

# Shevington Parish Council

## Clerk's Report to the Meeting of the Council – 25 October 2023

### November Newsletter

This has been printed and is currently being distributed as agreed.

### Minor Work to be Carried Out by the Handyman

All work approved to be carried out by the handyman has been completed, with the exception of the removal of the shed in the raised bed area at Forest Fold. This has been emptied by the raised bed plot holders and is awaiting dismantling and removal by the handyman. Communal items have been stored in the storage pavilion on the bowling green pending installation of a replacement storage shed.

### Ladies' Toilet at Forest Fold

The inner door of the Ladies' toilet has been adjusted in such a way that it still opens outwards, but it is now attached by its other side to the door frame and pushes the outer door open when it is opened, so that, should there be an accidental closure of the outer door, the person inside is not trapped. This has been tested by several people (including me) and it works.

### New Signage

The new sign for the main allotments at Forest Fold has been made and fitted.



The new signage for the play areas at Memorial Park (as discussed and agreed at the last Council meeting) has been ordered from AMK Signs. The cost of manufacturing and fitting new signs, which will be twice the size of the ones for which the original quote was sought, will be approximately £80 more than the original amount quoted.

### Updating the Honours Board

Because Shevington Library was closed for refurbishment, AMK Signs have not yet been able to update the Honours Board, but they will do this when they fit the new play area signage.

### Signage Provided and Fitted by Wigan Council for Parks and Play Areas

The officer at Wigan Council responsible for assigning the new signage to parks and play areas has been contacted and has replied to the enquiry about the new sign for the play area. It seems that Wigan Council are currently coming to the end of the park signage improvement

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programme; this programme has installed / improved the signage at a number of parks, open spaces, play areas etc.

There are over a hundred Wigan Council owned / maintained play area across the borough and whilst they would like to update all of the signage, they do not have the budget to do so. They are, therefore, updating the signage on a priority basis.

With a limited budget, they are focusing their resources on signage in play areas owned / managed by Wigan Council. The play area at Shevington Memorial Park Play Area is maintained by the Council (under an SLA) but owned by Shevington Parish Council. Unfortunately, they are unable to fund an updated sign for the play area.

He has not yet replied to the enquiry about moving some of the new signage for Crooke Park / Lawns Wood to a different location.

### **Remembrance Sunday Arrangements**

Most actions for Remembrance Sunday are now in place:

- The wreaths were collected yesterday and those that need to be distributed will be distributed shortly.
- The Caretaker will be putting up the few lamp post poppies that we still have at the end of the month.
- The uniformed groups, the scout band, the bugler, the sound technicians with PA system and the Police have all confirmed their attendance.
- The Vicar has been contacted and has been in touch.
- Shevington Vale Primary School have let me know that their service will be on Friday, 10 November at 10:45am. I have passed this information on to Cllrs Jess Diggles and Mike Grimes.
- All proposed services/ceremonies have been announced in the newsletter due to be delivered to homes next week.
- The grounds maintenance team will do their best to have the Memorial Garden and Park as ready as it can be, but cannot promise to be able to mow the grass, as the ground conditions are poor.
- Cllr Horridge will collect 'Our Tommy' from the Library and display him on the day.
- Shevington in Bloom will mount a display of knitted poppies on the day.
- The request for Cllr Mike Grimes to lay a wreath at Appley Bridge war memorial was on the agenda for Wrightington Parish Council's meeting earlier this week, but I have not yet heard the outcome.

### **Thank You Letters**

The Council have received emails from Derian House, The Friends of Stockley Park, The Friends of Shevington Memorial Park and the winner of the Best Kept Allotment award thanking us for the donations / prizes they have recently received and grants they have recently been awarded.

### **Allotment Skip**

The skip for Forest Fold allotments was delivered last Friday and collected on Monday, as arranged. It was supervised over the weekend by members of the FFTA Committee on a rota basis.

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**Problem Allotments**

All tenants of problem allotments have been contacted by email or by post or both, as agreed. So far only one has replied and has been directed towards the FFTA Committee.

**Proposals for the Name of New Road**

Peter Collins has passed on the Council's appeal with respect to the name of the new road between the Extra Care facility and the clinic/surgery to the appropriate officer at Wigan Council. The officer has written to me to ask me to explain why the Council are mounting an appeal. I am in the process of composing a reply.

**K.M.P. 20.10.23**