

Minutes of the Meeting of Shincliffe Parish Council held in Shincliffe Primary School, High Shincliffe, Durham, on Tuesday 20th February 2018 at 7.00 pm.	Action By:
Present: Councillor G. Lee (in the Chair) and Councillors Duell, A. Lee, Stoker and Wright.	
141. Apologies for Absence Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Cook and Olechnowicz.	
142. Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest.	
143. Issues Raised by Members of the Public No Issues were raised.	
144. Parish Council Incident Log No incidents had been reported since the last meeting.	
145. Minutes It was resolved that: the minutes of the meeting held on 16 th January, 2018, be approved as a true record subject.	
146. Matters Arising 127 (Chicanes (Black Path) – Councillor Duell reported that since the barriers had been erected, no further complaints regarding speeding cyclists had been received. 129 (Dog Signs) – Councillor Duell advised that the signs had been erected. Councillors thanked Councillor Duell for purchasing and erecting these.	
147. Police Update The Clerk advised that the next PACT meeting would take place on Thursday 15 th March @ 7.00pm, St. Mary's Church Hall. All Councillors were encouraged to attend.	
148. County Councillor's Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Precept – Durham County Council were to raise the precept by 6%. Increases also included Adult Social Care, the Police and the Fire and Rescue Service. • Shincliffe Park – Peter Ferries who was leading on the project had shortlisted 3 companies to install new play equipment. All three contractors had submitted similar quotes. A meeting had also taken place with the farmer and an open session would be held with residents in March. Councillor Stoker intended to fund approximately £10,000 for the play provision. • Neighborhood Budget – Councillor Stoker explained that his Budget had now been reduced by £10,000 from £28,000 to £18,000 per annum and Councillors were now obliged to spend a proportion on revenue costs. 	

Some funding could therefore be used for horticulture projects if revenue costs were incurred.			
149. Correspondence			
(a) <u>Matters arising from last month's correspondence</u> No issues were raised.			
(b) <u>Correspondence held on reference file</u> 'Do it Online' Poster – Durham County Council			
(c) <u>Current Correspondence</u> None			
150. Horticulture Committee Update			
Councillor A Lee provided the following update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two more small, community orchards were being planted for the parish; one in the school grounds with the involvement of the children and one in a residential area. A total of 14 semi-dwarf and cherry trees would be planted in March/April; • A new replacement bench had been ordered for the top end of Langton Lea on the perimeter road. All replacement benches were now to be constructed from recycled composite material and would be less maintenance; • The two trees planted by DCC in 2016, close to the entrance of Whitwell Acres had been moved to the opposite side of the road as they were likely to obstruct the views of traffic when they matured; • Several areas of the parish had drifts of spring bulbs which needed protection from the early grass cuts by DCC. These areas would be taped off by the Parish Gardner until the drifts were clearly visible to the grass cutters; and • Website – Councillor A Lee reminded Councillors that minutes of the Horticulture Committee were on the Parish Council website. 			
151. Finance Committee Update			
The Chairman referred to the decision made at the January Parish Council meeting to increase the precept by 8% and commented that the Clerk had submitted the necessary paperwork.			
152. Defibrillators - Installation			
The Chairman advised Councillors that discussions were ongoing with the Church Warden regarding the installation of the defibrillators and casing including the necessary electricity supply for St. Mary's Church and the Avenue Inn. A quote to undertake these works would be received in due course. Councillor Duell commented that he would ask for an update in relation to installation at the primary school.	Cllr Duell		
153. Current Accounts for Approval			
The following accounts were submitted for approval:			
<table border="1"> <tr> <td>K Cuthbert (February Salary)</td> <td>£290.45</td> </tr> </table>	K Cuthbert (February Salary)	£290.45	
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HMRC Income Tax (February Salary)	£72.40	
Northern Landscapes	£290.00	
Cllr A Lee (Reimbursement)	£17.09	
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Resolved: that the above accounts be approved and paid.		
154. Date and Time of Next Meeting		
The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 20th March 2018, 7.00pm at Shincliffe Primary School, High Shincliffe, Durham.		
Councillor Duell submitted his apologies for absence.		
155. Any Other Business – Councillors		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traffic issues Sherburn House – Councillor Stoker advised that a report was expected within the forthcoming weeks which would include suggestions and options for traffic calming measures. Maiden Castle – Councillor Stoker explained that the plans for the extension had now been reduced and it would no longer include 8 tennis courts and a Basket Ball arena. Instead, revised proposals were smaller scale. The Chairman referred to the proposal to award the Clerk with a one off payment of £650, to be paid in March in recognition for the additional hours incurred as a result of the CiCA qualification and also submission of the Quality Award within the Local Councils Awards Scheme. In addition to this, it was proposed that the Clerks hours be increased with effect from 1 April 2018 from 8 to 9 hours per week. It was resolved that: the proposals be approved. Litterpick – It was agreed that the spring litter pick would take place on Saturday 21st April, 2018 at 10.00am. High Shincliffe Park – The Chairman reported that the concrete at the play area within the park was exposed and posed as a trip hazard. Councillor Stoker agreed to raise this issue with DCC. SCAN – The Chairman reported that the deadline for the SCAN submission was 8th March and asked Councillors to forward any ideas of what should be included. A draft would be circulated to all Councillors for comment prior to submission. 		Cllr Stoker

The meeting terminated at 7.35pm