

# SHINCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

## PARISH PUMP NO 2




Welcome to Parish Pump No. 2. This is offered as a catch-up on Parish Council activities and other matters which have taken place over the last month. We hope you found No 1. useful and would welcome your feedback ( to [shincliffeparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:shincliffeparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk)). Do remember to offer this as hard copy to neighbours and friends who do not have access to the Internet.

### 1. Confirmation of Local Elections

The Government has confirmed that local elections (both County Council and Parish) will go ahead on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Durham County Council has announced that the deadline for nominations will be 4.00pm on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> April. Further information on voting ( both in person and by post) and nominations is available from their website at <https://durham.gov.uk/article/24986/Durham-County-and-Parish-Council-elections-6-May-2021> . This is your opportunity to participate in supporting our community and provide a voice for matters of concern to residents. Nomination is a straightforward process and Durham County Council will begin delivery of nomination papers to those who have requested them from Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> March. **So – no excuses!**

### 2. Shincliffe Village Play Park

The two actions mentioned  No 1 have now been completed – the planting of 500 hedging whips and the temporary removal of the three picnic tables. The old park bench remains.

During the pandemic we have witnessed intensive use of the Play Park and with it a significant degree of antisocial behaviour; this, sadly, is not uncommon. One of our residents made a presentation to the February meeting of the SPC . Unfortunately this could not be accompanied by her illustrations. So these will be displayed in the notice boards. Similarly

another resident's presentation concerning access and safety in the Park could not be viewed and this is attached.

The Poplar Tree Garden Centre has acknowledged the link between their Takeaway kiosk and the level of litter found in the Play Park; and they have offered to contribute to the collection of that litter.

In the near future it will be necessary to shut down the zip-wire apparatus briefly – maybe for half a day. After an initial period of use it is now necessary for Komplan (the provider) to re-tension the wire.

### 3. Salt Bins

During the recent cold snap it was necessary to fill our green bins twice. The bin adjacent to the Play Park was more or less emptied by a resident in the belief that, like B&Q, it was provided for private use. *Not so.* We offer this facility as a contribution to public safety, for application in public areas such as footpaths and steps which are a major contributor to slips and falls., and not for private driveways.

### 4. SPC Minutes

In these difficult times it has not always been possible to post our minutes to the SPC noticeboards. They are presented on our website but as an aid to public access you will find a copy of the January minutes attached to this bulletin.

**Please do not respond to this email.** If you wish to express any comment or contribute your ideas, please write to our email address – [shincliffeparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:shincliffeparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk) - and your input will be registered in the correspondence section of our next Agenda. Thank You.