

Shincliffe Parish Council

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Shincliffe Parish Council held in St Mary's Church Hall, Shincliffe Village, Durham at 6.00pm on Thursday 28th January, 2020.

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

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

Item		Action By
1.	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>An apology for absence was submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillor Olechnowicz.</p>	
2.	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
3.	<p>Consideration of Precept 2020/2021</p> <p>The Clerk referred Parish Councillors to the budget information which had been circulated which included the budget analysis 2019/20, the reserves position 2019/2020 and also the proposed budget for 2021/2021.</p> <p>It was noted that proposals included a 10.03% increase from an annual precept of £22,300.00 to £24,535.60 which equated to a marginal increase of approximately £3.10 per household, per annum.</p> <p>The reasons for the precept increase included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An Annual Garden Competition – To make this a more prestigious event with more categories and bigger prizes being awarded, we have included within the budget £500.00 to be awarded back to winners of the competition;• Sherburn House Planting Initiative – This would include both aesthetically pleasing and visual displays, which will also hopefully act as a traffic calming measure;	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree Survey- A survey of the trees we are responsible for in Shincliffe Village is due in Autumn of this year. This will enable us to act on trees, our responsibility, and maintain them in reasonable shape and size; • We are also proposing Christmas Trees (again this year); and • The Parish Council intend to undertaken a survey this year which will be used to inform future plans, based on feedback from residents. <p>Parish Councillors noted that it was prudent for Parish Councils to have an appropriate level of reserves maintained to ensure that the Council was sustainable. It was therefore agreed that a Reserves Policy would be drafted for approval at the Annual Meeting in May, which would propose that the level of reserves were always set an appropriate amount when considering the precept each year. The Parish Clerk agreed to action this.</p> <p>Upon discussion, it was RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the Precept for 2020/2021 be set at £24,535.60 representing an increase of approximately 10.03% (c £3.10 per household, per annum). The Clerk agreed to complete the necessary paperwork and submit the precept request to the billing authority (DCC); and (ii) supplementary information in relation to the increase in precept, would be publicised in the next edition of SCAN. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
4.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>It was noted that: due to long standing commitment of the Chairman, the previously scheduled meetings of the 3rd Thursday of the month would be better scheduled as the 4th Thursday of the month.</p> <p>The Clerk agreed to circulate a revised schedule of dates.</p> <p>The next meeting would therefore take place on Thursday 27th February, 2020 at 6.00pm (St. Mary's Church Hall)</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

Meeting Terminated at 7.10 pm