

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 20th June, 2019.

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

In Attendance: Mr Wiecek, Mrs and Mrs Carr and Mr Blindell (Winners of the Spring Front Garden Competition)

Item		Action By
1.	<p>Presentation of Certificates and Prizes – Spring Front Garden Competition</p> <p>The Chairman proudly reported that the following residents were to be presented with a certificate and prize for the Spring Front Garden Competition:-</p> <p>1st Prize (9 Hill Meadows)</p> <p>Highly Commended – (33 Whitwell Acres)</p> <p>Highly Commended - (13 Heathways)</p> <p>The Chairman commented that the front gardens within the Parish were maintained to a very high standard and congratulated the residents on their beautiful gardens and the resultant award.</p>	
2.	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Duell and Lee.</p>	
3.	<p>Appointment of Vice-Chairman</p> <p>In the absence of Councillor Duell, it was resolved that: this item of business be deferred to the next meeting of the Parish Council.</p>	Clerk
4.	<p>Issues Raised by Members of the Public</p> <p>Q- A resident had raised concerns regarding the development of Playground scheme, in particular that plans appeared to related to the size of a Football Pitch.</p> <p>A- Councillor Ferries had responded to this resident advising that this misunderstanding about the east outside, which would actually be wider, not narrower, were in fact untrue,</p>	

	<p>and that it was proposed to make a small extension to the park along the western boundary, by just under 30 metres. The kick-about pitch would be exactly the same size as it is at present and the small amount of extra land would simply provide a little more space for kids play, and it would accommodate improved landscaping and picnic/rest areas.</p> <p>Residents would of course, be consulted again on the final proposals.</p> <p>Parish Councillors were pleased to note that the information provided had reassured this resident in terms of the current proposals, with further consultation planned within the forthcoming months.</p>	
5.	<p>Minutes</p> <p>RESOLVED that: the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16th May, 2019 be approved as a correct record subject to the following amendment:</p> <p>Councillors Fradgley and Wright to be deleted from the apologies of absence as they were in attendance of the meeting.</p>	
6.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>There were no matters arising from the minutes.</p>	
7.	<p>Crime Update</p> <p>The Clerk advised of the following:</p> <p>2 incidents of Anti-Social behaviour at Jubilee Place and Pond Street.</p>	
8.	<p>Planning Application</p> <p>Notification of the following planning application had been received:-</p> <p>DM/19/01770/FPA 5 Foxtan Way Conservatory to side High Shincliffe Durham DH1 2PJ</p> <hr/> <p>It was resolved that: no objections be made in relation to the above planning application.</p>	
9.	<p>Horticulture Committee Update</p>	

	<p>Councillor Wright provided the following update:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raised Bed outside the Avenue Inn – Maintenance and Preparation works had been completed. It was anticipated that this would be completed with summer planting the following week; and • Beautiful Durham – Judging was scheduled to take place on 10th/11th July. As the deadline for the application was 27th June, Parish Councillors were asked to forward any suggestions in support of the application, as soon as possible. <p>Councillor Stoker suggested that consideration be given to Wildflower Beds along the verges from High Shincliffe to Bowburn and proposed that this be taken to the next Horticulture Committee for consideration, as funding may be available from Councillor Stoker’s Neighbourhood Budget, Parish Councillors welcomed this proposal and agreed to discuss this matter further with Horticulture Committee members.</p>	Cllr JW
10.	<p>Summer Front Garden Competition</p> <p>Posters had been displayed in the notice boards, Poplar Garden Centre and the Coffee Shop. Nominations had been forwarded to Councillors with judging to take place by 3rd July. Parish Councillors discussed the current Spring and Summer Garden Competition and acknowledged that a Spring Competition often caused problems with timing and judging. It was therefore felt that an Annual Garden Competition (held in the Summer) would have more impetus and a more generous prize, could be awarded.</p>	
11.	<p>County Plan</p> <p>Proposals had been submitted to Council the previous day. 37 objections had been received although none of which, directly related to the Parish of Shincliffe.</p> <p>Parish Councillors were encouraged to read the proposals, which incorporated plans for a relief road at Dragonville.</p>	
12.	<p>Requests for Financial Assistance</p> <p>The following requests for financial assistance had been received:</p> <p>Citizens Advice Mayors Appeal North East War Memorial Project Shincliffe Juniors FC Beautiful Durham Competition Shincliffe Show</p>	

	<p>Upon discussion, it was: RESOLVED that: the following donations be approved:</p> <p>Shincliffe Show - £120.00 Citizens Advice - £100.00 Mayor's Appeal - £100.00 War Memorial - £50.00</p> <p>Councillor Stoker agreed to support the application from Shincliffe Junior FC from his Neighbourhood Budget.</p>	<p>Cllr Stoker</p>
<p>13.</p>	<p>Christmas Tree Project (Standing Item)</p> <p>Councillor Wright provided the following update:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Grange Farm had kindly offered to provide the trees at a very reasonable price. Parish Councillors acknowledged that it great to see that the Christmas Trees would be locally sourced; • Discussions had taken place with Northern Landscapes regarding the 'installation/mounting' of the tree and the most practicable solution was an oak barrel, filled with concrete, which did not comprise the height of the tree and could be used for colourful planting in alternative seasons; • Discussions were ongoing regarding the locations of the trees with Jubilee Place (Shincliffe Village) and opposite the Avenue Inn (High Shincliffe), being the preferred locations. Councillor Stokker agreed to contact DCC regarding the necessary planning permissions/consent, and once approved, residents would be consulted and comments invited. • The Horticulture Committee had discussed potential associated activities around a 'Christmas Tree Event' and suggested that contact could be made with the Rotary Club, the WI and Shincliffe Primary School 	<p>Cllrs Stoker/Wright</p>
<p>14.</p>	<p>Shincliffe Play Park (Standing Item)</p> <p>Councillor Ferries provided the following update:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Memorandum of Agreement had been received from Savills (Land Agent) for a 30 meter extension in the westerly direction of the Playpark; • A Pre-application had been submitted to the planning department at DCC which had not been determined by the original date of 7th June, but was awaited soon; • Estimates had now been received for ground works, and replacing fencing at footpaths and also new equipment; 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant applications were progressing well, with applications also being made for footpaths and wheelchair access; and An offer had been made from a Company willing to remove and dispose of old fencing, install new fencing, dig up and re-seed the field and remove existing play equipment. Parish Councillors acknowledged that this was an incredible amount of work, at no cost, and were extremely grateful to this contractor. 																					
15.	<p>War Memorial (Standing Item)</p> <p>Parish Councillors acknowledged that this may delay the Playpark progress and agreed to discuss this item of business at the next meeting of the Parish Council.</p>																					
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17.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Thursday 25th July 2019 at 6.00pm (St. Mary's Church Hall)</p>																					
18.	<p>Any Other Business – Councillors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dog Waste – (Shincliffe Village) – Parish Councillors continued to raise concerns regarding dog fouling in Shincliffe Village. It was RESOLVED that: signage would be displayed advising that any such offences, would result in a Fixed Penalty Charge Notice. Grass Cutting (Shincliffe Village) – Parish Councillors acknowledged that whilst this often looked long overdue, grass cutting was delayed/timed to ensure that the bulbs were not destroyed and affected, 	Clerk																				

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Meeting Terminated at 19.25pm