

Minutes of the Meeting of Shincliffe Parish Council held in Shincliffe Primary School, High Shincliffe, Durham on Tuesday 17th March 2015 at 7.00 pm.
Present: Councillor Olechnowicz (in the Chair) and Councillors Hudson, A Lee, G. Lee, Lightley and Lovell. County Councillor Stoker was also in attendance. There were 3 members of the public present.
171. Declarations of Interest
There were no declarations of interest.
172. Apologies for Absence
Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillor Duell and also PC Cockburn.
173. Issues Raised by Members of the Public
(1) A letter was forwarded to the Clerk and Chairman by a resident from Shincliffe Village. This would be circulated to all Members of the Parish Council.
174. Police Report
In the absence of PC Cockburn there were no police matters to report.
175. Minutes
It was resolved that: the minutes of the meeting held on 17 th February 2015, be approved as a true record.
176. Matters Arising
(1) Grass Verge – Councillor Stoker reported that the County Council had agreed to paint double yellow lines near the grass verge opposite the Rosetree Inn, to alleviate parking problems and be monitored via parking restrictions.
177. Clerk's Update
The Clerk had no issues to report.
178. County Councillor's Update
Councillor Stoker provided the following update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street Signs - A request had been made to DCC to stop the use of weed-killer under street signs. • Traffic Lights - Confirmation had been received that the traffic lights in Shincliffe Village were permanent. • High Shincliffe Park – DCC had confirmed that they would maintain all of the equipment. • Traffic Calming Measures A177 – Road markings had been delayed until the end of March. • TRO – A draft detailed report had been produced following thorough research and data analysis. The research suggested that there had only been 3 minor accidents all as a result of driver error. The report also suggested that the volume of traffic had in fact reduced and that the average speed along High Street and Low Road was 19mph and 21mph, respectively. The recommendation from DCC was therefore speed humps (anticipated to cost in the region of £13,000). Councillor Stoker agreed to obtain a copy of the draft report and this would be circulated to Councillors.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed Development of Shincliffe Play Park - £13,000 had been committed from Councillor Stoker's Neighbourhood budget as a start-up fund. Additional funding to be discussed with Popular Nursery. The Community Association are to begin scoping out needs and working with residents. Superfast Broadband – Awaiting further information regarding Ultrafast Broadband.
179. Correspondence
(a) <u>Matters arising from last month's correspondence</u> There were no matters arising.
(b) <u>Correspondence to circulate for discussion/decision at next parish council meeting</u> (1) Action Leisure & Play Leaflets (2) Clerks and Councils Direct (March 2015 Issue 98) (3) Spaldings March 2015 (4) Neighbourhood Protection Team Update (5) The Clerk Magazine – March 2015 Vol. 46 (6) Plantscape CD Rom (7) BT – Adopt a Kiosk (8) LCR – Spring 2015
(c) <u>Current Correspondence</u> (1) Letter from a resident in Shincliffe Village (to be circulated to all Councillors).
180. Planning Application
DM/15/00156/FPA Mr & Mrs Wilson <div style="float: right; text-align: right;"> The Beeches 1 Beech View Sherburn House Durham DH1 2S </div>
It was: resolved that there were no objections in relation to the above planning application.
181. Horticultural Committee Update
Councillor A Lee provided the following update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £500 had been awarded from 'It's your Neighbourhood' and this would be used to enhance the Old Mine Site. School children would be involved in this project. A complaint had been received relating to two trees which had been planted on the corner of Avenue Street opposite the entrance to Whitwell Acres at the southern entrance to the village. The basis of the complaint was that the trees would eventually obscure the view of on-coming traffic from Avenue Street for car drivers who were turning into High Shincliffe and then immediately turning right into Whitwell Acres. It was suggested that the trees be moved to a safer location. Councillor Stoker therefore agreed to raise this with the County Council to understand why the Parish Council had not been informed about the planting of these trees and also to ensure that the Parish Council are consulted on any such planting in future, prior to any works commencing.
182. AAP Update
In response to a question from Councillor Hudson, Councillor Stoker advised that around 50 people attended the AAP meetings. A suggestion was made to propose that these meetings take place on an evening.
183. Proposed Traffic Regulation Order – Shincliffe Village

This item of business had been discussed within the County Councillor update.

184. Accounts for Approval

K Cuthbert (March Salary)	£249.91		
M Platts	£72.00		
M Platts	£246.00		
M Platts	£108.00		
Cllr A Lee (Reimbursement – Bulbs)	£40.00		
Cllr A Lee (Reimbursement – Bulbs)	£58.00		
Cllr A Lee (Reimbursement – Bulbs)	£19.45		

Resolved: that the above accounts be paid.

185. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st April, 2015, 7.00pm at St. Mary's Church Hall, Shincliffe Village.

186. Any Other Business – Councillors

- (1) Councillor Lightley raised the issue of fly-tipping in the layby (High Shincliffe) and asked that the Clerk make enquiries with Pitlington Parish Council about sharing the cost of a CCTV camera and report back in due course.
- (2) Councillor G. Lee commented that the signs around the village were looking dirty and suggested that they be cleaned.
- (3) Councillor G. Lee commented that at the bottom of Bank Foot (between High Shincliffe north entrance and Low Shincliffe Seven Stars entrance) there was a damaged chevron sign on the bend.
- (4) Councillor G. Lee reported that the bin on the farm track was still to be emptied. It was also noted that the bin resides on a popular route and fills up quickly. The Clerk agreed to report this once again to DCC.
- (5) Layby – Parish Councillors noted the 'dirt' which had been deposited at the bottom of the layby in High Shincliffe. The Clerk agreed to ask DCC to have this removed.

The meeting terminated at 8.15pm