

Shincliffe Parish Council

Minutes of the Remote Meeting of Shincliffe Parish Council held online on Thursday 28th May, 2020 at 6.00pm

Present: County Councillor Stoker (Chair) Councillors Armstrong, Duell, Ferries, Fradgley, 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Ownership – A resident had queried who owns a strip of land adjoining Whitwell Acres. The Chair agreed to discuss the exact piece of land with the resident for clarification. 	Chair
4.	<p>Minutes</p> <p>RESOLVED that: the minutes of the meeting held on 30th April, 2020 be approved as a correct record, subject to the following amendment:</p> <p>Page 3 ‘Horticulture Committee Update’ Bullet Point 6 to read 3,000 Shincliffe Walks Leaflets had been purchased.</p>	
5.	<p>Matters Arising (Including Actions from the Last Meeting)</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>	
6.	<p>Written Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Services Still Open in County Durham • Temporary Stopover Areas Closed Following Appleby Fair Cancellation • Online PACT Meeting – 6th May • Police Newsletter • Check in and Chat with County Durham Together 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Popular Online Stories to Continue Through May • All 12 North East Councils Join Forces to Seek More Government Support • Durham County Council Stakeholder Bulletin • Household Waste Recycling Centres to be Re-opened in County Durham • Supporting County Durham’s Community Venues • Hundreds of Food Parcels being delivered to Residents • Visitors to Parks, Beaches and Open Spaces reminded to follow guidance • CDALC information for Town and Parish Councils – 13 May 2020 • Funding Boost for County Durham’s Roads • Council Works with Schools towards phased re-opening • Friends Against SCAMS – E Learning Course • Consultation to start on County Durham Plan Changes <p>RESOLVED that: the correspondence had been received and noted.</p>	
7.	<p>Planning Application</p> <p>No planning applications had been received.</p>	
8.	<p>Amendment to Standing Orders in Light of COVID-19</p> <p>The Clerk referred to the proposed amendments to the standing Orders previously circulated.</p> <p>In summary these proposed that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Persons needing to attend a meeting need not be in the same place (i.e. virtual locations (remote meetings) or conference calls were allowed); 2) How Members were able to attend remotely; 3) How voting would be undertaken; 4) The method of remote access for the press and public; and 5) Publication of the notice of the meeting (together with social distancing requirements) <p>RESOLVED that: the proposed amendments be approved and adopted.</p>	
9.	<p>Electronic Speeding Sign (Shincliffe Bank)</p>	

	<p>The Chair reported that a discussion had taken place with officers at DCC regarding speeding down Shincliffe Bank and at the present time, given the reduction in the volume of traffic, they felt it was not timely to accurately monitor the speed of vehicles. It was anticipated that this would likely be September.</p> <p>Parish Councillors discussed the electronic speeding sign currently at High Shincliffe and commented that this could either be moved, or an additional sign installed. Further discussions would take place following asking officers at DCC if this was a viable option.</p>	Chair
10.	<p>Durham County Council Inspection of Trees</p> <p>Parish Councillors acknowledged that historically, every 2-3 years, DCC normally undertake an inspection of trees.</p> <p>The Chair agreed to send a polite request to officers of DCC asking if a survey of the mature trees could be undertaken with a view of them being pruned, if necessary.</p>	Chair
11.	<p>DCC Footpath Clearance from High Shincliffe to Shincliffe Village</p> <p>The Chair reported that a footpath (steps) had been overgrown with weeds leading down the bank from High Shincliffe.</p> <p>This issue had now been resolved and the area had been cleared.</p>	
12.	<p>Horticulture Committee Update (Standing Item)</p> <p>Councillor Wright provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A conversation had taken place with DCC regarding the Beautiful Durham Competition which may be delayed until August. As the Parish Council had won the competition for the last 4 years, it was recommended that an entry would not be placed this year. Parish Councillors agreed this approach. <p>An offer would however be made, to submit an application for Sherburn Hospital, should they wish to do so;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Garden Competition – Given the current circumstances of COVID-19, Parish Councillors discussed and agreed that unfortunately, this event should be cancelled due to these extraordinary circumstances for the safety of all those involved; 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Bedding planting was due to be delivered week commencing the 7th June and Marc (the Parish Gardener) would start the bed maintenance; and • A resident has kindly offered to purchase 3 fruit trees for planting on the perimeter road opposite Langton Lea. These would be planted by Marc once the summer planting had been completed. 													
13.	<p>Shincliffe Play Park (Standing Item)</p> <p>Councillor Ferries provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Park had now been ROSPA safety tested with any minor faults being rectified; and • The park will remain to be fenced off, to allow the newly seeded grass to grow. 													
14.	<p>Current Accounts for Approval</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Payable to</th> <th>Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>K Kirton (May Salary)</td> <td>£364.13</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC Income Tax (May)</td> <td>£91.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SCAN (S137)</td> <td>£500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>K Kirton Reimbursement Zoom (30th April)</td> <td>£14.39</td> </tr> <tr> <td>K Kirton Reimbursement Zoom (30th May)</td> <td>£14.39</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>RESOLVED that: the above accounts be paid.</p>	Payable to	Amount	K Kirton (May Salary)	£364.13	HMRC Income Tax (May)	£91.00	SCAN (S137)	£500.00	K Kirton Reimbursement Zoom (30 th April)	£14.39	K Kirton Reimbursement Zoom (30 th May)	£14.39	
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15.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Thursday 25th June, 2020 at 6.00pm.</p>													
16.	<p>Any Other Business – Councillors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Ferries reported that grass cutting in the village had taken place that day; • The issue of the Yacht had been reported to DCC and further information was awaited regarding Public Rights of Way; and • The Chair reported that the WI were undertaking remedial works on the doors and also the removal of a tree. 													

	Councillor Stoker had provided some funding to support this.	
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Meeting Terminated at 7.05 pm