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Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Shincliffe Parish Council held on Thursday 6 July 2023 at 6:30pm in St Mary's Church Hall, Shincliffe Village, DH1 2ND.

1	Record of attendance: Councillors Michael Banks (in the Chair), Stephen Ashfield, Ann Callaghan & Bill Clatworthy. Also present: Richard Ormerod (Clerk) and several local residents.
2	Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Councillor Brian Fairlamb.
3	Declarations of interest and dispensation requests: The Clerk declared an interest in item 4 as a member of Durham County Council.
4	The Local Government Boundary Commission for England – draft recommendations for future electoral divisions in County Durham: A discussion took place. It was noted that the consultation leaflet produced and distributed by the parish council had demonstrated that a sizeable majority of residents supported the idea of Shincliffe being included in a county council division with the current Elvet & Gilesgate Division rather than the LGBCE proposal to include Shincliffe in Bowburn & Coxhoe Division. Cllr Clatworthy supported this view because of the proximity of Shincliffe to Durham City but also believed that Shincliffe has links with villages to the east. Cllr Callaghan thought that more Neighbourhood Budget would be available to Shincliffe as part of a city centre division because of the high number of students there who do not often request funding. Cllr Ashfield was in favour of retaining Shincliffe in a single-member division but accepted that this was unlikely to happen. Cllr Ashfield also thought that including Shincliffe in Bowburn & Coxhoe was a problem because of the likely parliamentary boundary changes which would retain Shincliffe in the City of Durham constituency but place Bowburn and Coxhoe in the Newton Aycliffe & Spennymoor constituency. Cllr Clatworthy was concerned about the financial implications of future housing developments in Bowburn. Cllr Banks thought that Shincliffe had an affinity with the City of Durham in various respects including churches. <i>It was resolved (three votes for, one abstention) that the council make representations to the consultation arguing that there be a two-member county council division named Elvet, Gilesgate & Shincliffe, consisting of the parish of Shincliffe, the current Elvet & Gilesgate division, plus parts of the</i>

<i>current Belmont division sufficient to bring the ratio of electors to members of the proposed division to within the tolerance required by the LGBCE, with the final submission to be put together by the Clerk once agreed by the Chairman (proposed by Cllr Clatworthy, seconded by Cllr Banks).</i>

Signed as a true record:

Cllr M Banks (Chair)

Date:
