

Minutes of the Meeting of Shincliffe Parish Council held in Shincliffe Primary School, High Shincliffe, Durham on Tuesday 17th November 2015 at 7.00 pm.	Action By:
<p>Present: Councillor G. Lee (in the Chair) and Councillors Duell, Hudson, A. Lee, Lovell and Olechnowicz.</p> <p>County Councillor Stoker was in attendance.</p>	
89. Apologies for Absence	
An apology for absence was submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillor Lightley.	
90. Declarations of Interest	
There were no declarations of interest.	
91. Issues Raised by Members of the Public	
No Issues were raised.	
92. Minutes	
It was resolved that: the minutes of the meeting held on 20 th October 2015, be approved as a true record, subject to the following amendment 'Page 795 (Horticulture Committee Update) – to read ' High Shincliffe had been awarded Winner of the Beautiful Durham Garden and Environmental Garden Competition 2015'.	
93. Matters Arising	
Councillor Duell advised that he had attended the meeting regarding proposed refurbishments to the Church Hall on Wednesday 11 th November. Throughout discussions it was apparent that the cost of running the hall was higher than the current income generated. Thought therefore needed to be given as to how the use of the facilities could be increased in the future, together with the possibility of grant applications.	
94. Police Report	
<p>A written report had been forwarded to the Clerk which provided the following information:</p> <p>Between 17/10/15 – 17/11/15 there had been:</p> <p>1 burglary, 1 incident of criminal damage and 2 incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour. 28 road related offences were also reported. The Parish Council commented that this appeared high and asked that Clerk ascertain whether this was specifically related to the Parish of Shincliffe.</p>	Clerk
95. County Councillor's Update	
<p>County Councillor Stoker provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bollards (near Rosetree Inn) – Fencing would be erected to prevent cars parking on the verge opposite the Rosetree Inn. DCC were currently examining how to restrict parking without blocking the access gate for the Farmer. In addition, DCC had agreed to fence off the grass at the junction with Farm Road, to prevent illegal parking. • St. Mary's Church Hall – Councillor Stoker had agreed to use £10,000 of his Neighbourhood Budget to kick start the modernisation project. • Bus Service – DCC were setting up a meeting about changes to the X12 service. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broadband – Shincliffe Village was supplied by Durham Box 78. All houses in the village were within 800m of the box and would receive a much improved signal, however not necessarily super-fast. This applied to those homes who were currently connected to the Durham Exchange directly. High Shincliffe had a commercial BT box and was therefore not part of the super-fast programme. <p>There would be a second contract in 2016/2017 that would benefit a cluster of houses further away.</p>	
96. Correspondence	
<p>(a) <u>Matters arising from last month's correspondence</u> (1) No issues were raised.</p>	
<p>(b) <u>Correspondence to circulate for discussion/decision at next parish council meeting</u> (1) Beautiful Durham Garden and Environmental Competition 2015 (Certificate – Winner – High Shincliffe (2) Beautiful Durham Garden and Environmental Competition 2015 (Award of Merit – Sherburn Hospital Care Home – Best Sheltered Accommodation Complex/Warden Controlled Housing Area) (3) War Memorials Trust Bulletin (No. 67 November 2015) (4) Planning Progress Leaflet (5) Durham City Homes (Grab-a-Grant) (6) The Clerk Magazine (November 2015, Vol.46, No.6) (7) Broxap – Litter Bins and Recycling Units – Winter 2015 (8) Clerks & Councils Direct (November 2015 Issue 102) (9) Letter of thanks from 32 Whitwell Acres (Winner of Summer Garden Competition (10) Durham City Homes (Annual Report 2014/2015. (11) Letter from Andrew Brown Gardening & Landscaping (12) Neighbourhood Protection Team Update (October 2015) (13) Letter from Jane Ranns (SCA Chair) and Ken Watson (Editor of SSMN)</p>	
<p>(c) <u>Current Correspondence</u></p> <p>An email had been received from Ken Watson regarding the future of Shincliffe St. Mary's Newsletters (SSMN) and SCAN Newsletters. Due to funding problems and the editorial staff of SCAN and the Distribution Managers of both SCAN and SSMN retiring, it was proposed to amalgamate the two newsletters, with between 2 and 4 editions per year being produced.</p> <p>The Parish Council acknowledged the value of the newsletters and agreed that a request for financial assistance should be considered at the December meeting.</p> <p>County Councillor Stoker also suggested that he could provide £500 funding from his Members' Initiative fund in order to provide further support as the newsletters were clearly well regarded by residents.</p>	
97. Planning Applications	
<p>DM/15/03367/FP A Mr D W Foster 2 The Corner House High Street North Shincliffe Durham DH1 2NH</p>	<p>Provision of a white metal flue through the eastern elevation wall of the property</p>
<p>DM/15/03368/LB Mr D W Foster 2 The Corner House High Street North Shincliffe Durham</p>	<p>Listed Building Consent for internal alterations to allow new condensing combi boiler in cupboard and the provision</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The planting of the winter bedding plants was now complete. • Approximately 1,800 bulbs had been planted around trees and street signs by a group of volunteer residents. Due to its success, this initiative would be promoted again next year. • A Perspex leaflet holder for the Parish Walks Interpretation Boards had been sourced and the Parish Gardener had agreed to see how easily it could be attached, prior to purchasing an additional one. 																																						
99. Finance Committee Update																																						
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100. Local Council Award Scheme – Quality Gold Award (QGA- Standing Item)																																						
<p>Parish Council surveys had now been distributed to all residents with a closing date for responses of 21st November.</p> <p>Residents had the option of responding via Survey Monkey (online) or posting the survey to the Parish Clerk. Whilst the majority off responses had been submitted on-line, several had also been forwarded to the Clerk.</p> <p>Councillors Duell, A. Lee, Lovell and Olechnowicz agreed to assist the Clerk in manually inputting these responses into survey monkey. It was agreed that this would be completed by Monday 23rd November.</p> <p>The Parish Council were reminded that once responses had been collated and analysed, they would be used to inform the 2016-17 budget and also future action plans.</p>																																						
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102. Date and Time of Next Meeting																																						

<p>The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th December, 2015, 7.00pm at St. Mary's Church, Shincliffe Village, Durham.</p>	
<p>103. Any Other Business – Councillors</p>	
<p>(1) Councillor Duell reported that he had attended the recent 'Devolution Event' and explained the future uncertainties for the region which had been discussed.</p> <p>(2) Councillor G. Lee reiterated the discussions from the informal meeting which had taken place immediately prior to the PC meeting in relation to SVRR. The Parish Council were reminded that DCC had proposed to undertake an additional, free survey and also ascertain whether a 20 mph limit throughout the village was financially and legally viable. Upon being put to the vote, with 5 members voting for, and 1 against, it was agreed that these actions be undertaken.</p> <p>In addition, a survey would also be undertaken by the Community Speedwatch team to determine whether speed was as issue.</p>	

The meeting terminated at 8.30 pm