

## Anti-Social Behaviour Issues?

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**999 (emergency)**  
**or 101 (less urgent)**

## East Quarry - the Other Point of View

The March edition of this newsletter contained an article by a group of residents of Appley Bridge who are opposed to the draining of East Quarry and the developments proposed by the owner of the site. The Parish Council is aware that there are other residents that support these developments and acknowledge that there are other points of view besides that of those opposed to it.

Some of the residents attended a meeting of Wrightington Parish Council a couple of years ago which was also attended by the owner of the quarry. He came to discuss his plans with the Council and to explain what the company were trying to do. During the discussion he highlighted the benefits that the plans would bring to the community at Appley Bridge.

Those benefits include the building of a new community centre and improved parking provision for Appley Bridge Station. The company also hope to make Appley Lane North safer by ensuring that mini roundabouts are installed to slow cars down. The group of residents who support the project see themselves as thinking of the future for their families and how Appley Bridge village can be improved for that future.

The Parish Council notes the alternative point of view in this item from the residents who support the proposals for development, but is still of the view that the work on the draining of East Quarry should not go ahead.

## New Shevington Recreation Ground Trustee

Shevington Recreation Ground is run by a Committee of Trustees and the Parish Council is responsible for appointing several of the Trustees. One of the places filled by people appointed by the Council has been vacant for some time and we have been looking for an energetic and enthusiastic person to fill it. The position was advertised in a couple of editions of this newsletter and, after receiving several expressions of interest by the deadline at the end of January, the Parish Council held informal interviews via conference call with the applicants. We are pleased to announce that the Council have appointed a local resident, Gilly Hodgkinson, who has considerable experience in working with community groups, charities and CICs.

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### KEY TO WARDS

N: North  
S: South  
W: West

Local groups are welcome to contribute to future editions of this newsletter. If you would like an item included, please contact the Clerk.

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## Crooke Village Flooding Issues

Some areas of Crooke Village have a history of experiencing flooding during and after heavy rainfall. There are several water courses which meet or run alongside each other close to the entrance of the village and the resultant of this has on occasion led to the village being cut off from vehicular access. Climate change is creating scenarios which are causing some low-lying homes to come under threat. To date only the lock keeper's cottage – which lies between the river and the canal – has experienced flooding in recent years. However, the historical information that Crooke Hall – the village's former manor house – sank is well known locally.

The Parish Council has recently received many photographs and videos from several residents of the village. These demonstrate the severity and nature of the problems being experienced by the residents.



Flooding in Launs Wood

One of the areas to also be severely affected is Launs Wood. This was once held up to be one of the beauty spots of the area. Heavy rains and the influx of water from upstream via Mill Brook have put it under threat. The brook often bursts its banks and has caused tree damage and death in the woodland, which has now, in effect, become a wetland.

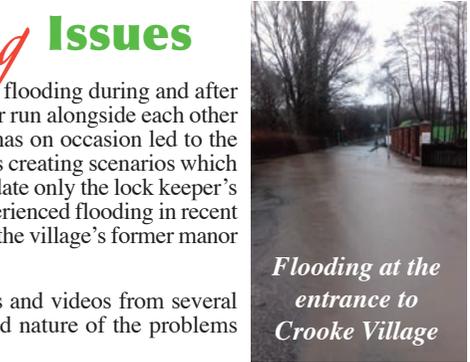
In 2017 three dams were built to slow down the flow of water in Mill Brook during periods of heavy rain. A wall was built around two pipes that go under Crooke Road to 'hold the water' when the capacity of the pipes had been reached. This holding wall creates back flooding in the part of Crooke Park where the children's playground is. When that is full, water comes out of Crooke Park and into the road. On several occasions in recent years this has created flooding at the lower end of the village.

When this happens the main road, sewer and waste water drains are filled with the flood water, causing properties to get 'backwater' up the drains and subsequently be at risk from flooding. Even the new drains in the road, installed during the work carried out in 2017, drain into Mill Brook. So, when the Mill Brook is full, that water also comes back up, onto the road and fills the domestic drains.

Since 2015 there have been at least six occasions when water levels coming down Mill Brook into the village and emptying into the Marina and then the River Douglas have been so high that they have caused flooding in the road.

On the other side of Crooke Village flow the Leeds – Liverpool canal and the River Douglas. There have been fallen trees in the river for several years and they are still there. Residents fear that these trees have the potential to 'dam' the river, as they are clogged with debris, which includes plastic and mattresses. Their presence makes it more difficult for potential flood water to disperse.

Wigan Council have been working with Crooke Village Residents Association on the issues affecting the village. Shevington Parish Council have agreed to support any initiatives that will help alleviate matters.



Flooding at the entrance to Crooke Village



Trees blocking the River Douglas at Crooke