

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 21st March, 2019.

Present: County Councillor Stoker (Chairman), Councillors Duell, Ferries, Fradgley, Lee, Olechnowicz and Wright.

In Attendance: There were no members of the public present.

Item		Action By
1.	<p>Apologies for Absence</p> <p>There were no apologies for absence.</p>	
2.	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
3.	<p>Issues Raised by Members of the Public</p> <p>No issues were raised.</p>	
4.	<p>Minutes</p> <p>RESOLVED that: the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21st February, 2019 be approved as a correct record.</p>	
5.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p><u>War Memorial</u> – Councillor Duell reported that he had attended the PCC meeting the previous evening to discuss the possibility of a war memorial. The PCC were in favour of the proposal and requested that the local community be consulted. In addition, the PCC had asked that any event did not coincide with the Remembrance Sunday Event.</p> <p>It also came to light that the WI Hut was in fact Shincliffe's Memorial Hall and a plaque was located inside. In addition, there was a photograph of a memorial tree and a plaque opposite Chapel Place, however this could not be seen when visiting the site. It was agreed that former Councillor Lightley would be contacted for further information.</p> <p>The Parish Council discussed various locations particularly a site at the bottom of the WI Hut (left of steps) and the entrance to Shincliffe Play Park.</p>	Chair

	<p>Councillor Ferries discussed the plans for the park and the proposal to open up the entrance of the park by demolishing the wall. This could provide an ideal location for a memorial with railings and attractive planting surrounding it. Councillor Ferries agreed to electronically circulate a copy of the plans.</p> <p>Parish Councillors commented that this was an excellent idea and agreed that the entrance to Shincliffe Play Park was the most suitable location. This would be a standing item of business on future agendas.</p> <p>Councillor Olechnowicz commented that it would also be useful to contact the War Memorial Association for further information and advice. Councillor Olechnowicz agreed to action this and report back to the next meeting.</p>	<p>Cllr Ferries</p> <p>Cllr Olechnowicz</p>
6.	<p>Crime Update</p> <p>The Clerk reported the following crime statistics:-</p> <p>1 theft (on or near Shincliffe Lane) 1 incident of drugs (on or near Telford Close)</p>	
7.	<p>County Councillor's Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speed of Traffic – The Chair expressed his concerns that there had been another fatality in the Parish. This taking the total now to 4 in 18 months, two of them, were speed related. This would be raised with Officers at DCC. 	Chair
8.	<p>Written Correspondence</p> <p>No correspondence had been received which had not been circulated electronically.</p>	
9.	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>DM/19/00655/TPO 13 St Marys Close Shincliffe Durham DH1 2ND</p> <p>Crown Thin and Prune 4 No Sycamore Trees</p> <p>DM/19/00819/FPA 10 Meldon Way High Shincliffe Durham DH1 2PZ</p> <p>Single storey side extension</p>	

	RESOLVED that: no objections be made in relation to the above planning applications.	
10.	<p>Horticulture Committee Update</p> <p>Councillor Wright provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bird Boxes – A resident had kindly made two more Bird Boxes and wished to donate them to the Parish Council. The Horticulture Committee had discussed potential locations, and agreed that these would be a nice feature of Shincliffe Play Park; • Spring Front Garden Competition – Judging from Councillors was scheduled to take place from 1st-8th April. A map detailing each Councillors allocation of streets was circulated. All nominations were to be forwarded to Councillor Wright by Wednesday 10th April; • Grass Cutting – Was anticipated to commence around 23rd March; • Planting – the Parish gardener was about to begin planting seeds and bulbs; and • Budget – It was anticipated that the budget would be overspent by c£500. This was primarily due to adverse weather conditions which meant that works which should have been carried out within the previous year, being paid for within the current financial year. 	
11.	<p>Defibrillator Training Update</p> <p>The Clerk advised that invitations had been extended to several organisations inviting them to attend the training sessions scheduled to take place on Tuesday 26th March and Thursday 28th March.</p>	
12.	<p>Review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations</p> <p>The Clerk advised that no further changes had been received in relation to the revised Standing Orders which had been circulated.</p> <p>A revised version of the Financial Regulations had been circulated. Councillors were asked to forward any comments/amendments by Friday 29th March.</p>	All Cllrs
13.	<p>New Business School Proposal</p> <p>Parish Councillors discussed the plans for the new Business School Proposal which had recently been publicised, in particular the effect on the riverside frontage.</p> <p>Councillor Duell commented that once the planning application was submitted, Durham City Parish Council were likely to submit an</p>	

	<p>objection, and suggested that the Parish Council write a letter of support to this objection.</p> <p>Councillor Ferries commented that the view of Durham City from the riverbank was spectacular and that proposals were not sympathetic to the sky line of the City Centre.</p> <p>Councillor Lee agreed and felt that an element of the former baths building was attractive and therefore should be preserved. Instead the proposals were not in keeping with Durham City and its heritage and the design of the building was not aesthetically correct.</p> <p>In response to a question from Councillor Ferries querying where attendees would park, the Chair advised that the plans with no parking facilities were deliberate to prevent additional vehicles and traffic in the city centre.</p> <p>The Chair felt that the proposal to generate power from the river was interesting and welcomed the walled gardens at the rear of the Old Elvet.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that: on submission of the planning application, a response from the Parish Council would be submitted to DCC which collated the responses of Councillors.</p>	
14.	<p>Christmas Tree Project - Update</p> <p>Councillor Wright advised that this had been discussed at the recent Horticulture Committee and a working party would be established to manage the project.</p> <p>The following points were raised/discussed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There would be 2 trees. One at High Shincliffe and one at Shincliffe Village. The exact location at High Shincliffe was still to be determined. The tree in Shincliffe Village would be located at Jubilee Place; • Permissions needed to be sought from DCC, where relevant; • Consideration would be given to both local supply of trees and also ordering online. Preliminary costs were c£135.00 per tree; and • Consultation would take place with the local community. 	
15.	<p>Shincliffe Play Park - Update</p> <p>Councillor Ferries advised that progress had been made with Savills regarding the extension to the park. The revised boundary had been marked out, which extended the area by 30 meters and this had been agreed by the tenant farmer.</p>	

	<p>With regards to funding, an application for a grant from Impetus Environmental Trust had been successful with total funding now reaching approximately £40,000.</p> <p>As additional funding had also been allocated, the target had almost and was likely to be reached within the forthcoming weeks.</p> <p>Councillor Ferries explained that the sensory garden had been removed from the current plans and would be subject to further funding.</p> <p>The Parish Council was advised that an offer for assistance with groundworks and also possibly removing the equipment and replacing the fence free of charge, had been made.</p> <p>Councillors thanked Peter for his continued hard work on the project and congratulated him on his achievements to date.</p>															
16.	<p>Current Accounts for Approval</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="304 927 1259 1227"> <thead> <tr> <th>Payee</th> <th>Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>K. Kirton (March Salary)</td> <td>£340.88</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC Income Tax (March)</td> <td>£85.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Northern Landscapes</td> <td>£90.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SLCC Clerks Subscription</td> <td>£106.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Shincliffe PCC</td> <td>£50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>M Platts (Horticulture</td> <td>£560.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>RESOLVED that: the above accounts be paid.</p>	Payee	Amount	K. Kirton (March Salary)	£340.88	HMRC Income Tax (March)	£85.00	Northern Landscapes	£90.00	SLCC Clerks Subscription	£106.00	Shincliffe PCC	£50.00	M Platts (Horticulture	£560.00	
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17.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Thursday 18th April, 2019 at 6.00pm (St. Mary's Church Hall)</p>															
18.	<p>Any Other Business – Councillors</p> <p><u>Street Lighting (Hall Lane)</u> – A request had been received from a resident to have the two remaining streets lights near the property removed. This had now been actioned.</p> <p><u>Traffic Shincliffe Village</u> – concerns had been raised by a resident about the volume and speed of traffic through the village. A meeting had taken place with DCC Officers. There were no practicable options for consideration. The Parish Council noted the concerns and agreed to keep the issue under observation.</p> <p><u>Civic Centre (Planning Permission)</u> – A recent consultation event had went well however the plans did not state where the new Civic Centre would be located.</p>															

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Meeting Terminated at 19.15pm