

Minutes of the April Meeting of **Shincliffe Parish Council** held in **St Marys Church Hall, Shincliffe Village, Durham** on **Tuesday 16th April 2013** at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Cook (in the Chair) and Councillors Hudson, Lightley, Milburn, Morgan and Storer.

172. Notice of Meeting

Public notice of the meeting was taken as read.

173. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

174. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Shearer and County Councillors Blakey, Williams and PC Cockburn.

175. Minutes

It was **resolved:** that the Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Tuesday 19th March 2013 (copies previously circulated and publicised) be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

176. Police Matters

PC Cockburn was unable to attend the meeting however that sent a report via the Clerk which said that up to 11 April there had been no crimes reported since the last meeting.

177. Matters Arising

- (a) Walk to School Outreach Programme – No update from Nina-Cara Collins
- (b) Low Road recreation ground wall - PC Cockburn made initial enquiries and has informed me that DCC has included the bench in their claim for compensation; PC Cockburn will keep us informed.
- (c) Sparks Cottage – Planners are monitoring the site closely and are aware of some vegetation that has been removed, namely parts of the hedge lining the highway. Unfortunately elements of this hedge were required to be removed to facilitate drainage during construction. A condition was placed on the application requiring the submission of a landscaping scheme.
- (d) Dog Fouling – seems to be a lot better than it has been. During the litter pick, Councillor Morgan had to collect bags of dog muck from bushes and on the ground, collected approx. 25 bags. Clerk to contact the neighbourhood warden about this.
- (e) Bracken Cottage planning application, this application has been approved.
- (f) Grassed area Quality Street/Mitford Close – clerk had contacted DCC legal services no response received
- (g) Cyclists Old Mine Site – clerk had contacted DCC and requested some no cycling signs.
- (h) Sherburn Hospital Daffodil Sunday – this went ahead, and was a successful event.

178. Matters arising from last month's correspondence

- (a) LCR – Changes to HMRC PAYE, these changes do affect the parish council, the Clerk is to submit details of salary and income tax payments on a monthly basis to HMRC.

179. Correspondence to circulate

Correspondence to be circulated for discussion and decision as necessary at the next meeting:

- (a) Countryside Voice Magazine

180. Current Correspondence

- (a) DCC letter regarding 'Rat Run' Shincliffe Village, they are now going to pursue the possibility of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) - Prohibition of Motor Vehicles Except for Access restriction.

181. Planning Applications

4/13/00204/FPA	25 Meldon Way High Shincliffe	Single storey side and rear extension, hipped roof to garage
4/13/00222/FPA	3 The Mews Shincliffe	Erection of second storey pitched roof extension to side and erection of replacement conservatory to rear of existing dwelling
4/13/00276/PNA	Whitwell Farm Whitwell Farm Road Sherburn House	Agricultural storage building

It was **resolved**: that the parish council raised no objections to the above planning applications.

182. Horticultural Matters

- (a) Councillor Milburn reported that he had passed the portfolio and all certificates to the clerk to pass to the new Horticultural Committee.
- (b) Northumbria in Bloom has been for the first judging day, the next judging day is 10 July
- (c) Beautiful Durham, entry form to be completed by 26 June, Horticultural Committee previously entered High Shincliffe, Shincliffe Village, Old Mine Site and Sherburn House into the competition. Judging is 10-11 July.
- (d) Following the £100 donation from County Councillors Blakey and Williams, the Horticultural Committee is to purchase 2 new tubs and compost from the garden centre.
- (e) Can thanks be given to Pat Guy for her help with the Horticultural Committee, Northumbria in Bloom and Beautiful Durham? Clerk to send a letter of thanks on behalf of the Parish Council.
- (f) Councillor Morgan has applied for a PPP grants, have been offered a grant of £300, and needs to be submitted along with invoices by October.

183. Accounts

H Simpson (April salary)	£282.96
HMRC income tax payment	£70.60
Shincliffe PCC – hire of hall	£22.00
M Platts – Horticulture	£60.00

Resolved: that the above accounts be paid.

184. Date of next Meeting

The annual parish council meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st May 2013 in Shincliffe Primary School, High Shincliffe, Durham, immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting at 6.30pm.

185. Any Other Business

Councillor Morgan

- (a) Between Ancroft Garth and Quality Street, fence has been knocked down. Clerk to report to DCC and ask for repairs.
- (b) Cycling, Manor Farm – concerned about his insurance cover. Resident asked if any arrangements could be arrived at where they could cycle down that track. It is private land and access as a walking route only.

(c) Cycling, Black Path, should no cycling signs be placed on the path.

Councillor Lightley

(d) Road sign on A177 coming from Bowburn has been missing for a few months. Councillor Morgan has reported this to HAL.

(e) The lane from Heathways towards the school, some branches need cutting back

(f) On the wall coming into the Village at the Seven Stars, there is a sign advertising building works, Clerk to contact enforcement officer to have this removed.

Councillor Hudson

(g) The path from Heathways down to the school is in a poor condition. Councillor Hudson to report to HAL.

Councillor Cook

(h) Litter Pick – 18 people volunteered on the day, over 30 full sacks of litter were picked. A note to go in the next parish newsletter.

The meeting terminated at 7.45 pm