

Minutes of the March Meeting of **Shincliffe Parish Council** held in **Shincliffe Primary School, High Shincliffe, Durham** on **Tuesday 19th March 2013** at 7.00 pm.

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

155. Notice of Meeting

Public notice of the meeting was taken as read.

156. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

157. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Morgan and Storer and County Councillors Blakey and Williams.

158. Minutes

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

159. Police Matters

PC Cockburn attended the meeting and reported:

- (a) Burglary at Langton Lea, reported on 22.2.13 - forced window and unlocked door, taken jewellery, electronics items were left behind.
- (b) Seven Stars public house on 9.3.13 - took car keys and mobile phone from jacket, took a car, crashed into another car, then head butted a resident. Has been charged with various offences.
- (c) Councillor Cook reported that residents mentioned there had been a few burglaries recently; PC Cockburn says there is no pattern to them and not an issue in the parish. Shincliffe parish is one of the safest areas in County Durham to live.

160. Matters Arising

- (a) Walk to School Outreach Programme – Councillor Morgan suggested asking school governor to mention this to school. Councillor Morgan will provide a list of overgrown hedges after hearing back from Nina Cara-Collins
- (b) Low Road recreation ground wall -.this is being repaired. PC Cockburn to provide insurance details so we can claim for the damaged bench.
- (c) Sparks Cottage – no response from planners, clerk to chase up.
- (d) Tracking of parish correspondence – worked well this month.
- (e) Dog Fouling – notices have been put up and Councillor Cook contacted DCC who are to come and clean the mess up. Have put a paragraph in the newsletter about this issue, as has Mrs Lowes on behalf of the school.
- (f) Bracken Cottage planning application, no update received.
- (g) Grassed area – Quality Street/Mitford Close, the land is not owned by anyone. DCC maintain the grass, clerk to check to DCC legal to see if there is anything that can be done to prevent vehicles driving over the grassed area.
- (h) Councillor Cook has cut the tree branch on the Old Mine Site.

161. Matters arising from last month's correspondence

- (a) Temporary siting of a 50m meteorological mast – this application has been approved.
- (b) AAP has stopped now due to Purdah.

162. Correspondence to circulate

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

- (a) Clerks and Councils Direct
- (b) The Clerk Magazine
- (c) LCR Magazine

163. Current Correspondence

- (a) DCC – Parish Boundary Change decision has been delayed due to local government elections.

164. Planning Applications

4/13/00182/FPA	14 Apperley Avenue High Shincliffe	Erection of conservatory to rear of existing dwelling
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Resolved: that the parish council raised no objections to the above planning application.

165. Area Action Partnership

Main areas of discussion were about Welfare Reform and how it will affect residents.

166. Red Telephone Kiosk, Shincliffe Village

Councillor Cook mentioned an article that had been in the press regarding BT selling red telephone kiosks for £2000. As the kiosk in the Village is a Grade II Listed building, BT would require planning permission to remove it and as we have not been formally approached by BT we can take no further action.

167. Bank Account Signatories

The Clerk informed the parish council that due to the elections in May and the change in membership of the parish council; changes to authorised signatories of the parish bank accounts and savings account needs to be made to ensure business continuity during and immediately following the election period.

Resolved: that Councillor Pat Hudson be added as an authorised signatory on the HSBC Community account, HSBC Business Money Manager account and the NS&I investment account.

168. Donation to High Shincliffe Parks Group

The budget does not allow for a donation at present; defer this for the new council to consider at a later date should they wish.

169. Accounts

H Simpson (March salary)	£282.76
HMRC income tax payment	£70.80
DCC – hire of hall	£30.36
CPRE Subscription	£29.00

Resolved: that the above accounts be paid.

170. Date of next Meeting

The April parish council meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th April 2013 in St Marys Church Hall, Shincliffe Village, Durham at 7.00 pm.

171. Any Other Business

Councillor Lightley

- (a) Parish Wards – residents may be confused as to what the warded parish is now that we are split between Shincliffe and Bell Ward. An article is to be placed in the newsletter explaining this.
- (b) Complaint regarding vehicles parking on side of the road opposite the Rose Tree Inn, churning up the grass.

Councillor Hudson

- (c) Cyclists are still churning up the Old Mine Site, notices are already in place. Clerk to contact PPP Officer to see if it is possible to get some additional notices.

Councillor Milburn

- (d) Northumbria in Bloom – first judging day is in April.
- (e) A horticultural work plan has been devised for the year.
- (f) Flowers to be delivered on 10 and 25 June.
- (g) Sherburn Hospital Daffodil Sunday – postponed until 7 April as no daffodils showing yet.
- (h) Consider trying to get volunteers to get involved in horticultural matters in the future.
- (i) Clerk informed the parish that it is possible to seek sponsorship for flower beds. Ferryhill Town Council operates a similar scheme.

The meeting terminated at 7.45 pm