

<p>Minutes of the Meeting of <b>Shincliffe Parish Council</b> held in <b>Shincliffe Primary School, High Shincliffe, Durham</b>, on Thursday 25 September, 2018 at 7.00 pm.</p>	<p><b>Action By:</b></p>
<p><b>Present:</b> Councillor D Stoker (in the Chair) and Councillors, Duell, Ferries, Fradgely, Lee and Wright.</p> <p>Mrs Angela Lee was presented with a gift voucher in recognition of her significant contribution as both a Councillor, and to the Horticulture Committee in particular. The Parish Council acknowledged her outstanding work and wished her well for the future.</p>	
<p><b>1. Declaration of Acceptance of Office</b></p> <p>It was <b>resolved</b> that: this item of business be deferred until the next meeting.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>2. Formal Welcome</b></p> <p>Councillors Ferries and Fradgely were congratulated on their recent appointment to the Parish Council and welcomed to the meeting.</p>	
<p><b>3. Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>An apology for absence had been received from Kate Kirton.</p>	
<p><b>4. Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>There were no declarations on interest.</p>	
<p><b>5. Appointments to Committees</b></p>	
<p>Consideration was given to the appointment of sub-committees and it was <b>resolved</b> that: the following appointments be approved:</p> <p>Finance Committee – Cllrs Lee (Chair), Duell, Ferries, Fradgely and K Kirton (Clerk)</p> <p>Horticulture Committee – Cllrs Wright (Chair), Fradgely, Olechnowicz. K. Kirton (Clerk), and Community Representatives A.Lee, P. Matthews and M Platts (Parish Gardener).</p> <p>The Parish Council Chairman was ex-officio in both cases.</p>	
<p><b>6. Dates and Venues of Meetings</b></p>	
<p>It was <b>resolved</b> that: the meeting of the Parish Council take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, commencing at the earlier time of 6pm. All meetings would be held at St. Mary’s Church Hall.</p> <p>Meetings of the sub-committees would be amended to follow the same pattern.</p>	
<p><b>7. Issues Raised by Members of the Public</b></p>	
<p>(a) - Fallen Bough at the entrance to Shincliffe Village Park – The owner was to be requested to remove the tree. Any potential Tree Preservation order was to be checked.</p>	

(b) Complaints regarding weeds on footpaths in High Shincliffe – The Parish Council acknowledged that there was no evidence of recent spraying. Consideration would be given to undertaking an additional Spring treatment	
<b>8. Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018</b>	
It was <b>resolved</b> that: this item of business be deferred to the next meeting of the next meeting of the Parish Council.	
<b>9. Matters Arising</b>	
There were no matters arising	
<b>10. Parish Council Incident Log</b>	
It was <b>resolved</b> that: this item of business be deferred to the next meeting of the next meeting of the Parish Council.	
<b>11. Police Report (PACT Meeting)</b>	
Councillor Duell commented upon the lack of response received by the PCSO and suggested that this may be due to on-going email problems.	
<b>12. County Councillor's Update</b>	
<p>Councillor Stoker provided the Parish Council with the following update:</p> <p>(a) Sherburn Hospital – Speeding tactics remained under discussion. The bend at junction of the A181 and B1198 was to be softened to facilitate access from North Bound traffic.</p> <p>The Police had visited the area with a speed trap resulting in over 40 residents exceeding the speed limit, being prosecuted.</p> <p>(b) Shincliffe Hall lighting – An objection had been made to the proposal to reduce public lighting on Shincliffe Hall access roadway.</p> <p>Parish Coucillors were advised that this was a running programme, to save money to switch off lamps on the roadside. A further update would be given in due course.</p> <p>(c) Neighbourhood Budget – £4,000 had been committed to the Church Hall refurbishment with a further contribution to Shincliffe Village Park being under consideration.</p>	<b>Cllr Stoker</b>
<b>13. Written Correspondence</b>	
It was <b>resolved</b> that: this item of business be deferred to the next meeting of the next meeting of the Parish Council.	
<b>14. Planning Applications</b>	
Consideration was given to the following planning applications:	

<p>DM/18/01910/FPA</p> <p>DM/18/02628/FPA</p>	<p>Land to The North Of Beaumont Court Bank Foot Shincliffe DH1 2PD</p> <p>Forge Cottage High Street North Shincliffe Durham DH1 2NJ</p>	
<p>It was <b>resolved</b> that: no objection be submitted in relation to Forge Cottage and it be noted that the application in relation to the Land to the north of Beaumont Cottage had been withdrawn.</p>		
<p><b>15. Horticulture Committee Update</b></p>		
<p>Councillor Wright provided the following update:</p> <p>(a) Summer Front Garden competition – The final judging had been abandoned, however finalists were to be congratulated in writing.</p> <p>(b) Beautiful Durham Awards - The presentation of results and prizes was to take place on Wednesday 3 October 2018</p> <p>(c) Community Gardening Event – This had been scheduled for Saturday 10 November 2018. The priority being clearance of the A177 footpath.</p> <p>(d) Autumn planting – This was likely to commence around 18<sup>th</sup> October.</p> <p>(e) - Low Road Hedge – The Parish Gardener had reported a hedge incursion onto narrow footpath and suggested that the residents’ responsibility may be being neglected resulting in a health and safety issue. It was <b>resolved</b> that: a letter be sent to these residents warning them of the potential financial liability if undertaken by DCC. The Parish Gardener had agreed to undertake these works on this occasion.</p>		<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<p><b>16. Maiden Castle</b></p>		
<p>Councillor Stoker advised that the University were to be reminded of the commitment to tree planting, particularly in relation to the car park area.</p>		
<p><b>17. Bus Service</b></p>		
<p>It was <b>resolved</b> that: this item of business be deferred to the next meeting of the next meeting of the Parish Council.</p>		
<p><b>18. Litter Pick</b></p>		
<p>Parish Councillors noted that the next litter pick was scheduled to take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2018.</p>		
<p><b>19. External Audit</b></p>		
<p>The Parish Council acknowledged that another glowing report had been received by the External Auditor. The Parish Clerk was to be congratulated on this very successful outcome.</p>		

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<p>Councillor Ferries advised the Parish Council funding was steady but slow.</p> <p>The activities and in addition with the potential County Councillor contribution, meant funding was now £17,500 against the interim target of £26,000 and final aim of £60,000.</p> <p>The Finance Committee had agreed to consider a contribution at their next meeting scheduled to take place on Thursday 11 October 2018.</p>																																																																	
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The next Meeting of the Parish Council would take place at 6.00pm on Thursday, 18 <sup>th</sup> October, <b>St. Mary's Church Hall.</b>																																																																	
<b>23. Any Other Business – Councillors</b>																																																																	
No issues were raised which had not already been considered as part of the agenda.																																																																	

***The meeting terminated at 8.35 pm***