

Minutes of the December Meeting of **Shincliffe Parish Council** held in **St Marys Church Hall, Shincliffe Village, Durham** on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2012** at 7.00 pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillor Cook (in the Chair) and Councillors Hudson, Lightley, Milburn, Morgan, Shearer and Storer. County Councillor Williams was also in attendance.

#### **108. NOTICE OF MEETING**

Public notice of the meeting was taken as read.

#### **109. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest

#### **110. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Jan Blakey.

#### **111. MINUTES**

It was resolved: that the Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2012 (copies previously circulated and publicised) be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

#### **112. MATTERS ARISING**

##### **(a) Speed Visor**

County Councillor Williams reported that the speed visor is still not working.

##### **(b) Love Lane**

Councillor Milburn had not heard from Clancy Docwra. It was **resolved:** to leave this matter.

##### **(c) A177 Steps to St Marys Close**

Councillor Milburn reported that he had not received a reply from John Holmes.

##### **(d) Cars speeding and rat running – Shincliffe Village**

No access signs are unlikely to be an option as when surveying the traffic, the larger lorries are having issues with turning in. Alternative options are being considered and residents will be consulted on this.

##### **(e) Bus Services**

County Councillors Blakey and Williams have donated some money to keep a service running. County Councillor Williams will send a letter to the parish confirming details and stops.

##### **(f) High Shincliffe Park Project**

Application has been submitted to DCC to request funding for artificial turf.

##### **(g) Temporary Siting of a 50m meteorological mast**

This application has been approved.

#### **(h) Street Lighting – Quality Street/Love Lane**

Councillor Cook had inspected the area, however as there are presently no leaves on the trees, the lighting is fine, will review again in the spring.

#### **113. MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MONTH'S CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) Green Deal – way to cut down on energy costs, offer free PSV panels. Councillor Shearer to research this.

#### **114. CORRESPONDENCE TO CIRCULATE**

Non urgent items of correspondence to be circulated to councillors for discussion and decision as necessary at the January meeting.

#### **115. CURRENT CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) Letter from County Councillor Williams regarding safety measures at Sherburn House, Hall Lane Junction, intending to install fencing and raised kerbs. Residents have been consulted on this.

#### **116. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

No planning applications have been received

#### **117. HORTICULTURAL MATTERS**

Nothing to report.

#### **118. AREA ACTION PARTNERSHIP**

Councillor Lightley reported that the meeting is to be held tomorrow evening. High Shincliffe Parks Regeneration has submitted a funding application.

#### **119. DISPENSATION TO OBTAIN DISCLOSABLE PECUNARY INTERESTS**

The new Code of Conduct does not have a standard dispensation which would allow councillors to set the Parish Precept for 2013/14 due to this, councillors are required to sign and submit a request for dispensation to allow participation in discussion and vote to set the precept when requested by DCC. All councillors signed and submitted requests and it was **resolved**: to grant dispensation to all councillors with immediate effect, the dispensation will run until Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

#### **120. 2012/13 BUDGET UPDATE**

The clerk had provided a budget update to councillors as at 1<sup>st</sup> December. Discussion took place on the budget and it was **resolved**: to curtail spending until the end of March unless it is vital expenditure and that the Horticultural Committee consider what they could do with a budget of £4300 and report back to the parish council in January.

#### **121. REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Requests for financial assistance were received from the following (agreed donations shown).

- County Durham School Benevolent Fund (£100)
- Butterwick Hospice (£50)

Discussion took place on the High Shincliffe Parks Regeneration request for funding and it was **resolved**: that due to financial constraints, the parish council will defer consideration of this request until March 2013 when the year-end outturn will be known.

## 122. ACCOUNTS

H Simpson (December salary)	£282.96
HMRC income tax payment	£70.60
Shincliffe PCC – hire of hall	£22.00
H Simpson (½ year heating allowance)	£50.00
H Simpson (petty cash)	£100.00
SLCC subscription	£100.00
Nia Cook – refreshments for Christmas gathering/litter pickers	£28.95

It was **resolved**: that the above accounts be paid.

## 123. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The January parish council meeting will be held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2013 in Shincliffe Primary School, High Shincliffe, Durham at 7.00 pm.

## 124. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### *Members of the Public*

- (a) Membership of the Horticultural Committee could be extended, it was **resolved**: that Councillor Shearer join the committee with immediate effect.

### *Councillor Lightley*

- (b) Enquired as to whether salt bins are being replenished. The Clerk confirmed that DCC are presently replenishing bins on the rota system.

### *Councillor Morgan*

- (c) Apparently there has been a burglary on Meldon Way, Clerk to email Bruce to check on this.

***The meeting terminated at 8.25 pm***