

Shincliffe Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Shincliffe Parish Council held in St Mary's Church Hall, Shincliffe Village, Durham at 6.00pm on Thursday 16th January, 2020.

Present: County Councillor Stoker (Chair) Councillors Ferries, Wright, and Fradgley.

In Attendance: There were no Members of the Public Present.

Item		Action By
1.	Apologies for Absence Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Duell and Armstrong and also Kate Kirton (Parish Clerk).	
2.	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest.	
3.	Issues Raised by Members of the Public There were no issues raised.	
4.	Minutes RESOLVED that: the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 19 th December, 2019 be approved as a correct record subject to the following amendment: 11.0, bullet point 2 to read: 'The trees had been inserted into the civic stands and surrounded by gravel for extra support. The gravel had been provided by Holdens Decorative Gravel Quarrington Hill, free of charge'.	
5.	Matters Arising <u>Flooding outside Wayside Cottage</u> – Coucillor Ferries had observed the work completed at Wayside Cottage and although a step forward was envisaged, this could continue to be an issue. A possible solution to consider if the issue does persist, was SPC providing support for the installation of a glass screen.	

6.	<p>Crime Update</p> <p>The PACT meeting was held prior to this SPC meeting</p>	
7.	<p>Written Correspondence</p> <p>None</p>	
8.	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>DM/20/00019/ FPA Catbells, Sherburn House Farm Shincliffe Lane Sherburn House, Durham DH1 2SQ</p> <p>Demolition of conservatory and erection of 1.5 storey sun room with bedroom, demolition of play room & erection of single storey extension, new single storey rear infill extension, new first floor access, bedrooms and bathrooms, new elevation treatment and associated works.</p> <hr/> <p>RESOLVED that: no objections be made in relation to the above planning application.</p>	
9.	<p>Consideration of Precept 2020/2021</p> <p>Deferred until next SPC meeting</p>	
10.	<p>Horticultural Committee Update</p> <p>Councillor Wright provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Horticultural Committee had a new Community, Yvonne Cunningham; • A local resident has expressed interest in having additional fruit trees planted on the wide grass verge between Whitwell Acres and Langton Lea. The resident has also expressed a willingness to personally support the funding for this; • Parish Gardener Update – Progress with the general winter maintenance had been reported; • The ‘Shincliffe Parish Paths/Walks’ leaflet dispensers need to be replenished. It was noted that a further batch of leaflets would need to be printed in the not too distant future; and • An update on the Sherburn House Planting Initiative was provided by Councillor Fradgley. A phase 1 plan for 	

	<p>implementation in March/April 2020 was shared. This was primarily the planting of wild flower beds and daffodil drifts at the North West and North East village entrance junctions.</p>	
11.	<p>Christmas Tree Project (Standing Item)</p> <p>Councillor Wright reported that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2019 Christmas tree project had cost approximately £950. It was anticipated that annual costs for future Christmas Tree Projects would be lower as the stands and lighting purchased were reusable; • Councillor Wright had written a letter of thanks to East Grange farm for their support with this project; • Future considerations; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Promotion of Christmas tree related events ○ Possible alternative locations for the High Shincliffe tree ○ Consideration of safe access for children when choosing the location for the trees ○ Horticultural Committee to review the Christmas tree project; (1) Managing the size of the trees versus ability to handle the trees. Further discussions will be taken later in the year; (2) The Christmas Tree Project sparked community engagement (Carols, Knitted snowman, school involvement etc.) which should be built on in future years. • The SPC would again like to record our thanks and gratitude for all of Councillor Wright's efforts in making a success of this project. 	
12.	<p>Shincliffe Play Park (Standing Item)</p> <p>Councillor Ferries provided the following update;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good progress had been made at the park site despite the wet conditions; • Some of the play equipment was now in place. All of the equipment should be installed within the next 7-10days; • The supply of goal posts for the football pitch in the park was still being pursued; 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Stoker has agreed to use his Neighbourhood Budget to cover the costs of the mixed hedging on the boundary around the play park; • Current expectations were that the play park would remain closed until the end of May; and • The proposed community garden event to plant the hedging in the play park would be delayed until later in the year. 	
13.	Durham City Neighbourhood plan – Consultation Complete	
12.	Current Accounts for Approval Deferred until the next SPC meeting	
13.	Date of Next Meeting Thursday 20 th February, 2020 at 6.00pm (St. Mary’s Church Hall)	
14.	Any Other Business – Councillors <u>Local bus service update from Councillor Stoker</u> – Scarlet Band have withdrawn their service through High Shincliffe because of a shortage of staff. Arriva will fill the gap, and increase the daytime service from one an hour to two an hour.	

Meeting Terminated at 7.10 pm