

Shincliffe Parish Council
Notes of Horticulture Committee Meeting
Thursday 19 October 2017: 10.30am at 8 Hill Meadows

(Following a site meeting on A177 to discuss preparation and planting of Gates)

1	Present: Cllr A Lee, Cllr N Cook, M Platts (Parish Gardener)	
2	Notes of 14 June 2017/ matters arising (not on agenda) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Love Lane Bin – branches left are fly tipping. PC meeting agreed to write to resident to confirm previous request. • MP to do an audit of all benches early in 2018. Suggestion to replace the wooden bench in Langton Lea with a recycled composite plastic one. Style to be agreed for future replacements. AL to check suppliers and costs • Himalayan Balsam issue highlighted in Horticulture SCAN magazine. • Gates on A177 are being established and bulbs/perennial plants have been ordered. External company are assisting Parish Gardener with bed preparation. 	MP All/AL
3	Update from Parish Gardener MP is clearing beds for winter planting and planting perennials at A177 gates. Agreed temporary fix of damaged/rotting Avenue bed to enable planting of winter bedding. Sources of sleepers to be explored.	AL
4	Budget Update There are a number of planned spending areas related to sustainable planting and these should be completed before the end of this financial year.	
5	Horticulture Development Plan Any additions to be sent to Kate by 25th Oct	All
6	Parish Gardening Day: Saturday 11 November Publicised: In SCAN magazine, notice boards, village entrances, PC website and emails to gardening contacts Equipment for 11 Nov: Hi vis vests, trowels, spades, trugs, kneelers Priority planting: 1. Crocus species mixed 1,000 bulbs in grass area by wall at Durham entrance to HS 2. Mixed anemones 300 and chioxodoxa 200 by bench on A177 in SV 3. Tulipa tarda - yellow dwarf. X 100 in grass area opposite whitewall Acres bed *** Post meeting: MP agreed to split the anemones: 150 by bench on A177 and 150 under trees by Whitwell Acres Also discussed for future planting: - Wall bed at lay-by : Extend lengthways with planting of skimmia and sedum and possibly blue alliums - Other perennials ordered for sustainable beds: helianthus, asters, dwarf gladiolus plus Muscari and autumn flowering crocus (plus donated crocosmia)	NC AL

	<p>Wild flower areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - By the bus stop on A177 - Behind the wooden barriers opposite the Rose Tree (Need barrier tape and short stumpy wood to mark off no-mow areas of spring bulbs other areas tbd at next meeting) 	
7	<p>Any other business/updates from members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beautiful Durham Awards 4 Oct: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Winner Best Sheltered Accommodation: Sherburn Hospital Care Home - Winner of Best Small Village: Shincliffe Village - Winner of Best Village: High Shincliffe • Kerbside weeds are to be sprayed. • Path clearance along A177 - external company response was too big a job - DCC to be contacted - NC 	NC
8	<p>Date of next Meeting</p> <p>Thursday Next meeting 16 November – venue tbc</p>	

A Lee
31 October 2017