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Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Shincliffe Parish Council held on Tuesday 4 July 2023 at 6pm in St Mary's Church Hall, Shincliffe Village, DH1 2ND.

- Record of attendance: Councillors Michael Banks (in the Chair), Stephen Ashfield, Ann Callaghan, Bill Clatworthy & Brian Fairlamb. Also present: Richard Ormerod (Clerk) and several local residents.

  Apologies for absence: None.

  Declarations of interest and dispensation requests: None.

  New Premises Licence Application East Grange Farm, High Shincliffe, Durham, DH1 2TB: A discussion took place which included the issues of wildlife habitats, litter, control of noise, use of Bluetooth in cars, and the means by which films would be shown.
  - It was noted that the landlords of the area in question were aware of the application and supportive of the farm's diversification.

It was noted that Durham County Council's Noise Action Team would monitor sound levels.

Cllr Fairlamb said that many farming businesses have a tough time and that whilst the parish council had little influence, it could help to manage change.

Cllr Callaghan said that there were genuine differences of opinion in the parish concerning the application.

Cllr Clatworthy asked if there was a way of managing noise from events and was advised that performers such as singers could perform in a marquee. Cllr Clatworthy asked if there was a maximum number of customers able to attend, and was advised that there was.

Cllr Callaghan asked how many events there would be each year involving amplified performance. It was noted that there were usually 11 or 12.

It was resolved that the council object to the application but make it known that the council would be prepared to withdraw its objection if the following conditions were met:

- 1. A comprehensive noise reduction policy. This policy should include, but not be limited to, limiting the hours of operation, implementing sound barriers, and ensuring that any music or noise from activities is kept at a reasonable level, especially during the evening and night hours.
- 2. A traffic limiting policy that includes measures including the staggering of

arriving traffic at the farm, the stewarding of arriving traffic and implementing a parking management plan. This would help to minimize any potential disruption to our residents and maintain the safety of the A177.

3. That the frequency of events at which there is amplified sound (whether outdoor film screenings or music events) is limited to a maximum of 24 per year. (proposed by Cllr Ashfield, seconded by Cllr Fairlamb).

Signed as a true record:	
Cllr M Banks (Chair)	
Date:	