

Minutes of the November Meeting of **SHINCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL** held in **Shincliffe Primary School, High Shincliffe, Durham** on **TUESDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2012** at 7.00 pm.

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

91. NOTICE OF MEETING

Public notice of the meeting was taken as read.

92. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

93. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Shearer and PC Cockburn.

94. MINUTES

It was resolved: that the Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Tuesday 16th October 2012 (copies previously circulated and publicised) be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

95. NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDENS

Paul Parker and Peter Bage, Neighbourhood Wardens from DCC attended the meeting and introduced themselves and outlined the neighbourhood issues they are able to help the parish with.

Councillor Hudson reported an issue with a horsebox; Neighbourhood Wardens are already in the process of handling this issue.

96. POLICE MATTERS

There had been one crime since the last meeting. On 19 November, a house under construction on Hall Lane had been broken into, generator cables and some tools were taken.

97. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Noticeboard

Names and contact details for 3 key-holders are now displayed on the noticeboard.

(b) The Bracken

The 'for sale' signs are no longer displayed.

(c) Gate at Telford Close to A177

The gate is still in place.

(d) Speed Visor

The speed visor has been erected, but there are issues with the power supply.

(e) Love Lane

The clerk had contacted the electricity company, who said the area manager would contact Councillor Milburn, no contact to date.

(f) CDALC Durham AAP Committee Meeting.

The meeting has been confirmed for 1st December, and is being held in County Hall. All Councillors are welcome to attend.

(g) A177 Steps to St Marys Close

Councillor Milburn received a site plan and has had a meeting with a representative from Durham Cathedral, there is a pathway shown on the plan which does not bear resemblance to the path that is in St Marys Close, passed to John Holmes, Durham Cathedral who will investigate this further. We are still unsure who the landowner is.

(h) National Tree Week

We have been given leaflets and application forms to ask if we would like to plant trees up to value of £150, for the last 3 years we have decided not to partake.

(i) Gutters on Bank Foot

The clerk had emailed to ask for an update on this request. No update as yet.

(j) Footpath on Hartlepool Road

This has been reported.

(k) Overhanging shrubs on Low Road

This has been reported

(l) Overhanging trees at entrances to High Shincliffe from A177

This has been reported

98. MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MONTH'S CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) LCR article about Neighbourhood Plan
- (b) RSN online – going into the next newsletter
- (c) Warm Homes Campaign – leaflets have been issued and put in the noticeboard in the village, and also to be placed in High Shincliffe noticeboard.

99. CORRESPONDENCE TO CIRCULATE

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

100. CURRENT CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Email from resident regarding cars speeding and rat running through Shincliffe Village. The resident attended the meeting and expressed concerns. This matter was discussed at a recent PACT meeting. The Police have suggested that the village is made 'access only'. Councillor Lightley said that this could cause issues with people wanting to visit the garden centre. County Councillor Williams will raise with Highways at DCC.
- (b) Email from Steve Ragg, changes in way parish councils can get planning applications to planning committee.
- (c) Email from a resident, who has written to Arriva and passenger transport at DCC complaining about the bus timetable and service on Sunday, there is a petition ongoing in the parish regarding this. We are not aware of all the issues that residents have. It was **resolved:** to invite Simon Day from passenger transport at DCC to a parish council meeting and to advertise this in

the noticeboard to encourage residents to attend the meeting to highlight any issues.

101. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

4/12/01006/OUT	Esh Group Limited Land At Former Cape Asbestos Works	Application to replace extant planning permission 06/00631/OUT (outline application including details of means of access for employment use and residential development with associated play areas, landscaping, parking and access) in order to extend period of time for implementation.
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It was **resolved**: that the parish council raised no objections to the above planning application. Clerk to get a copy of the original approved plans.

4/12/01001/FPA	Mr W Hill 2 Shincliffe Lane Sherburn House	Proposed addition of dormer window to front and bay window to rear
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4/12/00973/RM	Persimmon Homes (Teesside) Ltd Land at Former Cape Asbestos Works	Application for the reserved matters for the erection of 126 dwellings pursuant to application 12/00727/VOC
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It was **resolved**: that the parish council raised no objections to the above planning applications.

4/12/00906/FPA	Cottam And Co Land At The Old Sawmill Shincliffe	Erection of detached dwelling
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The above planning application was received following the last parish council meeting and the deadline for responding was 15 November. This was inspected by the Chair who considered that the parish council would have no objections to the application.

102. HORTICULTURAL MATTERS

- (a) Northumbria in Bloom 2013, entry for High Shincliffe and Shincliffe Village is £80.00. It was **resolved**: to enter the awards in 2013.
- (b) Marc has prepared a programme for 2013 planting.
- (c) Northumbria in Bloom – It's Your Neighbourhood Awards, St Marys Close got a Thriving Award; The Wildflower Haven got a Level 3 Development Certificate, thanks were offered to the resident for the work involved in this.

103. AREA ACTION PARTNERSHIP

Councillor Lightley had no update.

104. HIGH SHINCLIFFE PARK – PROGRESS UPDATE

The group have now joined forces with the Community Association; have been in touch with Coxhoe Community Association for help and support, spoken to Wendy Lavelle at DCC, who felt the group had a good chance of receiving funding for the project.

County Councillor Blakey and Williams are offering £1000 each in financial assistance. The Community Association have said they are prepared to offer funding, although at present it is not known how much.

Awaiting a meeting with Caroline Stephens of DCC to progress further. Looking at funding opportunities, however the funding organisations have rules what they will and won't fund, so looking at how best to proceed.

Councillor Cook mentioned that the parish council will discuss any parish council donation next month, but that it should be noted that the parish precept is £12,000 so £3,000 is a large part of that.

It was **resolved**: to ask the group to submit details in writing to the parish council regarding progress so the parish council can discuss, make enquiries and decisions as necessary.

105. ACCOUNTS

H Simpson (November salary)	£282.76
HMRC income tax payment	£70.80
DCC hire of school	£30.36
M Platts – horticultural	£448.00
M Platts – maintenance	£10.00
Durham Cathedral – ½ year rent recreation ground	£70.00

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

106. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The December parish council meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th December 2012 in St. Marys Church Hall, Shincliffe Village, Durham at 7.00 pm.

107. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Lightley

- (a) Councillors Lightley and Hudson attended the meeting of small and medium parish councils – the removal of double taxation grant was discussed.

Councillor Morgan

- (b) The Youth club is again not proving popular with the children in the parish, could end up stopping again.
(c) £280 parish paths grant from DCC for maintenance work on the Old Mine Site.
(d) Applied for £60 grant for the work in the village on the stile.

Councillor Storer

- (e) Planning application for the temporary mast, we have already raised our concerns about the application, awaiting outcome of application.

The meeting terminated at 8.45 pm