

SHINCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting of Shincliffe Parish Council
Held at St. Marys Church Hall, Shincliffe Village, Durham
On Thursday 17th October 2019 at 6.00pm

Present: - Cllr. D.Duell (Vice Chairman)
Cllrs- Armstrong, Fradgley, Olechnowicz, Wright

In attendance Acting Parish Clerk Robinson

Before commencing the meeting, the Chairman on behalf of the Council welcomed to Shincliffe Faith Louise Kirton, the Parish Clerk having had a baby girl. All members wished the new family well. He also welcomed former Councillor George Lee to the meeting. A small presentation was made on behalf of the Council to thank him for his service to the Parish.

1.0 Apologies

Resolved to accept the following apologies and reasons for absence of Cllr. Stoker and Ferries. Members also noted apology of K. Kirton, Parish Clerk.

2.0 Declaration of interest

There were no declarations of interest

3.0 Members Dispensation

There were no applications for member dispensation

4.0 Minutes of Council meeting held on 19th September 2019

These were read and agreed on a resolution proposed by Cllr. Duell and seconded by Cllr. Armstrong

5.0 Matters arising: -

- a. Cllr. Stoker has taken up the issue of grass cutting across the Parish with DCC
- b. It was reported the memorial seat has been found and is back in situ

6.0 Public participation- No members of the public present

7.0 Crime Update

Members considered the recent issue of Neighbourhood News and discussed issues it raised. Members noted incidents were not within the Parish Boundary. An issue was raised by members regarding an incident where a house had been broken into recently, it was agreed Clerk raise the issues around this incident with the local police and neighbourhood wardens

8.0 Written Correspondence: -

- a. Change of contact details for Durham Cathedral
- b. NALC Briefing
- c. Integrated Care Public Engagement dates from CCG

- d. Climate Change-Friends of the Earth
- e. Keep Britain Tidy group
- f. CDALC confirmation of date for member training

All items received by members

9.0 Planning Applications: -

- a. **DM/19/03023/FPA 4 Foxton Way.** Members agreed to raise concern with the planning authority regarding the loss of a bungalow in the village and due to its age effect of alterations on both its and neighbouring properties foundations.
- b. **Erection of fencing 5 Whitwell Acres.** No comments or objections raised.

10.0 Horticulture Committee report

The Chairman of the committee, Councillor Wright reported on the recent success in the Beautiful Durham Awards. The Parish won several awards including High Shincliffe Best Village, Shincliffe Best Small Village and Best Residential Care Home. He would be visiting Sherburn Hospital to present their award to them shortly and would use the visit to discuss future working together.

The Committee is scheduled to meet in November. 2000 pansies have been ordered for winter planting. He has requested quotes from both Durham County Council and Darlington Borough Council for the Summer planting. A general village tidy up is scheduled shortly, this will include clean up of paths and seats.

They are planting 400 whips in The Park at a Planting Community Event in February 2020.

11.0 Christmas tree Update

Councillor Wright advised the sites for both trees have been agreed, and trees are being supplied by a local company. He requested permission of Council to purchase display stands from Real Christmas Trees at a cost of £618 (including VAT). This was agreed.

12.0 Shincliffe Village Play Park

The Chairman of the Committee had supplied the Council with a written report. Thanks, were given to both Parish Council and Cllr. Stoker for their funding towards the Summer Garden Party. The plans for The Park are going well and preferred supplier identified. A planning application has been submitted but validation still to be agreed. Price to be negotiated. To enable work to begin The Park will be closed in November to allow site to be cleared and preparatory work to commence.

13.0 Monthly Accounts

Members resolved to the following payments: -

- a. Clerk Salary £90.98
- b. HMRC for current month up to October £22.80
- c. Real Christmas trees as agreed earlier in the meeting £618

A total monthly expenditure of £731.78

14.0 Any other Business

- a. Members reported a boat causing issues on Heathway Estate, Clerk to chase up with relevant authorities
- b. It was agreed to write to residents involved in summer planting/bloom events thanking them for support given. Cllr. Wright agreed to supply Clerk with details of recipients.
- c. A Finance committee meeting to be called in December to begin precept setting
- d. Shincliffe School hosting a Christmas Shopping Event on 21st November 2019

15.0 Date and time of next meeting- Thursday 21st November 2019 at 6pm.

Meeting closed at 7.24pm

Signed
Chairman

21st November 2019