

Minutes of the June Meeting of **SHINCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL** held in Shincliffe Primary School, High Shincliffe, Durham on **TUESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2010** at **7.00 pm**.

**PRESENT:** Councillor J Hudson (in the Chair) and Councillors Cook, Lightley, Milburn and Morgan

## **22. NOTICE OF MEETING**

Public notice of the meeting was taken as read.

## **23. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Cook and J Hudson declared an interest in salt bins and snow clearing. Councillor Lightley declared an interest in Agenda Item No.10 Area Action Partnership.

## **24. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Hudson and Storer.

## **25. MINUTES**

It was **AGREED:** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2010 (copies previously circulated and publicised) be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## **26. POLICE MATTERS**

PC Bruce Cockburn attended the meeting and reported the following:

1. 7.6.10 - Theft of an unattended motorcycle on the A177 near the entrance to Houghall College
2. Youth nuisance has been reported in the recreation ground at High Shincliffe. PC Cockburn and the PCSOs to monitor situation.
3. Shift patterns are changing, PC Cockburn's shift that was previously 2-10pm will now be 5pm-1am, allowing for areas to be covered later into the night when youth nuisance occurs.
4. Councillor Morgan reported that there are problems with vehicles parking on the A177 near the Seven Stars. These are causing obstruction and pedestrians have to go on to the road to see if it is safe to cross. PC Cockburn to speak to landlord.
5. PC Cockburn had spoken to the manager of the parking wardens about the cars parking in The Bailey in the evening. They are looking into this, but at present the shifts do not cover the hours when the cars are parked.
6. The dog in a property on Stockton Road is again jumping up at the gate as pedestrians walk by. This can be frightening for young children.

## **27. MATTERS ARISING**

### **(a) Shincliffe Village Traffic Calming**

The County Council has now carried out a survey of traffic going through the Village in the morning rush hour. During this period 9 cars entered the Village at the Seven Stars and immediately exited via Low Road end. The County is still looking at traffic calming measures and has not yet costed these. The Parish Council will be consulted about the final proposals.

### **(b) Dog Fouling – Recreation Ground**

Councillor J Hudson reported that there was very little evidence of dogs being taken to the recreation grounds. He had asked Peter Lee for the signs banning dogs to be resited but so far this had not been done. Councillor J Hudson to follow up.

**(c) Cyclists on road at Manor Farm**

Councillor Morgan was due to meet Elaine Field, who is to provide 'No cycling' signs. However the meeting had to be cancelled, and rearranged for July.

**(d) Grass Verge and Path at Post Box, High Shincliffe**

No progress to date. Review at the end of June and if still outstanding, ask Marc Platts to make a gravel path to the box.

**(e) Pot Holes in Shincliffe Village (High Street and Low Road)**

Emailed Dave Wilcox at County Council regarding this. No response so far received. Councillor Williams will also contact Mr Wilcox.

**(f) Planting Shrubs at the junction of the Black Path and Hill Meadows Steps**

Marc Platts has the shrubs, and they will be planted shortly.

**(g) Review of Standing Orders**

Councillor J Hudson reported that draft proposals would be presented for consideration in the autumn.

**(h) Salt Bins and Snow Clearing**

Councillor Cook explained that the resident who had offered to collect and spread salt on roads, would not charge for his labour but would expect his fuel costs to be paid. Councillor J Hudson will speak to the County Council to see what future arrangements are being made for filling salt bins and clearing roads. He and Councillor Cook will then meet the resident to finalise arrangements. #

Several requests had been received for additional salt bins These would be discussed at next month's meeting. It was suggested that an article be placed in the Parish newsletters emphasising that the salt in the bins is not for private use, but for putting on highways and footpaths only.

**(i) CE Electric**

A representative from CE Electric is to attend the July Parish Council meeting to talk about their services and answer any questions about electricity supply.

**(j) Community Hall**

Discussion took place on the need for a new community hall. It was felt that there was not a shortage of halls in the Parish, but that some groups had stopped using the school because of the increased charge. It was suggested that a subsidy fund to help new groups with the costs of hiring halls for a set period be established. This is to be discussed further at the July meeting.

**(k) Memorial Bench – St. Mary's Close**

Councillor Milburn reported that the bench (in memory of Ronnie Stark) is now in place, awaiting the plaque.

**(l) Arriva – Buses failing to stop at High Shincliffe**

Councillor Morgan had written to Arriva about a recent incident when a bus had failed to divert through High Shincliffe. Arriva had agreed to interview the driver and will monitor the service more closely.

**(m) Slide in Recreation Ground, High Shincliffe**

The damaged footing of the slide has been reported, but not yet repaired.

**(n) Arriva bus – Sherburn House**

Councillor Hudson had drafted a letter to Arriva requesting improved service on this route, Councillor Milburn reviewing draft prior to Clerk sending the letter.

**28. MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MONTH'S CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Arriva statistics on service provision, Councillor Cook says if people complain about their issues this should affect the statistics.
2. DCC Meeting on 6.7.10 about renewal of energy, Councillor Cook to attend.
3. Request for names of candidates for CDALC Executive Committee.

**29. CORRESPONDENCE TO CIRCULATE**

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

**30. CURRENT CORRESPONDENCE**

1. County Durham Plan consultation. Open day on 15.7.10 At Durham Town Hall and meeting at Sedgefield on 20.7.10 for Councillors. Circulate draft Plan to Councillors for review.
2. Parish and Town Councils conference 19.7.10. Let Councillor J Hudson know if you are able to attend.
3. Dial a Ride mini bus scheme leaflets.
4. Letter about bus shelters and maintenance from DCC, all Councillors to read.
5. Arriva performance statistics

**31. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

4/10/00324/FPA	Miss C Readey 2 St Marys Close Shincliffe	Erection of two and single storey pitched roof extension to rear of existing dwelling
4/10/00320/VOC	Mr P Robson The Barn Whitwell Grange Sherburn House	Material amendments to approved application 10/00071 (variation of condition 2) to insert 3 no. roof lights to rear elevation and amend rainwater goods specification
4/10/00338/FPA	Mr P Steel 3 Wood View Shincliffe	Erection of pitched roof over existing flat roof garage including solar panels to south elevation

It was **AGREED**: that the Parish Council raised no objections to the above planning applications

4/10/00266/FPA	Mr J Hildred Land Adjacent 5 Quality Street High Shincliffe	Change of use of land to residential garden including erection of 1m high timber
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Discussion took place on the above application and it was **AGREED**: that the Parish Council were in objection to this planning application, the land in question had been a walk through for over 50 years, and it was unknown who owned the land..

## 32. HORTICULTURAL MATTERS

1. Councillor Milburn was elected as Chairman of the Horticultural Committee
2. Last plants delivered, Marc Platts to continue planting the beds and tubs, and to commence painting the benches in July. The shrubs will be planted in Hill Meadows after that.
3. There has been no decision made on the locations of the planters in the Village.

## 33. SPRING GARDEN COMPETITION – PRESENTATION OF PRIZES

Mrs Pat Guy presented the prize to the winner and one of the runners-up of the Spring Best Kept Garden Competition. Mr & Mrs Carr sent their apologies.

***1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Mr & Mrs Coulson, 29 St. Mary's Close, Shincliffe Village***

***Joint 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Mr & Mrs A Carr, 13 Heathways, High Shincliffe***

***Joint 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – M K Chapman, Uplands, High Shincliffe***

It was **AGREED**: That the winners be congratulated.

## 34. PHOTO COMPETITION – PRESENTATION OF PRIZES

Councillor Cook presented the prize to the winners of the Photo Competition.

***1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Mr Philip Milburn***

***2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Mr Nick Latham***

***3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Mr Nick Latham***

It was **AGREED**: That the winners be congratulated.

## 35. AREA ACTION PARTNERSHIP (AAP)

Councillor Lightley reported that there had been a meeting of the Forum on 15.6.10, and that the working groups discussed and reported progress on their work. There is a small grants fund that could be of use to the Community Association, Youth Club, WI. There is also a Mobile Cinema that could come to the Parish.

## 36. REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Request for financial assistance were received from the organisations listed below (agreed donations shown).

Woodland Trust	£50
St. John Ambulance	£50
Butterwick Hospice	£50
Great North Air Ambulance	£50
British Red Cross	£50
Finchale Training College	£50
Mayor of Durham Appeal Fund 2010/11	£100
Co.Durham Soc. Blind & Partially Sighted	£50

### 38. ACCOUNTS

H Simpson (June salary)	£344.63
DCC Hire of Hall	£30.36
M Platts – Horticulture	£443.88
M Platts – Maintenance	£16.00
M Platts – Old Mine Site	£68.00
H Simpson – ½ year heating allowance	£50.00
N Cook – vouchers for photo competition	£40.00
J Milburn – vouchers for garden competition	£40.00

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

### 38. APPROVAL OF 2009/2010 ACCOUNTS

The Clerk produced detailed accounts for the year ending 2009/10. It was **AGREED**: that the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 be accepted as a true record and released for audit.

### 39. RECEIPTS

Bearpark Parish Council – reimbursement CDALC Sub-cttee costs	£4.80
West Rainton Parish Council – reimbursement CDALC Sub-cttee costs	£4.80
Witton Gilbert Parish Council – reimbursement CDALC Sub-cttee costs	£4.80
Pittington Parish Council – reimbursement CDALC Sub-cttee costs	£4.80

### 40. CHANGED DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The July Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2010** in **St. Mary's Church Hall, Shincliffe Village, Durham** at 7.00 pm.

### 41. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

*Councillor Morgan*

1. Ancroft Garth, adjacent to the green, a tree is overhanging the footpath and needs pruning. Councillors J Hudson and Morgan to inspect.

*Members of the Public*

2. Car parked on Love Lane causing problems for vehicles wishing to turn. Councillor J Hudson reported that it had been agreed the resident could park there; no action to be taken.
3. Question regarding the boundaries of Shincliffe Parish. We still await information from the Boundary Commission about the future changes we suggested.

**The meeting terminated at 8.55 pm**