

<p>Minutes of the Meeting of <b>Shincliffe Parish Council</b> held in <b>Shincliffe Primary School, High Shincliffe, Durham</b> on <b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2014</b> at 7.00 pm.</p>	
<p><b>Present:</b> Councillor Olechnowicz (in the Chair) and Councillors Duell, Hudson, A Lee, G Lee and Lightley. County Councillor Stoker was also in attendance. There were two members of the public present.</p>	
<b>60.</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>
<p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
<b>61.</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>
<p>Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting of behalf of Councillor Lovell and PC Cockburn.</p>	
<b>62.</b>	<b>High Shincliffe Park Presentation</b>
<p>Claire Ketley and Jane Ranns were in attendance to deliver a presentation showing designs on proposed plans for the renovations to High Shincliffe Park. Key points arising from the presentation were as follows:</p> <p>(1) £70,000 had been raised and three designs had been considered by the County Council's Procurement Team.  (2) Children from the school had also been asked to vote on each of the proposals.  (3) Sports turf would be used for the 'goal mouths' of the football field as grass seed was not working well, so these would also be replaced.  (4) There was an 8 week timescale for equipment, together with 2 weeks for installation, which needed to be completed by April 2015. Prices were fixed until this time.  (5) The Basketball post was to remain and the Astroturf would be used to cover the concrete bases.</p> <p>Having thanked Claire and Jane for their presentation, the view of the Parish Council was that works should begin as soon as possible.</p>	
<b>63.</b>	<b>Police Report</b>
<p>In the absence of PC Cockburn, the Clerk reported on the following crimes since the last meeting:</p> <p>A burglary at a house in Overman Street where items were taken. Three people had been arrested for this offence; and</p> <p>A council storage container had been broken into in High Street, High Shincliffe and items taken.</p> <p>It was <b>resolved</b> that: the police report be noted.</p> <p>The Parish Council discussed the parking problems around the village at 'School Run' times and the fact that police presence had been requested. The prompt reply from the police had been greatly appreciated and had had a very positive impact. The Headteacher of the school had also agreed to send a message out to parents.</p>	
<b>64.</b>	<b>Minutes</b>
<p>It was <b>resolved</b> that: the minutes of the last meeting be approved as a true record.</p>	
<b>65.</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>

46 – (Standing Orders) – A discussion ensued in relation to the item ‘Any Other Business by Members of the Public’ currently being the last item on the agenda. The Chairman therefore proposed that this item be moved to item 3 of the agenda, after seeking advice from CDALC on alternative options which were explained to the Parish Council.

The Parish Council voted on the matter and, with 5 in favour and 1 against it was:

**Resolved** that: this item of business be moved to item 3 of the agenda.

#### **66. Report of the Clerk to the Parish Council**

The Clerk to the Parish Council circulated a report, including a current budget position. No questions were raised.

#### **67. County Councillor’s Update**

Councillor Stoker provided the following update:

- (1) Update on assisting Junior Football Club – options had been discussed however it was proving difficult to think of any obvious solutions. Contact would therefore be made with both the University and Head of Leisure at DCC.
- (2) Hill Meadows - The restorations of the footpath at Hill Meadows had been interrupted for 2 weeks, however works would resume again sometime very soon to complete surface works. In addition, the overhanging trees from Shincliffe Bank were being dealt with by DCC.
- (3) Traffic Regulation Order – A meeting with the Police had taken place and they had been very personable to proposals to enforce the TRO. DCC had agreed to undertake further monitoring throughout August and September. A further meeting would then be held.
- (4) A177 – 3 surveys had been undertaken. A further update would be given in due course.
- (5) Superfast Broadband – This had caused major issues for Shincliffe Village. Councillor Stoker had therefore attended a meeting with the Lead Officer and had supplied her with questions/queries ahead of a second meeting.
- (6) Love Lane- Councillor G Lee confirmed that the Football Club did clear up the lane on the last litter pick. With the plans from the Horticultural Committee to turn Love Lane into a wild flower garden, Councillor Stoker agreed to speak to Councillor A Lee regarding costs.
- (7) Potential problems had been brought to attention about Amenity Land in High Shincliffe, in particular, relating to purchase. It was agreed that Councillor Stoker contact the developer and report back in due course.
- (8) Spraying Problems under Street Signs – Complaints had been received about the County Council using Weedkiller under street signs which was preventing the growth of grass. It was therefore suggested that from April, the County Council would be asked not to spray around trees and signs and that instead, the Parish Gardner would maintain them by strimming them.

#### **68. Correspondence**

(a) Matters arising from last month’s correspondence

There were no matters arising

(b) Correspondence to circulate for discussion/decision at next parish council meeting

- (1) SLCC Notice of Annual Meeting – Friday 10 October 2014
- (2) World War I Centenary Commemoration
- (3) Email Advice – Annual Turnover not exceeding £25,000
- (4) Fracking money should be drilled down to Parishes
- (5) Update on Pelaw Woods Landslide (September 2014)
- (6) Clerks and Councils Direct (September 2014)

- (7) Spaldings (September 2014)
- (8) The Clerk Magazine (September 2014)
- (9) LCR (Autumn 2014)

Current Correspondence

(1) A resident attended the meeting to discuss the principal elevation decision of planners within the local Authority. The Parish Council were of the view that the principal elevation was the front and that it had always been perceived in that way.

It was **resolved** that: the Chairman would convey the views of the Parish Council and that Councillor Stoker would request a second opinion from a Senior Planning Officer in relation to the principal elevation decision at Foxton Way.

(2) Email from a resident enquiring about open spaces around Whitwell Acres.

It was **resolved** that: a discussion be held with planners to ascertain whether the housing development company had granted permission for a change in use of the space.

**69. Planning Applications**

<a href="#">DM/14/02506/FPA</a>	Prof J A K Howard And J C Wright	Whitwell Grange House Whitwell Grange Whitwell Farm Road Sherburn House Durham DH1 2SJ
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It was **resolved** that: no objections be made in respect of the above planning application.

**70. Horticultural Committee Update**

Councillor A Lee reported that the committee had not met over the summer recess period, however a meeting was due to be held the following week.

**71. AAP Update**

Councillor Stoker reported that attempts were being made by the AAP to bring the University and Council together in relation to Special Educational Needs.

Councillor Stoker would be meeting with Ray Hudson within the next two weeks therefore a further update would be given at the next meeting.

**72. Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Shincliffe Village**

This item of business had been discussed within the County Councillor Update.

**73. Accounts**

Paddock Farm Nursery & Water Gardens		£238.62	
Cllr A Lee – Plant Collection		£21.60	

M Platts (Horticulture)	£590.00		
M Platts (Horticulture)	£42.00		
M Platts (Maintenance)	£30.00		
M Platts (Old Mine Site)	£100.00		
K Cuthbert Salary (July)	£249.91		
K Cuthbert Salary (August)	£249.91		
HMRC Income Tax (July)	£61.40		
HMRC Income Tax (August)	£61.40		
S137 (Brass Band)	£50.00		
S137 Mayor's Appeal	£100.00		
S137 Benevolent Fund	£400.00		
Village Green Training Session	£27.00		
Paper Chase Training Session	£54.00		
Hire of School Library	£30.36		
Internal Audit	£120.00		
Hire of Church Hall	£22.00		
S137 Shincliffe Show	£100.00		
K Cuthbert Salary (September)	£249.91		
HMRC Income Tax (September)	£61.40		

**Resolved:** that the above accounts be paid.

#### **74. Budget Position – Update (Clerk to the Council)**

It was **resolved** that: this item of business had been covered within the Clerk's report.

#### **75. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The October Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2014, 7.00 p.m. at Shincliffe Primary School, High Shincliffe, Durham.

#### **76. Any Other Business – Councillors**

(1) Layby at the top of Shincliffe Bank – This was full of debris and fly-tipping which was making it increasingly difficult to park. Councillor Duell had contacted the County Council who had been out to collect some rubbish and would be returning to collect the heavy materials.

(2) Map Boards – Councillor Duell had collected them and put them up that day.

#### **77. Any Other Business – Members of the Public**

No issues were raised.

***The meeting terminated at 9.10 pm***