

Shincliffe Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Horticulture Committee of Shincliffe Parish Council held on Tuesday 11 January 2022 at 7pm in St Mary's Church Hall, Shincliffe Village

1	Record of attendance: Councillor Christine Warburton (in the Chair), Councillor Lizzie Pexton, Yvonne Collingham (Community Representative). Also present: Richard Ormerod (Interim Clerk).	Action
2	Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Marc Platts (Gardener).	
3	Declarations of interest and dispensation requests: There were none.	
4	Minutes of the Meeting of the Horticulture Committee held on 14 October 2021: The minutes were agreed as a correct record.	
5	Matters arising from the minutes: The Chair expressed thanks to the "Knit & Natter" group for creating and providing Christmas tree decorations. <i>It was agreed that the Clerk email the group to express the committee's thanks.</i> It was noted that the council had not received an invoice from Durham County Council for the bedding plants delivered on 19 October 2021. <i>It was agreed that the Clerk follow this up with John Snailham.</i> It was noted that the plants ordered for spring 2022 were lobelias and begonias. There was concern that these plants are not especially "bee-friendly" and that other plants should be used in addition to attract bees. <i>It was agreed that Yvonne Collingham would investigate this further.</i> The Chair expressed thanks to Cllr Pexton for the Christmas trees which looked excellent. The Clerk had contacted Northern Landscapes about removal of the trees. Cllr Warburton was aware of a company in Coxhoe which could be called upon if needed. <i>It was agreed to put the issue of stiles on the agenda for the next meeting.</i> It was noted that the large hole on the village green was still there. <i>It was agreed that the Chair contact Marc Platts about fixing it.</i>	RO RO YC RO CW
6	Chair's report and correspondence:	

	The Chair reported that things were quiet at this time of the year. Spring bedding plants had been ordered. A letter had been received from a resident of Shincliffe Village asking about the possibility of installing a flower bed on the triangular piece of land by The Mews. <i>It was agreed that the Clerk respond saying that the parish council is looking into the ownership of this and other small pieces of land.</i> An email had been received from a resident of High Shincliffe who has already done substantial work to improve their area and wanted to know what additional things they could do to enhance the appearance of the area. <i>It was agreed that the Chair contact the resident to advise.</i>	RO CW
7	Report from parish gardener: Marc Platts had supplied a written report. As it is the dormant season no specific work is required on the flowerbeds until next month, when a general tidy is in order. An idea for a second wildflower area is surrounding the wooden barriers on the A177 opposite the Low Road junction. Marc had not been able to identify a safe or suitable location for school children to plant primulas. <i>It was agreed to receive the report.</i>	
8	Budget: It was noted that the committee has spent £5,945.81 of its £7,000 budget for 2021-22. A discussion took place. <i>It was agreed to note the current budget position.</i>	
9	Adoption of communal spaces by volunteers: A discussion took place. <i>It was agreed that the Chair and Clerk obtain maps so that suitable areas can be identified.</i>	RO/CW
10	Events: A discussion took place. <i>It was agreed to have the Spring Tidy-Up on Sunday 24 April 2022 and to promote it via the SCAN magazine.</i>	RO/CW
11	Other business: There was none.	
12	Date and time of next meeting: <i>The next meeting of the Horticulture Committee will be held on Tuesday 1 March 2022 at 7pm.</i>	