

Shevington Parish Council
Clerk's Report to the Meeting of the Council – 17 May 2023

Forest Fold Allotments

The FFTA Committee held their first meeting of the year last 4 May 2023 and have raised some issues. Three plots remain in an untended state and the Committee asked if initial letters/emails could be issued to the plot holders in line with the new policy. This is the first stage of the enforcement process and is informal. Two of the plot holders were sent emails and one was spoken to. They have been given until 8 June begin cultivating their plots.

The water tap at the bottom of plot 10B has been reported by the tenant as leaking onto his plot. The plumber has been contacted.

Green cabin - the green cabin was moved recently by a representative of the CVRA from its original position and is now taking up two car parking spaces. I have been told that it will be removed from the site in a few days. I will be attending a site meeting in the near future to discuss what the FFTA would like to put in place of the green cabin.

New Signage

The new signage ordered from Wigan Council's Sign Shop a few weeks ago is ready and arrangements are being made for it to be collected and installed.

Progress with the Extra Care Project at Miles Lane

Peter Collins, Wigan Council's Project Manager, will be attending the Policy & General Purposes Committee meeting on 7 June to update the Parish Council on progress.

Friends of Shevington Memorial Park

The FSMP have written to let the Council know that they have been re-established and have been invited to attend the Policy & General Purposes Committee meeting on 7 June to discuss the way forward.

Christmas Motifs for Lamp Posts in Shevington

The current rental scheme ended in January 2023. Chris Pennington from Wigan Council's Street Lighting department will be attending the Full Council meeting at the end of June to discuss suggestions for the way forward.

New Litter Bins

The new litter bins have been fitted. There have been issues with the new one at VLF in that it has not been emptied. This has been reported to Wigan Council a couple of times.

Leak at Forest Fold Toilets

The leak at Forest Fold toilets has been repaired. It was found to be in piping in an inaccessible cavity between the adjoining walls of the Ladies and Gents toilets. Consequently, the work required was more extensive than expected in the first instance and required several visits by the plumber, but all piping is now accessible and I have not heard of any more issues since the repairs were completed.

Paving in the Memorial Garden

The work on the paving is due to begin this coming week.

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Fly Tipping at Vicarage Lane Fields

Lee Boyle of Shevington FC has arranged a site meeting at VLF with a project manager from the company he works for to assess what is needed to remove the fly tipping. We will be meeting this Thursday.

Bank Signatories

I have been informed by the bank that Cllr Mike Grimes is now a signatory to the Parish Council's bank accounts.

May Newsletter

The May edition of the newsletter is now with the printer and will be distributed during the week beginning 22 May.

K.M.P. 13.05.23