

I Shincliffe Parish Council

Notes of Horticulture Committee Meeting

Thursday 10 November 2016: 7.00 pm at 8 Hill Meadows

1	<p>Present: Cllr A Lee, Cllr N Cook, P Matthews (Community Representative)</p> <p>Apologies: M Platts (Parish Gardener)</p>	
2	<p>Notes of November meeting: Agreed.</p> <p>Matters if Arising (not on the agenda)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Love Lane bin: PC Clerk will speak with resident. • Potential for community garden is subject to further information, as discussed at PC meeting. 	
3	<p>Update from Parish Gardener In MP's absence reported autumn bedding planting is complete and further planting along the wall at Durham end of High Shincliffe has been added by MP</p>	MP
4	<p>Horticulture budget update for 2015-2016. AL reported that there are still funds available for sustainable planting. Discussion included potential for wildflowers, bulbs and shrubs. To be discussed at February meeting and linked to our development plan.</p>	
5	<p>Community Gardening Day: 19 November. A small number of replies from the emails and telephone calls to people who expressed their interest in the parish survey returns. Most people are not available. Numbers with parish councillors, volunteers and K Cuthbert's contacts likely to be approx. 15.</p> <p>NC to put up roadside signs and check areas of overhanging branches as reported by member of the community</p> <p>AL to do noticeboard, check availability of refreshments at Avenue, provide large bags and tools and order new high vis vests with "Parish Council Volunteer" text – for use at gardening and litter pick events.</p>	NC AL
6	<p>Community Award: Parish Council has agreed to make an award for the resident who has planted and maintained an area at Langton Lea. To be processed at next PC meeting</p>	AL
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7	Traffic Calming on A177 and parking prevention opposite The Rose Tree. NC gave an update on developments: NC, AL and Cllr David Stoker are in discussion with Durham County Council re possibilities for these two sites.	
8	Hedge on Low Road. NC reported that she is still waiting for a response from DCC.	NC
9	Horticulture Development Plan. To be discussed at a future meeting. AL to provide a paper for discussion, including horticulture issues raised by the parish survey with proposed responses, including actions and timescales.	AL
10	Any other business/updates from members. PM reported that most of the Himalayan balsam in Strawberry Lane has been removed and that she has continued to pull some out. It is also appearing on the edge of the Old Mine Site, by the farm track close the perimeter road. Noted that this could be a task for a summer community event.	
11	Frequency of future meetings. Agreed to a maximum of 8 meetings per year, with no scheduled meetings in January, June, August and December. Al to send revised calendar to parish Clerk.	AL
12	Date of next Meeting: Thursday 9 February 2017 at 7.00pm	

A Lee
13 November 2016