins in the Parish. Any further requests should be made in writing to the Parish Council and will be reviewed in the summer.

(b) Removal of Parish Noticeboard – Meldon/Mitford Close Entrance

This still has not yet been removed. Councillor J Hudson to follow up.

(c) Missing Perspex Panel – Bus Shelter A177, High Shincliffe

This has now been replaced.

(d) Sweeping of Bus Shelters

The High Shincliffe bus shelter had been swept since the last Parish Council meeting.

(e) Benches

Councillor Cook mentioned that she had only suggested replacing benches that were in a bad state of disrepair. Councillor Milburn has this matter is preparing a maintenance programme.

(f) Shrubs – Hill Meadows Steps

Councillor Cook reported that she no longer has shrubs available. Councillor J Hudson to discuss further with Councillor Milburn.

(g) Love Lane

Love Lane has been cleared. A good job was carried out at a reasonable price.

(h) Dog Fouling – Recreation Ground

Councillor J Hudson had spoken to Peter Lee of the County Council, who will send someone to inspect the existing notices. Councillor Morgan said there were no signs at the entrance to the High Shincliffe ground where the new fencing had been installed.

(i) Broken Fence on A177

The fence had been inspected but its repair was not considered to be urgent. Councillor J Hudson had suggested that the fence be removed.

(j) Cyclists on road at Manor Farm

A letter had been sent to the County Council, and a brief acknowledgement had been received.

(k) Surface Water – Shincliffe Lane

Councillor Morgan reported that the road had again been very icy.

(l) Invoice for Back Rent – Shincliffe Village Recreation Ground

Councillor J Hudson had checked this invoice from Durham Cathedral. It was correct, and is to be paid.

(m) Durham Area Action Partnership Board Meeting

Councillor J Hudson had attended the meeting; but felt that progress was slow.

Councillor Lightley reported that the Board had formed 4 separate project groups, these were : Clean and Green Environment, City Centre Development, Supporting the Voluntary Sector and Young People.

(n) Path Clearing – High Shincliffe

Councillor J Hudson reported that the path and edges had been cleared on the path from Quality Street to Langton Lea, but there was still work to be done at the bottom of this path and elsewhere. The vehicle used for the work had been repaired and was now back in action.

(o) Heathways Sign

County Council has agreed to inspect this.

(p) Horticultural

It was **AGREED**: that the Horticultural Committee would use other contractors if Marc Platts was unfit. However, the Committee should ensure that it stays within budget.

149. MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MONTH'S CORRESPONDENCE

1. Fieldwork – Councillor Cook reported that a hedge had to be of a certain length to
2. Land Registry – Love Lane, consider taking ownership, as it is unregistered land. It was **AGREED**: to wait until after the Durham Sub-Committee CDALC meeting and talk on 29th April.
3. Buckingham Palace Garden Party – Councillor Morgan to be nominated.
4. CDALC Co. News – Parish Councillors Guide 20th Edition, Clerk to purchase one copy.
5. Letter Ken Hampton – gritting Whitwell Acres, consider after AAP Meeting
6. Email Paul Tindale, Sherburn Parish Council about being correspondence for reporting Shincliffe Parish news to Durham Times. Councillor Milburn already carried out this task. Councillor J Hudson to reply.

150. CORRESPONDENCE TO CIRCULATE

Non urgent items of correspondence to be circulated to Councillors for discussion and decision as necessary at the March meeting.

151. CURRENT CORRESPONDENCE

1. Parish & Town Councils Conference – 19th July 2010
2. County Council Chairman's Fundraising Events
3. Biodiversity – There will be a speaker at the April Parish Council Meeting.
4. NHS PCT Stakeholder Events 3rd/8th March – Councillor P Hudson to attend.
5. NSPCC asking for information to be placed in parish magazines about safeguarding children.
6. Changes in Planning Guide.
7. Email CDALC requesting any photos showing local activities
8. Letter British Red Cross, asking for donations for Haiti Appeal, deferred until June Meeting.
9. Consultation on Contaminated Land Strategy
10. CDALC Environmental Awards

152. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

4/10/00071/FPA	Mr P Robson The Barn Whitwell Grange Whitwell Farm Road Sherburn House	Conversion of existing attached barn to form extended residential accommodation in association with existing dwelling and insertion of replacement uPVC windows
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It was **AGREED**: that the Parish Council raised no objections to the above application.

1. The development at Elvet Waterside was no longer going ahead.
2. Appeal against refusal of planning permission for alterations at Dunholme. The Parish Council is not allowed to submit further comment.

153. HORTICULTURAL MATTERS

1. Councillor Storer reported that planting had been delayed due to the weather and that additional plants may be needed.

154. PARISH PLAN – MARCH REVIEW / PARISH PLAN ACTION COMMITTEE

This meeting will take place in March prior to the Parish Council meeting. Individual Councillors to prepare reports

155. ACCOUNTS

H Simpson (February salary)	£332.50
Shincliffe PCC Hire of Hall	£22.00
H Simpson – Printer Cartridge	£20.97
Kompan – Playground Equipment	£5966.65
Durham Cathedral – back rent	£306.00

It was **AGREED**: that the above accounts be paid.

Cheques paid since last meeting - £125 – Total Garden Services, Love Lane Clearance.

156. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th March 2010 at approximately 7.15 pm in Shincliffe Primary School, High Shincliffe, Durham following the Parish Plan Action Committee meeting at 6.45pm.

157. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Morgan

1. Parks United had purchased 2 pieces of equipment and installed matting around some equipment in High Shincliffe. Councillor J Hudson had spoken to Peter Lee about the safety concerns. County Inspector will check these.

Councillor Cook

2. Grass verge at post box – Councillor J Hudson confirmed that BT had agreed to make good the area when the works are completed.

3. Salt bins and gritting - Councillor Cook had received verbal requests for additional salt bins. She suggested asking an officer from County Council to attend a future Parish Council meeting to talk about Winter Maintenance. As a talk is to be given on this at the Durham Sub-Committee CDALC Meeting on 29th April, it was **AGREED**: to await the outcome of that meeting.

Councillor Lightley

4. Parochial Church Council are hoping to make improvements to the windows in the Village Hall.
5. Boundary Commission released final proposals. Will get a copy of the proposals. Likely that Shincliffe will end up in a one member ward.

Members of the Public

6. Benches in Strawberry Lane – Due to undergrowth and nettles, it is impossible to use these at present. Horticultural Committee to deal.
7. The signs promised for Hall Lane have not been installed.
8. Locked gate into the field near Shincliffe Hall. Access from the field near Shincliffe Hall onto the public footpath is very difficult in wet weather because of the steep and slippery slope. The locked gate and new fence has cut off the alternative route. Can anything be done about this? Councillor J Hudson to follow up.
9. Pot Holes in Shincliffe Village, Councillor J Hudson had reported these to HAL.
10. Parking on pavement outside Low Green and in other areas of the Parish is causing problems, Councillor J Hudson said residents should contact the police with the registration numbers of the parked cars.
11. Hedges in the Parish are encroaching onto pavements/roads. Could an article be placed in the Parish Magazine asking residents to cut back these hedges.
12. Vennel from school to Heathways; hedge is encroaching on footpath. Councillor J Hudson to speak to resident.
13. Hedges on Low Road and opposite former Old Railway Tavern, overgrown onto road again, Councillor J Hudson to speak to County Council.

The meeting terminated at 9.15 pm