

Minutes of the January Meeting of **Shincliffe Parish Council** held in **Shincliffe Primary School, High Shincliffe, Durham** on **Tuesday 15th January 2013** 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.

125. NOTICE OF MEETING

Public notice of the meeting was taken as read.

126. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

127. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence have been received.

128. MINUTES

It was resolved: that the Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Tuesday 11th December 2012 (copies previously circulated and publicised) be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

129. POLICE MATTERS

PC Cockburn attended the meeting and reported:

- (a) One incident of criminal damage to a vehicle in Willowtree Avenue, just after midnight on 28.12.12.
- (b) Meldon Way burglary, this was reported on 6.12.12 happened between 3-6pm. A window was forced, and jewellery taken.
- (c) No incidents of youth nuisance in the parish area.
- (d) PACT meetings are held monthly, next meeting is on 28th February 2013, 6-7pm in St Marys Church Hall, Shincliffe Village.
- (e) Rat running Village – PC Cockburn confirmed access only signs are difficult to enforce. County Councillor Williams confirmed that he had been receiving emails about this and confirmed that it is not possible to enforce and drivers do tend to ignore access only signs.

130. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Speed Visor

The speed visor is now working.

(b) Bus Services and Highways Issues

Letter from DCC regarding bus services. County Councillor Williams confirmed that timetables will be placed up on bus stops. Several County Councillors have donated money to keep the bus service running over the next year.

County Councillor Williams was asked whether there were funds available to complete the work on the footpaths in Hill Meadows. County Councillor Williams confirmed that at this point in time, there are no funds available to do the highways works, and the roads in the parish are in a better condition than in other parts of the county.

(c) Green Deal

Councillor Shearer tried to contact the Green guru group several times, no response received.

(d) Sherburn House – Road Safety Measures

The works have commenced.

(e) High Shincliffe Park Project - AAP

Durham AAP awarded £5000 towards the project, concerned that on the application form that the parish council are listed as giving an unconfirmed donation of £3000.

131. MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MONTH'S CORRESPONDENCE

There were no matters arising.

132. CORRESPONDENCE TO CIRCULATE

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

133. CURRENT CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) CDALC – nominations for the Buckingham Palace Garden Party 30.5.13.
- (b) Email from resident – rat running in Shincliffe Village, Clerk to respond
- (c) Letter from DCC saying the only suitable option to prevent rat running in Village is road humps, which have previously been rejected by residents, however there is also presently no budget to pay for the speed humps should they be requested.

134. WALK TO SCHOOL OUTREACH PROGRAMME

Nina Cara-Collins from Living Streets attended the meeting and outlined the purpose of the Walk to School Programme and the work that is being done in conjunction with Shincliffe Primary School.

135. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No planning applications have been received.

136. HORTICULTURAL MATTERS

- (a) The Horticultural Committee has discussed the budget of £4300 for 2013-14 (£3800 for horticultural and £500 for Old Mine Site). Considered ways to reduce costs such as not planting tubs or the tyre bed, not planting the Village bed as there are already roses in that bed and reducing the number of plants ordered and space the plants out more. However there is no provision in the budget for Love Lane, however the parish council could again apply for PPP grant towards the Old Mine Site, and if awarded; this would release some money for Love Lane.
- (b) Councillor Lightley suggested we could have sponsored flower beds. County Councillor Williams suggested contacting the Director of Neighbourhood Services to see whether this is possible.
- (c) Northumbria in Bloom judging, first visit in April.
- (d) Letter received from Big Lottery Fund regarding applying for funding and the changes they have made to the scheme, passed to Clerk.
- (e) County Councillors Blakey and Williams is donating £100 to the Horticulture Committee for works they need to do in the parish.

137. AREA ACTION PARTNERSHIP

Councillor Lightley reported that the main issue at the recent meeting was on fire prevention. Email to be forwarded to Clerk to put in correspondence.

138. PRECEPT 2013-14

Following discussion it was **resolved:** to raise the 2013-14 Parish Precept by 17% which raises the precept to £14040.00, this would cover the loss of the double taxation grant and also ensure funds are available for the local elections in May.

139. ACCOUNTS

H Simpson (January salary)	£282.76
HMRC income tax payment	£70.80
DCC – hire of hall	£30.36
Darlington Borough Council – bedding plants	£782.88

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

140. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The February parish council meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th February 2013 in St Marys Church Hall, Shincliffe Village, Durham at 7.00 pm.

141. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Members of the Public

- (a) Concerned about the parish council not giving a donation to the High Shincliffe Parks Project. Councillor Cook confirmed that the parish council agreed to see what the financial outturn is going to be in March before any decisions on funding could be made.
- (b) Would be useful to give the parish information on the forthcoming elections, to encourage residents to think about standing for the local elections in May. Councillor Cook confirmed that the parish council intend to try to raise the image of the parish council and the local elections.

Councillor Lightley

- (c) Noticeboard – can't open the noticeboard, only one lock works, this has been resolved.
- (d) Wet, soggy leaves on the ground. County Councillor Williams to deal.

Councillor Cook

- (e) Email from resident, regarding the drains on Avenue Street being flooded. County Councillor Williams to deal.

The meeting terminated at 8.40 pm