

Shincliffe Parish Council

Notes of Horticulture Committee Meeting

Thursday 20 October 2016: 7.00 pm at 8 Hill Meadows

1	<p>Present: Cllr A Lee, Cllr N Cook, M Platts (Parish Gardener) Apologies: P Matthews (Community Representative)</p>	
2	<p>Notes of July meeting: Agreed. Matters Arising (not on the agenda)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Love Lane bin is still on site. AL to check if PC Clerk has written to the resident who owns the bin. • Potential for community garden is subject to further information, as discussed at PC meeting 	AL
3	<p>Update from Parish Gardener</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bench maintenance complete for this year. Summary of benches, location and conditions to be provided by MP • Autumn bedding has been delivered and will be planted shortly. <p>AL passed on thanks to Marc from the previous Parish Council meeting for another year of great displays in the parish beds.</p>	MP MP
4	<p>Horticulture budget update for 2015-2016. AL gave an update on the current budget position. Projects and spending involving sustainable planting are a priority.</p>	
5	<p>Summer Front Garden Competition. The winner has requested to use his vouchers to buy a fruiting cherry for the area close to the mini orchard opposite his house. Agreed, with the possible addition of 2 further trees from the Horticulture budget. MP to arrange the purchase of trees.</p>	MP
6	<p>Love Lane. Agreed to review the planting of Love Lane, including the clearance of some overhanging branches and overgrown shrubs. (PM had sent in similar comments)</p>	
7	<p>Wild Flower Area. Discussion deferred to next meeting.</p>	
8	<p>Langton Lea Tree and Community Award. A resident has donated a tree to be planted at the head of Langton Lea, close to other planted areas, currently maintained by the resident. Agreed to discuss the case for a community award at next Parish Council Meeting.</p>	AL
9	<p>Hill Meadows Fruit Trees. MP will be removing some bushes and recommending appropriate varieties of trees with a view to planting this winter.</p>	MP

10	Traffic Calming on A177 and parking prevention opposite The Rose Tree. NC and AL to meet with Cllr D Stoker to discuss how the Horticulture Committee may contribute to these projects	NC AL
11	Hedge on Low Road. MP or NC to talk to resident about potential community approach to tackle the work needed. NC to check with DCC on required procedures/constraints.	MP or NC?
12 and 13	Autumn Gardening Day/Autumn Bulb Planting. Suggested date in late November. Potential tasks include: helping to clear Love Lane; path clearing (Hill Crest/Bracken Cottage, A177 Shincliffe Bank; overhanging branches; leaf clearing and bulb planting. From the parish survey, we have an email list of residents who expressed an interest in volunteering on community gardening events. AL to produce a summary of tasks, equipment needed and other considerations. AL to source high visibility jackets. AL and NC to meet to organise a day.	AL AL AL/ NC
14	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
15	AOB /Updates from members PM sent the following comments and suggested a community gardening day could address these: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A number of overhanging branches, encroaching on paths, need attention - Love Lane needs clearing of overgrown vegetation - Tub/planting by the tree root needs new planting 	
16	Date of next Meeting: Thursday 10 November 2016 at 7.00pm	

A Lee
31 October 2016