

SHEVINGTON



PARISH COUNCIL

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TO ALL ELECTORS OF SHEVINGTON PARISH

ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

**WEDNESDAY 26 JANUARY 2022 ~ 7:00 P.M.
TO BE HELD VIRTUALLY**

Please let the Clerk know if you intend to join the meeting by emailing clerk.shevingtonpc@yahoo.co.uk by Monday, 24 January so that you can be sent an invitation and joining instructions.

AGENDA

- 632 Apologies for Absence** – to receive apologies from Councillors.
- 633 Declaration of Interests** - to receive any declarations of interest (prejudicial or otherwise) with regard to items on the Agenda. Unless already entered in the Council's Register of Members' interests, members are required to disclose any personal interest, (which includes any disclosable pecuniary interest), they may have in any of the items included on the agenda for the meeting in accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council on 28 June 2012 and amended on 25 October 2012. Members are reminded that if they have any personal interests of a prejudicial nature or a disclosable pecuniary interest they must not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must leave the room. Any member needing clarification must contact the Clerk.
- 634 The Future of the Former Shevington Community School Site**
– *presentation* (enclosed)
We welcome Mr Peter Collins (Project Manager - New Build and Regeneration) and Ms Angela Durkin (Team Leader – Housing Development) of Wigan Council, who will update the Parish Council on the latest developments with respect to the future of the former Shevington Community School site.
Enclosed is an update letter regarding the plans for redeveloping the former schools site at Miles Lane which has recently been sent to local residents and is being shared with the Parish Council.
As you will see within the letter, a website has been set up which will contain information about the scheme, and be updated as the project progresses. This is in addition to sending letters to residents and stakeholders which the project leaders will do throughout the life of this scheme.
Mr Collins and Ms Durkin will be talking about the scheme and would like to garner feedback.

- 635 Matters Introduced by Members of the Public** - an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions or make observations.
- 636 District Councillors' Reports** – *for information only*
To receive reports from District Councillors.
- 637 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council (15 December 2021)**
- to consider, agree and approve the signature of the previously circulated Minutes by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting. (enclosed)
- 638 Chairman's Report** - *for information only.*
- 639 Reports from Councillors** - *for information only*
To receive short reports from councillors about matters that are the legitimate business of the Council (Councillors are asked to advise the Clerk in advance of any reports – including the subject matter - they wish to make)
- 640 Reports from Representatives** – *for information only.*
- **Shevington & District Community Association**
 - **Crooke Village Residents' Association**
 - **Shevington Youth Club**
 - **Shevington Recreation Ground Trustees**
 - **'in Bloom' Groups**
 - **Patient Participation Group**
 - **Vicarage Lane Fields Developments**
 - **Friends of Shevington Memorial Park**
- 641 DRAFT Minutes of the Finance Committee (12 January 2022)**
– *for information* (enclosed)
- 642 Footpath – Mill Lane** – *for discussion and agreement*
The Parish Council have received the following request from Wrightington Parish Council:
'Wrightington Parish Council would like to ask if Shevington Parish Council could pursue with Wigan MBC the possibility of upgrading the footpath from Randall's Corner to the Boathouse to a bridleway.
It is understood that the footpath goes to the left hand side of Mill Lane, under the railway bridge and comes out near The Boathouse. At the moment pedestrians are forced to walk in the road to avoid the overgrown bushes on the left hand side of Mill Lane. WPC have sent a request to LCC that the bushes be removed to assist in making the walking route wider and safer for pedestrian access. However, it has been suggested that, whilst this route may be longer and not as direct as walking at the side of the carriageway, if the route is upgraded to a bridleway it would acquire definitive rights and would create a multi-purpose route which could be used by disabled people, people with prams, horses and cyclists.'
Members are invited to discuss the request and agree the best way forward.
- 643 Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree** – *for approval*
Shevington in Bloom have asked if a tree could be planted in the Memorial Garden to commemorate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this year. They have suggested that the tree should be a Silver Birch. There is vacant space to the right of the path as you enter the Memorial Garden where this tree could be planted.
SinB have obtained a quote for a *Betula jacquemontii*, which has a brighter, whiter, bark than the normal Silver Birch. There are 3 examples of this tree in the grassed area opposite the bungalows in New Miles Lane. SinB are of the view that it is a suitable colour for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. They are willing to plant it and look after it, as they have done with respect to the three Tibetan cherry trees currently in the Memorial Garden.
The Secretary to SinB has obtained a quote from JA Jones & Sons for a tree of similar size to the Tibetan cherry trees:

Betula jacquemontii RB 18-20cm = £295.00 plus £65.00 for delivery

TOTAL (ex VAT) = **£360.00**

The cherry trees were all funded by private donation. However, on this occasion SinB are asking that the Parish Council consider funding the Platinum Jubilee tree.

The proposed budget for 2022/23 does not include a cost centre for the Platinum Jubilee. It is not too late to set up such a cost centre, should the Parish Council so wish. This could be funded from reserves or from fundraising. The latter works best when it has a focus.

Item 649 on the agenda relates to a suggestion for income generation. Perhaps one thing that this could be used for is to raise funds for the Platinum Jubilee tree, making it a community effort.

Members are invited to discuss the proposal and agree the best way forward.

644 Forest Fold Allotment Matters (1) – for discussion and agreement (enclosed)

The Allotments Working Party met with representatives of the FFTA on Thursday, 13 January. A report on the meeting is enclosed. The report contains requests and recommendations from the meeting.

Members are invited to consider the requests and recommendations and agree the best way forward.

645 Clerk's Report - for information only (enclosed)

646 Financial Aid Applications - to receive for consideration / approval

647 Payments, Income & Bank Balances – for approval (enclosed)

648 Budget & Precept 2022/23 – for approval (enclosed)

The Finance Committee have recommended a budgeted expenditure of £94,787 (including Expenditure Contingency) and a precept of £80,651 to the Council for approval. The budgeted expenditure is subject to adjustment throughout the year as new or renewed contracts are agreed.

Members are invited to approve the recommendations.

649 Income Generation – for consideration and agreement

During the Finance Committee earlier this month a member suggested that the Parish Council consider other ways of generating income. To this end Cllr Vicky Galligan has suggested that:

- To raise income for the Parish Council, we could produce and sell some Shevington-related memorabilia, for example, mugs, T-towels, hats, shopping bags, with the Parish Council logo on and perhaps some photos from around the village. Shevington Community Pantry has been stocking cloth bags for a while, and the football club did something similar a while ago. They make around £1-2 per item in profit.
- We could ask a local shop or the library to stock and sell them, or we could sell them on the website and deliver locally (if we can get a volunteer to do this!). We could also sell them at events like the Fete.

Cllr Galligan would be happy to design them and order them, and store them in her garage when not needed!

Members are invited to consider the suggestion and agree the best way forward.

650 Planning Applications – to consider for comment

At the time of the preparation of this agenda there were no relevant planning applications to bring to the attention of the Council.

651 Next Meetings: 2 February (P&GP Committee); 23 February (Council)

POTENTIAL CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

652 Forest Fold Allotment Matters (2) – for agreement (enclosed)

653 Memorial Park GM Contract – for approval (enclosed)

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