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Minutes of the Meeting of Shincliffe Parish Council held on Thursday 15 February 2024 at 6pm in St Mary's Church Hall, Shincliffe Village, DH1 2ND.

1	Record of attendance: <i>Councillors Stephen Ashfield (in the Chair), Ann Callaghan, John Charters, Bill Clatworthy, Brian Fairlamb, Janice Gorlach & Sunny Moon-Schott.</i> Also present: Richard Ormerod (Clerk) and two members of the public.
2	Apologies for absence: None.
3	Declarations of interest and dispensation requests: Cllr Clatworthy declared an interest as a member of St Mary's Church PCC. The Clerk declared an interest as a member of the Highways Committee of Durham County Council.
4	Public Participation: County Councillor David Freeman was introduced to the council.
5	Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Council on 18 January 2024: <i>Resolved: The minutes were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</i>
6	Annual Parish Meeting of electors: A discussion took place. <i>Resolved: To hold the Annual Parish Meeting of electors on 16 May 2024 at 7pm in St Mary's Church Hall, Shincliffe Village.</i>
7	Planning and licensing applications: A discussion took place on the notice given by Openreach of the plan to site a telegraph pole on St Mary's Close. Cllr Moon-Schott opposed an objection on the grounds that the faster broadband would benefit residents. <i>Resolved: To object to Openreach as their original notice was incorrectly worded.</i>
8	Chairman's update: Cllr Ashfield thanked councillors and residents involved in the Safer In Shincliffe campaign and the Neighbourhood Plan. It was noted that the Climate Action Committee had met and was planning to host four different speakers on different topics. Cllr Ashfield said that the council had demonstrated proof to Government that it was paying attention to biodiversity. Introduction of broadband to the church hall would be discussed at the next meeting. It was noted that the Chairman had represented the council at a meeting of the

	National Association of Local Councils' Smaller Councils Forum. Resolved: To receive the report. Resolved: To commission councillors' training from CDALC at a cost of £250, dates to be decided.
9	Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Fairlamb gave an update. Content of the flyer and response form were agreed. It was noted that Stuart Carter from Durham County Council would be available in The Avenue pub on 14 March at 1pm to answer questions on the Neighbourhood Plan from members and residents. Resolved: That the Clerk organise printing and members organise distribution of the flyers.
10	Communications: A discussion took place. Resolved: That Cllr Moon-Schott look into website and email issues.
11	Financial matters: The Clerk had circulated a report on the council's current financial position. At the 14 January 2024 the council had £24,246.17 in the current account and £14,127.25 in the reserve account. Resolved: To note the current financial position. Resolved: That the council pay the outstanding invoices.
12	Traffic matters: It was noted that no response had been received from Durham County Council to the parish council's complaint entitled Creating a Safer Shincliffe. Resolved: That the council wait until 23 February for a response from DCC and escalate the matter if dissatisfied.
13	Noticeboard in Sherburn House: It was noted that the door of the noticeboard had been swung backwards, damaging the locking alignment. Resolved: That Cllr Moon-Schott visit the site and decide whether the board is economically repairable.
14	Motions on notice: None.
15	Date and time of next meeting: <i>The next ordinary meeting of Shincliffe Parish Council will be on Thursday 21 March 2024 at 6pm in St Mary's Church Hall.</i>

Signed as a true record:

Cllr S Ashfield (Chair)

Date:
