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Minutes of the Meeting of Shincliffe Parish Council held on Monday 19 December 2022 at 6pm in St Mary's Church Hall, Shincliffe Village, DH1 2ND.

1	Record of attendance: <i>Councillors Michael Banks (in the Chair), Ann Callaghan, Bill Clatworthy & Brian Fairlamb.</i> Also present: Richard Ormerod (Clerk), Mr Colin Jubb.
2	Apologies for absence: None.
3	Declarations of interest and dispensation requests: None.
4	Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on 17 November 2022: <i>These were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the amendment from Cllr Fairlamb regarding item 10, on which it was added that the council would arrange an operational and dismantling inspection of the items of play equipment as recommended in the RoSPA report, as soon as possible.</i>
5	Public Participation: It was noted that Mr Colin Jubb wished to speak on item 17.
6	County Councillor's report: Cllr Stoker was not in attendance due to illness but had provided a written report. It was noted that the county council was investing £21,000 in Shincliffe Primary School and that there would be £4,000 available from the Neighbourhood Budget in 2023-24 towards Shincliffe Play Park.
7	Planning applications received: No issues were raised.
8	Chairman's update: Cllr Banks gave a report. The parish council's consultation on parking restrictions in Shincliffe village had generated over 20 responses from residents and was in line with Durham County Council's consultation. The talk by Professor Jon Gluyas on energy from mine waters on 13 December had attracted 10 residents and had been very informative. A discussion took place on the Christmas trees. The Chairman thanked those involved for their efforts. It was noted that the planning application for Silver Howe had been approved. The Clerk was thanked for attending the meeting of the Central & East Planning Committee of Durham County Council to put the parish council's case.
9	Correspondence: Cllr Banks reported on correspondence received and responded to since the last meeting. It was noted that the problem of potholes in Whitwell Acres had been sorted. A resident had been in touch about phone

	cables in High Shincliffe. It was noted that the Clerk was investigating the matter and that Cllr Stoker was also involved. A resident had been in touch with concerns in regard to dog fouling in High Shincliffe. Neighbourhood Wardens had been alerted.
10	Meeting of the Finance Committee on 8 December 2022: Cllr Ashfield gave a report. It was recommended that the council consider setting a budget of £45,400 for the 2023-24 financial year, with a range of options for funding this. A discussion took place. A discussion took place. See also item 23. <i>It was agreed to hold an additional meeting of the Finance Committee on 12 January 2023 with members and the Clerk to suggest options for reducing costs. It was agreed that the Clerk obtain and circulate precept figures for comparator parish councils.</i>
11	Financial Update: The Clerk reported that the council currently has £27,681.92 in its main account and £13,870.49 in its reserve account. <i>It was agreed to receive the report.</i> <i>It was agreed to pay the outstanding invoices.</i>
12	Application for a New Premises Licence: Betty Bees Ltd., 'Tintagel' High Street, High Shincliffe, Durham, DH1 2PF: A discussion took place. There were no objections.
13	Shincliffe Village play park: Members received information on four bids from companies for the provision of quarterly operational inspections. <i>It was agreed to accept the quote of £55+VAT per inspection from Park Lane Services. The Clerk to inform the company and ask them to carry out the first inspection in January 2023.</i> <i>It was agreed that the Clerk liaise with the company hired to carry out the accessibility feasibility study.</i>
14	Parish Resilience Forum: The Chairman gave a report. It was noted that a local resident with relevant experience had offered to assist with the coordination of plans. The Chairman would contact the President of the Womens' Institute to discuss use of their building as a place of safety. The Chairman had also approached the Civil Contingencies Unit of Durham County Council to obtain a series of dates when they might be able to give a talk to residents in the village. It was thought that a public meeting could be arranged afterwards to see what public appetite there was for involvement with the forum. It was noted that Lanchester Parish Council had its own stores for emergency equipment.
15	Defibrillator Training: <i>It was agreed to defer the matter until there was further information.</i>
16	Bench: It was noted that the council was still waiting for agreement from Durham County Council on use of its preferred site just off the A177.
17	Traffic matters: A discussion took place on the proposed parking restrictions in

	Shincliffe Village. Late submissions to the consultation were read out by the Chairman. <i>It was agreed that the Clerk find out whether it is the case that highways authorities have no power to restrict the tonnage of vehicles if their journey started outside the UK.</i> A discussion took place on the possibility of obtaining a banner saying “Shincliffe needs 30mph” similar to that in Croxdale. Nick Rippin had provided some draft designs which had been shown to members. A further discussion would be needed on how many banners were needed and where they should go. <i>It was agreed that the Clerk ask Nick Rippin for a revised design of the banner and recirculate.</i> Cllr Ashfield raised the issue of community buses and agreed to send further information to members. <i>It was agreed include a question in the council’s next survey on the matter.</i> A discussion took place on the need for road markings to be renewed at Mill Road junction and on the A177 from Bowburn into High Shincliffe.
18	Durham County Council: Homelessness and rough sleeper strategy consultation: <i>It was agreed that members could make their own representations if desired.</i>
19	Durham County Council: Publication Draft Minerals and Waste Development Plan Document (M&WDPD): <i>It was agreed to delegate the matter to the council’s Climate Action Committee.</i>
20	Residents’ meeting to plan Coronation events: It was noted that the council would need to identify a date early in 2023 for a public meeting.
21	Boundary Commission Consultation on county council divisions: Cllr Ashfield was concerned that Durham County Council had done little consultation so far.
22	Website: <i>It was agreed that the working group investigate the possibility of links to Government sites.</i>
23	Motions: (Dealt with under item 10). Cllr Fairlamb moved the following motion: In consideration of the constraints on family budgets this year Council should look to modify its budget forecast so that any impact on the precept is kept as low as possible, and preferably within a range of 0%-5%. <i>The motion was not seconded.</i>
24	Date and time of next meeting: <i>The next meeting of Shincliffe Parish Council will be on Thursday 19 January 2023 at 6pm in St Mary’s Church Hall.</i>

Signed as a true record:

Cllr M Banks (Chair)

Date:
