

Minutes of the February Meeting of **Shincliffe Parish Council** held in **St Marys Church Hall, Shincliffe Village, Durham** on **Tuesday 19th February 2013** at 7.00 pm.

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

142. NOTICE OF MEETING

Public notice of the meeting was taken as read.

143. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

County Councillor Blakey declared an interest in Item no. 6 Planning Applications, she was invited to remain in the meeting during discussions on this item.

144. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Milburn, Storer and County Councillor Williams.

145. MINUTES

It was resolved: that the Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Tuesday 15th January 2013 (copies previously circulated and publicised) be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair following a minor amendment.

146. POLICE MATTERS

PC Cockburn attended the meeting and reported:

- (a) One crime, theft from unattended motor vehicle at back of Manor Close, took some loose change and a Sat Nav. No evidence of who is responsible for this.
- (b) Next PACT Meeting on 28th February in St Marys Church Hall
- (c) Councillor Lightley has received complaints about vandalism and noise on Shincliffe Village Recreation Ground. PC Cockburn and the PCSOs will try to give it attention when they can
- (d) Individual has been charged with offences for the crash into the wall of the village recreation ground.
- (e) Councillor Morgan asked whether PC Cockburn knew about the fence at Sherburn House that has been damaged, he had seen a vehicle embedded into end of railing and a traffic officer was there taking details from the driver.

147. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Bus Services and Highways Issues

Work for Hill Meadows footpaths has now commenced. County Councillor Blakey confirmed that any further works will be dependent on funding. It was **resolved:** to send County Councillor Williams a letter of thanks for sorting this matter.

(b) Green Deal

No progress to date.

(c) Walk to School Outreach Programme

Councillor Morgan attended the school and along with Nina Cara-Collins and some parents walked the streets and highlighted issues for parents and children walking to school, there are a lot of gardens with trees and bushes overhanging footpaths. County Councillor Blakey mentioned that the park and stride scheme had been mentioned at school governors meeting and suggested asking the

Neighbourhood Wardens to handle this matter, and suggested contacting a Neighbourhood Warden and ask them to attend for a village walk round with a councillor.
Councillor Morgan to make a list of where hedges need cutting back and clerk to contact Nina to ask her to put a leaflet together saying we are working together and why we are asking them to cut their hedges back.

(d) Precept 2013-14

Clerk confirmed that precept had been submitted to DCC. No comments regarding increase

(e) Elections

With elections coming up, we are going to advertise the fact that the parish council are looking for parish councillors to stand at the elections, we have information from DCC to put up in noticeboards, if councillors know of anyone who may be interested ask them to contact the clerk.

(f) Avenue Street Drain

County Councillor Williams reported this to HAL. Councillor Cook to pass on details to County Councillor Blakey with the details and she will chase this up.

148. MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MONTH'S CORRESPONDENCE

This will be discussed at next month's meeting as we do not have the correspondence to hand. . Councillor Morgan is to take the correspondence tonight and we will keep track of correspondence this month.

149. CORRESPONDENCE TO CIRCULATE

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

150. CURRENT CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Elections information
- (b) Low Road recreation ground wall, Councillor Lightley has reported this to Dean and Chapter, as the wall belongs to Durham Cathedral. Clerk to write a letter to Dean and Chapter as a follow up to the telephone report. The bench has also been damaged.
- (c) Northumbria in Bloom inaugural meeting on 12.3.13, no-one to attend.
- (d) Meeting of the Wind farm Working Group on 21.2.13.
- (e) Big Spring Clean Litter Pick – preferred date 13.4.13. Clerk to contact DCC and confirm
- (f) Sparks Cottage, letter from a resident regarding the house that is being built on the former location of Sparks Cottage and the original planning application stated that trees and hedges would remain, however most of them have been removed. It was **resolved**: that the Clerk to contact the planners regarding this matter saying the parish council is concerned about loss of hedge and trees.
- (g) Dog fouling - letter from school caretaker regarding issues of dog fouling around the streets near the school. Councillor Lightley has also received a complaint about dog fouling on the perimeter road in High Shincliffe. County Councillor Blakey suggested contacting the Neighbourhood Wardens regarding this, if residents know who is doing this, you can ring and confidentially report the dog owner.

151. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

4/12/001147/FPA
4/12/01148/CAC

Mr A Whitley
Bracken Cottage
Bank Foot
Shincliffe

Change of use from and
extension of existing hotel to
form 4 separate dwellings

The Chair and Councillor Lightley had reviewed the plans for the above planning application and had objected on behalf of the parish council as the design includes a very obtrusive high blank frontage to A177, made worse because of the elevation of the frontage will continue in line with the existing building and the A177 descends downhill considerably at that point, approx.. 36% increase in frontage onto A177

4/13/00040/FPA	Miss M Lumley Dene Village Willowtree Avenue Shincliffe	Erection of double storey and single storey rear extensions and detached double garage
4/13/00095/FPA	Mr T Cartner Orchard House High Street North Shincliffe	Ground floor extensions to form a conservatory and utility room, first floor extension to form a bathroom and a detached triple garage in the garden.

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

152. AREA ACTION PARTNERSHIP

No update available.

153. ACCOUNTS

H Simpson (February salary)	£282.96
HMRC income tax payment	£70.60
Shincliffe PCC – hire of hall	£22.00
H Simpson – petty cash	£100.00
H Simpson – 7 x Parish Councillors Guide	£105.20
CDALC Subscription 2013-14	£240.23

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

154. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The March parish council meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th March 2013 in Shincliffe Primary School, High Shincliffe, Durham at 7.00 pm.

154. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Members of the Public

- (a) Resident concerned about how we intend to notify the electorate about the forthcoming elections, feels some activity is needed to attract younger residents to consider the parish council elections; Councillor Cook mentioned that we are also intending to put the information into the next newsletter. Councillors are passing the word around and aiming to encourage people to consider standing.
- (b) Footpath in poor condition – on the corner of High Street/Quality Street it has been reported and is on the 2013-14 highways repairs list.

Councillor Morgan

- (c) Community Association meeting – do we want if anything from the parks group before we discuss a possible donation next month, it was **resolved:** that the parish council would like a progress update prior to the next meeting.
- (d) Piece of what was grass 1 Quality Street and 19 Mitford Close, someone is using it as a vehicular cut through at present. Not sure who owns the land, Councillor Cook to do land registry search.

Councillor Cook

(d) Faulty street lights - County Councillor Blakey report to HAL

Councillor Lightley

(e) Cyclists are tearing up the Old Mine Site. There is a tree branch fallen, Councillor Cook to deal.

The meeting terminated at 8.30 pm