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Minutes of the Meeting of Shincliffe Parish Council held on Thursday 9 January 2025 at 7pm in St Mary's Church Hall, Shincliffe Village, DH1 2ND.

Record of attendance: Councillors Stephen Ashfield (in the Chair), Ann Callaghan, Bill Clatworthy, Brian Fairlamb & Janice Gorlach. Also present: Richard Ormerod (Clerk) and 12 members of the public.

1	Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from County Councillor David Freeman.
2	Declarations of interest: None.
3	Members' dispensation requests: None.
4	Public Participation: Several members of the public gave views and raised concerns about the details of the plans for 20mph limits. A discussion followed. It was noted that if the scheme went forward, Durham County Council would have to undertake a statutory consultation of residents and stakeholders as part of its application for a Traffic Regulation Order.
5	20mph limits for Shincliffe Village and High Shincliffe: A discussion took place. Cllr Callaghan said that following new and final costings being received from Durham County Council, the prices were affordable. Cllr Gorlach wanted to go ahead with the limits for safety reasons but was concerned by the high costs. Cllr Clatworthy was also worried about costs but was in favour, in principle, of 20mph limits. Cllr Fairlamb was concerned that the project was being rushed in order to take advantage of the Neighbourhood Budget grant and suggested a period of reflection in order to get the scheme right. Cllr Fairlamb proposed delaying the Shincliffe Village scheme for a year and going ahead with just the High Shincliffe scheme at the present time, in order to keep costs down in the 2025-26 financial year. This was not seconded. Resolved: That the council go ahead with the schemes but also to push relentlessly Durham County Council into amending its plans in order to minimise additional street furniture and use of speed bumps, and to encourage residents to make their views known to the county council in the consultation on the Traffic Regulation Order (proposed by Cllr Callaghan, seconded by Cllr Clatworthy. 4 votes in favour, 1 against).

Signed as a true record:

Cllr S Ashfield (Chair)
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