

Shincliffe Parish Council

Notes of Horticulture Committee Meeting

9 February 2017: 6.15pm at 8 Hill Meadows

1	<p>Present: Cllr A Lee, Cllr N Cook, M Platts (Parish Gardener)</p> <p>Apologies: P Matthews (Community Representative)</p>	
2	<p>Notes of November meeting: Agreed.</p> <p>Matters Arising (not on the agenda)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Love Lane bin: AL to check if PC Clerk has spoken with resident. • Community gardening day - spring bulbs planted along wall at Durham end of High Shincliffe • Hort Dec plan for year end and 2 yr proposal for 2017/18 to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opening path on A177 - Continuing to develop community orchards in the parish - Regular community gardening days - Develop Love Lane - horticulture (replant wild flowers) and also historically through interpretation boards. Need more public information on the history of the parish - Wild flower areas <p>Committee members to send further thoughts before next meeting</p>	<p>AL</p> <p>ALL</p>
3	<p>Update from Parish Gardener</p> <p>Fruit trees purchased for Hill Meadows (3 apple) and Heathways, at Meldon Way end, (2 cherries – to complement current single tree).</p>	MP
4	<p>Horticulture budget update. MP to predict likely further spending to the end of financial year together with any spending needed at beginning of next financial year requiring roll forward of budget. Discussion on potential planting for sustainable beds included more structural plants, possibly standard fuchsias, bay or holly. MP to advise on options for next meeting.</p>	<p>MP</p> <p>MP</p>
5	<p>Traffic Calming/Gateway on A177 Awaiting decision from DCC on go ahead. Likely spending on planting around the gateway - may need to roll forward as unlikely to be completed by year end. Awaiting confirmation from County Hall.</p>	
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6	<p>Any other business/updates from members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AL reported that we have £80 in garden centre vouchers from Beautiful Durham. Ideas for spend: £40 each for the Village and High Shincliffe. • PM has reported leylandi branches left in Love Lane and further damage to the quad apple tree, previously damaged then further cut down accidentally by grass cutter. MP to check volume of branches and damage to tree. 	<p>ALL</p> <p>MP</p>
7	<p>Date of next Meeting: Date of next meeting: provisionally 3 April at 6.30 subject to PM availability</p>	

A Lee
10 February 2017