

Minutes of the June Parish Council Meeting of **SHINCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL** held in Shincliffe Primary School, High Shincliffe, Durham on **TUESDAY 19th JUNE 2012** at **7.00pm**.

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

21. NOTICE OF MEETING

Public notice of the meeting was taken as read.

22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

23. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from PC Cockburn.

24. MINUTES

It was **resolved:** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 15th May 2012 (copies previously circulated and publicised) be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

25. POLICE MATTERS

PC Cockburn submitted a report to the Clerk which stated there had been two crimes since the last parish council meeting

1. 05/06/2012 - attempted theft from a vehicle parked next to the Pump House Restaurant. Front passenger window smashed and the glovebox open. Nothing stolen.
2. 11/06/2012 - garden shed burglary where offenders had removed a padlock from the shed door and stolen two mountain bikes.
3. Bruce also confirmed that there had been a break-in in Apperley Avenue in April.

26. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Noticeboard

Noticeboard due to arrive this week, Councillor Milburn will then go to speak to resident about location of the board. If there is an issue, the owner of The Avenue, has offered an alternative location.

(b) Arriva No. 57 Bus

The Clerk confirmed that there had still been no response from Arriva. It was **resolved:** that the Clerk to send website contact and raise concern about the lack of response and the buses are still an issue.

(c) Apperley Avenue Street Sign

The sign has not yet been replaced. Councillor Morgan to chase up with HAL.

(d) Parish Boundary

No further update from Durham County Council.

(e) Vacancy for Parish Councillor

The vacancy has now been filled by David Shearer. The Chair welcomed Councillor Shearer to the parish council.

(f) Use of Parish newsletter to advertise AAP activities

Councillor Cook sent an email about concerns regarding publicity in newsletter and cost, received an acknowledgement saying will forward to appropriate person.

(g) Jubilee Cake

The cost of the cake is now £60, it was **resolved:** to pay the £60 fee.

(h) Wildflower Haven

Councillor Milburn reported that a 20 sq.m area of meadow has been seeded. Councillor Cook mentioned an email we have received from a resident in Langton Lea, regarding this matter, raising objection to the whole piece of land being turned over to meadow, although doesn't mind the area at present. Councillor Milburn to go and visit the resident.

27. MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MONTH'S CORRESPONDENCE

There were no matters arising from the May meeting.

28. CORRESPONDENCE TO CIRCULATE

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

29. CURRENT CORRESPONDENCE

1. Invitation to DCC Chairman, Tramp Supper at Beamish Museum – no-one to attend.
2. Invitation to official opening of Active Life Centre at Coxhoe, 23.6.12 – no-one to attend
3. County Durham boundary changes, from 15th October 2012, the Cape site, will be called Bell Ward and will have one councillor, and there will be 6 parish councillors for Shincliffe Ward. Clerk to agenda for July meeting and speak to relevant officers at Durham County Council regarding this.
4. Emails regarding village green in Shincliffe Village, received a complaint regarding children from nursery flattening the daffodil leaves and grass on the green, there has been various emails, complaints regarding use of the green and also about not being allowed to use the green. Councillors to read the emails and discuss at next parish council meeting.

30. FREE SCHOOL FOR DURHAM - TALK BY DAVID GLOVER

Mr Glover attended the parish council meeting and explained more about the proposed free school to be located in south Durham. Presently at application stage, and once finalised will have charitable status. Intake would be 60-70 pupils per year, from years 7 to 13. If permission is granted, school will open in September 2013, hope to find out over the summer whether has been granted.

A major issue at present is the fact that there is not a site agreed for the school. Councillor Shearer raised the issue that it is unlikely to be achieved within a year if the site has not yet been identified. Mr Glover said they do aim to achieve this within the year, by looking for unoccupied sites where possible. Councillor Hudson mentioned Whinney Hill site, and Mr Glover has confirmed that this considered, however the site is up for sale, and sealed bids had to be submitted by end of May, so this may not be an option.

Councillors thanked Mr Glover for attending.

31. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

4/12/00356/FPA	Mr W Fleetham Springwell Cottage Willow Tree Avenue Shincliffe	Proposed double garage and- store
4/12/00471/FPA	Mr I Davenport 1 Lindisfarne High Shincliffe	Single-Storey Side Extension
4/12/00362/LB 4/12/00494/FPA	Mr P Gay Station House Shincliffe Station Shincliffe	Proposed detached ancillary outbuilding, timber fencing and retention of solar panels to main dwelling
4/12/00385/FPA	Mr & Mrs Speeding 2 Prospect Terrace Shincliffe	Erection of detached garage to rear of existing dwelling
It was resolved: that the Parish Council raised no objections to the above planning applications		
4/12/00451/CAC	Mr & Mrs A Whitley Bracken Cottage Bank Foot Shincliffe	Conservation Area Consent for the demolition of existing hotel and attached dwelling
4/12/00450/FPA	Mr & Mrs A Whitley Bracken Cottage Bank Foot Shincliffe	Demolition of existing hotel and dwelling and erection of two detached dwellinghouses

Councillor Cook has already written to the County Planners stating the parish council objected to this application, and phoned today and spoke to Planner regarding this, the decision will go to committee and we will get a letter to inform us when this will be.

32. HORTICULTURAL MATTERS

1. Northumbria in Bloom judges due 3rd and 4th July, presentation in September. Presently preparing portfolio for judging. Marc to be entered for the Bob Woolley Trophy.
2. Beautiful Durham – judging in early July, presentation takes place in October, Durham Town Hall, entries for High Shincliffe, Shincliffe Village and Sherburn Hospital.
3. Last delivery of plants, will be 22nd June, Marc here to sort.

33. DURHAM AREA ACTION PARTNERSHIP

Councillor Lightley reported that he had been unable to attend a meeting.

He had attended a village regeneration meeting; discussion took place on defining what is a village, unsure of the way forward for the group and what it will be able to practically achieve.

34. MEMORIAL – JOHN KENNETH HUDSON

Councillor Hudson felt a dedicated path would be suitable and this was agreed and it was **resolved:** that the path through the woods to the Old Mine Site is named after him. Councillor Milburn to sort out a plaque for this area, horticultural committee to agree on size, wording and materials.

35. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS – 2011/12

The Clerk produced accounts for the year ending 2011/12. It was **resolved:** that the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2012 be accepted as a true record and released for audit.

36. REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Request for financial assistance were received from the organisations listed below (agreed donations shown).

Great North Air Ambulance	£100.00
Mayor of Durham Appeal Fund 2012/13	£100.00
NEPACS	£50.00
Finchale Training College	£50.00

37. ACCOUNTS

H Simpson - June salary	£282.96
DCC Hire of Hall	£30.36
HMRC Income Tax Payment	£70.60
DCC hire of rooms for interviews	£30.36
Shincliffe WI – Donation towards Jubilee Cake	£60.00
H Simpson – ½ year electricity allowance	£50.00
M Platts – Old Mine Site	£95.00
M Platts – Horticultural	£576.50
M Platts – Maintenance	£35.00
J Milburn – hire of brush cutter	£48.00

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

38. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The July Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 24th July 2012 in St. Mary's Church Hall, Shincliffe Village, Durham at 7.00 pm

39. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Morgan

1. Received complaints about bins at front of houses, residents now store them there instead of around the back of their properties. Consider putting note in the next newsletter.
2. Recreation ground in High Shincliffe, asked by residents to attend a meeting with Proludic, who supplies equipment for parks. When compared with others, the park in High Shincliffe is starting to look old, worn and starting to have safety issues. Raises the question of how can the park be improved? Could the equipment be repainted? If they can get funding would the parish council support them. Going to come back with suggested programme and costs. Some of the playground equipment is damaged, the slide and the swing. Clerk to write to Peter Lee and ask for an up to date report on the recreation grounds.
3. Stile – at bottom of bank, Elaine Crow asked if the farmer would mind a second step being added onto the stile, although this would not solve the issue of dogs being able to get through. Marc to look at the stile and see if a second step can be added and what could be done to make it more accessible for dogs then Councillor Milburn will speak to farmer. If suitable and agreed, then a grant will be available.
4. Opposite 9 Apperley Avenue, there is a tree overhanging the footpath, Councillor Morgan to cut back.

Councillor Lightley

5. All Jubilee celebrations went well.
6. Grass cutting – where daffodils are, the grass has not been cut back, this is the norm, will likely be cut back at next cut.
7. Trees in middle of green where cutters, branches are stopping them cutting the grass, in Lindisfarne and Beal Walk is particularly bad. Councillor Milburn to speak to Peter Lee.
8. Car accident at Sherburn House, car has gone into front window of the house on the end last Saturday morning.
9. When will the rest of the highways work be carried out in Hill Meadows, Councillor Cook to contact HAL.

Councillor Milburn

10. The residents of 15 to 21 St. Mary's Close have had letters to say DCC going to take up paving slabs and replace with tarmac and in the process will remove the cobblestones.
11. Sent the Awards for All application off for the two map boards, received an acknowledgement, assessment to start shortly. Will hear if successful within 20 working days. If we are successful, we will take out old boards and place new boards in their place.
12. Councillor Milburn would like some Jubilee photos to go in the Northumbria in Bloom portfolio.

Councillor Storer

13. Clerk to write a letter of thanks for the Jubilee Cake.

Councillor Cook

14. Thanks to everyone for their work on the Jubilee events, feel it was successful and that all ages were covered. Thanks have gone in the last newsletter.
15. Need a plaque for the Jubilee tree, Councillors Milburn and Storer to sort.
16. Email complaining about Love Lane being overgrown, informed resident that it was in work plan, was cleared the following week, Marc says will be done on a monthly basis.
17. Overgrown trees – email to say difficult to walk from The Bracken to South View on the pavement, weeds and shrubs overgrown. Contacted HAL regarding this.
18. New Councillor induction pack, Clerk to start compiling a file between now and September. Clerk to create a file for all councillors. Councillors to think about what could be included in the pack

Members of the Public

19. The Fair at Sherburn House raised £707

The meeting terminated at 8.50 pm.