

Shincliffe Parish Council

Notes of Horticulture Committee Meeting:

Thursday 14 April 2016: 7pm at 8 Hill Meadows

1	<p>Present: Cllr A Lee(Chair) M Platts (Parish Gardener) P Matthews (Community Representative)</p> <p>Apologies: Cllr A Olechnowicz K Cuthbert (PC Clerk)</p>	
2	<p>Notes of 11 February: Notes agreed.</p>	
3	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MP has planted a family apple tree at the Ancroft Garth end of Love Lane• Bin on Love Lane has been removed and recently relocated against resident's wall.• MP has prepared the ground around the Whitwell Acres sign for P Matthews to plant and maintain the patch.• MP has fixed the leaflet holder to the Parish Walks interpretation board in High Shincliffe. A further holder has been bought for the Shincliffe Village board.• MP has spoken with the Low Road resident re wild flower bed and the resident has started to clear part of the bank. P Matthews has donated the wildflower seeds.• AL has grown some Marigolds from seed for planting along the pathway adjoining the High Shincliffe play park, as suggested by P Matthews.• Horticulture membership: Andrzej Olechnowicz has agreed to rejoin the Horticulture Committee until the councillor vacancies are filled and further members are in place.• Meldon Way/Heathways residents have decided against an edible bed and prefer only fruit trees.• Trees planted by DCC last Spring, on bend near Whitwell Acres, still have not been moved so will now take place at the end of the year..• AL reported that the Parish Council are supportive of exploring the potential for mini-orchards in the parish	

4	<p>Front Garden Competition Dates AL reported the new dates for the Spring and Summer Front Garden Competitions as the first weeks in April and July. The initial judging of the Spring Front Gardens by councillors has just taken place and last year's winner will be asked if they are prepared to judge the councillors' nominations to determine the winners.</p> <p>The committee members discussed the potential options for future judging to ensure that there was maximum opportunity for previous non-winners to be recognised alongside the gardens which regularly won prizes. Agreed to discuss a future meeting when all committee members were present, including potential newly appointed councillors.</p>	AL ALL
5	<p>Horticulture Development Plan 2016-2018 AL suggested that there should be a horticulture development plan covering the next 2-3 years. The 3 year Sustainable Planting project is coming to an end and future priorities need to be established, taking account of the Parish Survey results.. Agreed to discuss once new membership is established.</p>	ALL
6	<p>Horticulture budget update for 2015-2016 The year-end budget position is unchanged from February's update.</p>	
7	<p>Horticulture Budget and priorities for 2016-2017 The current 2016-2017 budget position will be available next month as there are currently a number of invoices to be processed.</p>	
8	<p>Update from Parish Gardener</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MP has planted 2 plum and 3 apple trees on the green at Meldon Way/ Heathways. • Other MP updates are included in 3. Matters Arising 	
9	<p>Updates from Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PM has a patch of snowdrops which need splitting and has offered these for the parish. MP and PM to agree the best locations for these. • AL has a bird box, made and donated by Claire Pragnell. She would like it fixing on trees near entrance to High Shincliffe. MP to action 	PM MP MP

10	Date of next Meeting: Thursday 12 May 7pm at 8 Hill Meadows	
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