

Shincliffe Parish Council

Notes of Horticulture Committee Meeting

Thursday 14 July 2016: 7.15 pm at 8 Hill Meadows

1	<p>Present: Cllr A Lee, Cllr N Cook, M Platts (Parish Gardener) P Matthews (Community Representative)</p> <p>Apologies: None</p>	
2	<p>Notes of June meeting: Agreed.</p> <p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Love Lane bin. Clerk will write to the resident who owns the bin.• We have located 2 boxes of leaflets so reprint is not currently needed• Bench maintenance: suggestion to buy a gazebo to ensure that benches are still maintained even in wet weather. (post meeting note: a gazebo has been bought.)• Himalayan Balsam in Strawberry Lane: now in flower so will be removed before the plants set seed.• Planting around bench at top of Langton Lea - MP says it is OK.	
3	<p>Horticulture budget update for 2015-2016</p> <p>Budget update - awaiting meeting with PC Clerk to confirm budget position and revised format for reporting.</p>	
4	<p>Summer Front Garden Competition</p> <p>Councillor nominations are in. Last year's winner to be contacted to ask if they will judge the nominations.</p>	AL

5	<p>Love Lane</p> <p>Love Lane and DCC grass cutters: although not on their schedule of grass cutting, the team thought they would tidy up the lane by cutting down all the wild flowers (first season after the children planted them), a number of shrubs and the remainder of the family apple tree . AL has agreed with DCC to claim compensation for the new plants which are likely to be lost. NC and PM agreed to meet and take photos of the damage in Love Lane.</p>	NC PM
6	<p>Horticulture Development Plan</p> <p>Discussion included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review planting in love lane, possibly including wild meadow flowers • Explore other sites for wild flower areas • Early spring flowers in grassed areas may need to be marked off in advance of DCC mowers • Preference for keeping the entrance beds vibrant with the current scheme of bedding plants, subject to available funds • Distribution of removed bedding plants to the community. 	
7	<p>Update from Parish Gardener</p> <p>MP reported that all beds are now complete. Members noted at the current entrance beds are looking great. MP to start on benches.</p>	MP

8	<p>Updates from Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Help with gardening" days for residents who are unable to garden - volunteer group to be established. • Suggestion for community gardening day in Autumn - leaf clearing • The site of a potential community garden to be explored. AL and NC to take to next PC meeting. • Traffic calming measures on A177 may include planting designed to give the impression of road narrowing. To be discussed at PC meeting 19 July. • Autumn bedding order has been placed. MP reported the plan is for blue pansies in the entrance beds to contrast with the miniature daffodils in the spring. 	NCA L
9	<p>Date of next Meeting:</p> <p>Thursday 15 September 2016 at 7.15pm</p>	

A Lee
19 July 2016