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Minutes of the Meeting of Shincliffe Parish Council held on Thursday 6 February 2025 at 3pm in St Mary's Church Hall, Shincliffe Village, DH1 2ND.

Record of attendance: Councillors Stephen Ashfield (in the Chair), Ann Callaghan, Brian Fairlamb & Janice Gorlach. Also present: Richard Ormerod (Clerk), Scott Wallace & Michelle McIntosh (DCC Highways) and 22 members of the public.

1	Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Councillor Bill Clatworthy. Resolved: To receive and accept the apologies.
2	Declarations of interest: None.
3	Members' dispensation requests: None.
4	Public Participation: Several members of the public gave views and reiterated 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. Some residents preferred roundels to mounted signs. Several residents questioned whether "road humps" were necessary as part of the traffic calming scheme in High Shincliffe. It was noted that flashing electronic speed signs were at the "bottom of the toolkit" for Durham County Council in case all else fails, and were not likely to be used in Shincliffe.
5	20mph limits for Shincliffe Village and High Shincliffe: A discussion took place. DCC staff informed the meeting that the repeater signs in the village would all be placed on existing poles as requested by the parish council in its letter of 25 October 2024. DCC staff informed the meeting that no changes had been made to plans in High Shincliffe but that all High Shincliffe residents would be consulted. It was noted that the roundels on Beal Walk and Foxton Way were not legally needed but that DCC staff would prefer them to be installed. Resolved: That the council note the information provided by DCC Highways staff and residents. Resolved: That the council keep residents informed of all developments via the website and notice boards.

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6	Planning application DM/24/03401/VOC: Silver Howe, Heathways, High Shincliffe, Durham DH1 2PQ. Variation of condition 2 of planning application DM/22/01509/FPA to alter the design of the balcony to the rear elevation and the design of the outbuilding within the rear garden area. A discussion took place involving the applicant and neighbours. Objectors had been happy with the original proposals but feared that the front elevation may no longer be flat on the variation. It had been assumed that the structure was flat with the eaves on the front. The applicant said that the steel would protrude only by 5 inches. The balcony had been too small to be usable but under the amended plans was still enclosed. The proposed pillar would be a purely decorative feature. <i>Resolved: That the Clerk enquire with DCC planning officers as to the nature of the plans to establish whether concerns are well founded (proposed by Cllr Callaghan, seconded by Cllr Fairlamb).</i> <i>Resolved: That the council object to the application as currently understood, and request that it be determined by the Central & East Planning Committee of Durham County Council (proposed by Cllr Callaghan, seconded by Cllr Ashfield).</i>
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Signed as a true record:

Cllr S Ashfield (Chair)

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