

Shincliffe Parish Council

Notes of Horticulture Committee Meeting

Thursday 15 June 2017: 7 pm at Whitwell Acres

1	<p>Present: Cllr N Cook, P Matthews (Community Representative)</p> <p>Apologies: Cllr A Lee,</p> <p>Absent: M Platts (Parish Gardener)</p>	
2	<p>Notes of 20 April 2017/ matters arising (not on agenda)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Love Lane bin: Parish Council have written to resident, the bin has not been removed to date. 	
3	<p>Update from Parish Gardener – absent. Content copied forward from previous meeting notes to be discussed at next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MP suggested updating the PC website with photos of the sustainable beds at peak season. NC agreed to take photos. (AL to cover if NC is away) MP to inform NC when beds are to be photographed. • Bench at Durham entrance to High Shincliffe has been damaged. MP agreed to repair asap. • The planned wild flower area near the bus stop needs sowing soon. The likely delay by DCC in installing the gateways poses a problem with this so agreed that Marc will plant half the planned area soon and a further area, closer to the gateways, next year. AL to provide MP with the exact position of the installation. • MP produced a paper: Ideas for Horticulture Development which included suggestions for projects, community involvement and structural planting for flower beds. AL agreed to explore costs of standard holly, fuschia and bay. Committee members to consider the suggestions on the paper for discussion at the next meeting. 	<p>MP NC</p> <p>MP</p> <p>MP AL</p> <p>AL All</p>
4	<p>Horticulture Development Plan To be discussed at next meeting</p>	
5	<p>Front Garden Competition Front Garden competition to take place 3-7 July</p>	AL
6	<p>Love Lane update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Gardening Day 10th June – 2 volunteers did turn up but the event was cancelled due to bad weather. • Tues 13th June, 3 volunteers and 2 councillors worked to tidy Love Lane as follows: • The Elder at the junction of Love Lane and Ancroft Garth had been chopped by persons unknown and dumped in Love Lane – this was removed 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Branches from 2 conifers were cut down and removed, tree stumps need to be cut/removed along with one more conifer to be cut/removed • Some Ground Elder near the Quality Street end of Love Lane was dug out in an attempt to stop its invasive growth along the Lane. More needs to be done – chemical treatment of some areas may be appropriate • Ground clearance at hedge bottom was undertaken. <p>Resident requested the Elder covered in Ivy be cut down as it is imposing on their garden.</p> <p>Resident requested the hedge Ancroft Garth end be trimmed back.</p>	MP MP
7	<p>Resident complaint re daffodils</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The issue was discussed, it was agreed that as this daffodil bed is for the community as a whole and part of the Parish Council Sustainable Planting program, in future it is to be cut at the same time as other beds in the Parish when appropriate for the plants. 	
8	<p>Any other business/updates from members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PM suggested publicising the problem of ‘Himalayan Balsaam’ in the Parish at the Old Mine Site and Strawberry Lane in particular, in an attempt to make us a HB free Parish. Maybe by putting info in Scan, notice boards and even erecting temporary notices near the HB areas to ask residents to pull the plants out before the form seed. • PM mentioned overhanging hedges and trees are a problem for pedestrians. It’s a particular problem in High Shincliffe. NC agreed to contact David Stoker to ask if DCC can ask residents to deal with their hedges / trees. • PM mentioned noticed boards have a lot of old stuff in them. • PM mentioned Willow tree on the green between Ave St and Whitwell Acres is overhanging the path. NC to inform DCC. 	All NC NC
9	<p>Date of next Meeting: Possibly Thursday 13th July – nothing agreed as PM may be unavailable at short notice</p>	