

Minutes of the Meeting of <b>Shincliffe Parish Council</b> held in <b>St Mary's Church Hall, Shincliffe Village, Durham</b> on <b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2014</b> at 7.00 pm.	
<b>Present:</b> Councillor Olechnowicz (in the Chair) and Councillors Duell, Hudson, A Lee, and G Lee. County Councillor Stoker was also in attendance. There was one member of the public present.	
<b>41.     Declarations of Interest</b>	
There were no declarations of interest.	
<b>42.     Apologies for Absence</b>	
Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting of behalf of Councillor Lightley, Kate Cuthbert and PC Cockburn.	
<b>43.     Police Report</b>	
In the absence of PC Cockburn, no police report was given.	
<b>44.     Presentation from the Junior Football Club</b>	
Lee Smith (Secretary) and Dave Glover (President) of the Junior Football Club delivered a presentation.	
Key points arising from the presentation were as follows:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The Football Club were looking for a pitch, preferably a one with changing facilities. Houghall College was currently being used however this was expensive, especially given that the number of teams was expanding to four.</li> <li>2) The Club had achieved the Standards Charter Initiative and had seven FA qualified coaches.</li> <li>3) An application for FA funding would be submitted in due course.</li> </ol>	
Actions arising from discussions were:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The Football Club would approach the new Headteacher of the Primary School to see if their pitch was available; and</li> <li>2) Councillor Stoker would consult with John Lightley, Chapter Office, County Council and the University.</li> </ol>	
<b>45.     Minutes</b>	
It was <b>resolved</b> that: the minutes of the last meeting be approved subject to the following amendments:	
32 – Horticultural Committee Update – delete trees.	
35 – Requests for Financial Assistance – Include - considerable debate resulted in a majority motion to donate £400.00 to the Benevolent Fund.	
<b>46.     Matters Arising</b>	
Standing Orders – The Chairman confirmed his wish to encourage participation by members of the public. Standing Orders would be suspended pro tem on this matter.	

County Durham Benevolent Fund – Confirmation was received that this was a non-political organisation.

Councillor's Workshop – Councillor Stoker was thanked for facilitating the workshop. This had been well received by Parish Councillors.

#### **47. Report of the Clerk to the Parish Council**

In the absence of the Clerk, no report was circulated.

#### **48. County Councillor's Update**

Councillor Stoker provided the following update:

- 1) In response to neighbours' concerns about overhanging trees, the Primary School's Governors have agreed to undertake a full tree survey.
- 2) St Mary's Close – Ownership issues have been resolved between the County Council and Chapter. Agreement had also been reached for all footpaths to be re-laid by mid 2015.
- 3) Path in Churchyard – The Cathedral were approaching St Mary's Church for a contribution to them jointly improving the footpath.
- 4) Speeding on the A177 at High Shincliffe – Further traffic surveys were scheduled to take place in August.
- 5) Village Green and the overhanging hedge had been promptly dealt with after a request made to County Council.
- 6) Results from the Strategic Priorities Workshop – were as follows:

Top 5 (by rank order) – 1) Sustainable Planting 2) High Shincliffe Play Area 3) Display Boards 4) Village Play Park 5) Benches

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It was **resolved**: that the County Councillor Update be noted.

#### **49. Correspondence**

(a) Matters arising from last month's correspondence

There were no matters arising

(b) Correspondence to circulate for discussion/decision at next parish council meeting

- (1) Glasdon (Special Offers for Local Councils)
- (2) Medium Term Financial Planning and 2015/2016 Budget Setting
- (3) Spaldings (Special Offers August 2014)
- (4) Countryside Voice (CPRE Summer 2014)
- (5) CPRE Fieldwork (Summer 2014)
- (6) Empowering Parish Councils to sell Electricity
- (7) Civic Pride Newsletter
- (8) Neighbourhood Protection Team Update (June 2014)
- (9) Community News (July 2014 Edition)
- (10) Durham Association News (July 2014)
- (11) Community Projects and the County Durham Youth Offending Service
- (12) Give parishes a chance to support the local community
- (13) Selection of Vice Presidents at the CDALC AGM on 8 November 2014

### Current Correspondence

- (1) The Chairman accepted the opportunity to attend a Finance Seminar at County Hall
- (2) A resident from Shincliffe Village had expressed his concerns about Estate Agent Boards advertising house sales, on the Village Green, Shincliffe Village.

It was **resolved** that: contact be made with the Planning Department to ascertain whether Estate Agents were eligible to do this.

- (3) Prospect Terrace – Potential encroachment onto footpath.

It was **resolved** that: contact be made with the Planning Department for some advice.

- (4) Street Sign at Meldon Way – Councillor Stoker agreed to action.

### **50. Planning Applications**

<a href="#">DM/14/01583/FPA</a>	Mr G Senanayake	47 Ancroft Garth High Shincliffe Durham DH1 2UD	Erection of single storey pitched roof extension to rear and porch extension to front of existing dwelling
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It was **resolved** that: no objections be made in respect of the above planning application.

### **51. Horticultural Committee Update & Membership**

Councillor A Lee reported on the following:-

- (1) Councillor Olechnowicz had agreed to remain on the Horticultural Committee.
- (2) A proposal to create a country lane appearance, with a prevalence of perennials at Love Lane was being discussed.
- (3) Beautiful Durham Judges had visited the villages.
- (4) Winter plants had now been ordered.
- (5) Mr Jolly had kindly donated his prize for winning the front garden competition. This would be used for planting in Heathways near the school gates.
- (6) 16 benches had been assessed for maintenance and costs were estimated to be in the region of £1200. Work would be prioritised in order of need. Councillor Stoker offered to pay for half of these works which was gratefully welcomed by the Parish Council.
- (7) The Summer Front Garden Competition would be judged at the beginning of August and winners invited to the October meeting for a presentation of prizes.
- (8) Councillor Lee and M Platts agreed to identify suitable sites at entrances to High Shincliffe and develop costed proposals for planting.

It was **resolved** that: the Horticultural Committee Update be noted.

### **52. Article 4 Planning Direction and 'Permitted Planning'**

Planners had been requested to clarify extant planning permission for building works to Beaumont Court.

Councillor Stoker agreed to submit some information in relation to the Article 4 Planning Direction, to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

### **53. AAP Update**

<p>The APP had not met since the last meeting of the Parish Council.</p>
<p><b>54. Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Shincliffe Village</b></p>
<p>Councillor Stoker had arranged a meeting with the Police Lead for traffic to discuss the Proposed Traffic Regulation Order. An invitation was extended to the Chair of the Parish Council.</p>
<p><b>55. Requests for Financial Assistance</b></p>
<p>It was <b>resolved</b> that: the request be considered at the December meeting of the Parish Council.</p>
<p><b>56. Accounts</b></p>
<p><b>Resolved:</b> that accounts be reported to the September meeting.</p>
<p><b>57. Date and Time of Next Meeting</b></p>
<p>The September Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th September 2014, 7.00 p.m. at Shincliffe Primary School, High Shincliffe, Durham.</p>
<p><b>58. Any Other Business – Councillors</b></p>
<p>No issues were raised.</p>
<p><b>59. Any Other Business – Members of the Public</b></p>
<p>No issues were raised.</p>

*The meeting terminated at 9.00 pm*