

**Shevington Parish Council**  
**Clerk's Report to the Council Meeting of 28 October 2020**

**Christmas Shop Front Competition**

Mrs Pam Powell has agreed to act as the judge for the 2020 competition.

**Christmas Decorations**

The Christmas trees have been ordered and fitting has been confirmed to be on 21 November, weather permitting. Street Lighting have been informed that the Council have approved their quotations.

**Meeting with Wigan Council Officers**

The Council's first meeting with senior Council Officers was on Tuesday, 20 October at 4pm. The meeting was held virtually via Microsoft Teams. This will be an agenda item once the minutes have been received from Wigan Council.

**Annual Inspection of Property**

This took place successfully over five occasions and was attended by several members of the Policy & General Purposes Committee on each occasion, who were able to devote more time to each site than they would have done if the whole inspection had taken place on one occasion only. A report will be submitted to the Policy & General Purposes Committee for its next meeting.

**Tree Issues in Memorial Park & Garden**

Three applications for permission to carry out treeworks in Memorial Park & Garden have been submitted to the Planning Department at Wigan Council. Their receipt has been acknowledged – they will reply to us in due course.

**Notice Board for Vicarage Lane Fields Allotments**

An enquiry has been submitted to the Planning Department at Wigan Council to establish whether planning consent will be needed to install a notice board outside the gates to Vicarage Lane Allotments.

**Remembrance Sunday**

The wreaths have arrived and will be circulated to those laying them. Most organisations have now been informed that there will not be a formal Act of Remembrance and that wreaths may be laid throughout the day at the War Memorial in Shevington. There will not be a formal Act of Remembrance at Appley Bridge. However, the Clerk to Wroughton Parish Council has advised that wreaths may be laid at the War Memorial throughout the day.

**Stop Tap Repair at Allotments**

This is due to be carried out next week, weather permitting.

**Wraparound Christmas Garlands**

These are due to be fitted in Appley Bridge and Shevington Moor in the near future.

**Accessing the Surgery Due to Moving into Tier 3 Measures from Friday, 23 October**

In view of Wigan Borough moving into Tier 3 measures from Friday 23 October the surgery door will be locked and staff will be asking patients to report to the reception office window in the first instance. **However, they want to reassure everyone that they are still offering the same level of service and patients should not hesitate to contact the surgery if they need to access care or advice from its healthcare team.** They will deal with queries at the reception window, but patients who have booked appointments with the GPs, nurses or other clinical staff at the surgery will be invited into the building.

Patients attending for appointments will be asked 5 screening questions before being directed to a seat in the waiting room. Face masks must be worn on attending the surgery unless someone is exempt or is a child under the age of 11. The surgery feel it is in everyone's best interests to introduce these measures in view of the high incidence of Covid-19 in the area. They would appreciate everyone's understanding as they endeavour to reduce the spread of infection and keep patients and staff safe and well.

### **Consultation on Greater Manchester Plan for Homes, Jobs and the Environment**

The plan, developed by all 10 boroughs and the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA), sets out how the city-region will build the right homes in the right places so everyone can live in environmentally sustainable villages, towns and cities connected by a fully integrated, high-capacity transport system.

The plan will now be discussed by Greater Manchester leaders on Friday 30 October. If endorsed, elected councillors from across the city-region will then have the opportunity to scrutinise the plans through November, and if approved by all 10 districts, the plan will go out for an eight-week public consultation, beginning Tuesday 1 December.

The Government now requires Greater Manchester to ask residents whether the Spatial Framework, and the evidence on which it is based, meet what are called “tests of soundness”, meaning this consultation will be more technical than previous rounds.

These tests include whether the Spatial Framework promotes economic growth and makes provision for development; whether it is backed up by robust evidence; whether the plans are based on effective and achievable policies; and whether they are consistent with policies at a national level.

At the end of the final consultation phase, the plan will be prepared for submission to the Secretary of State next year. Following an independent examination and approval by the Secretary of State, the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework would be ready for adoption by 2022.

The evidence base for the plan will be published around four weeks ahead of the eight-week consultation period, meaning people will have a full 12 weeks to view and familiarise themselves with the content before submitting responses.

To ensure the highest safety standards, work is ongoing to facilitate a range of engagement methods to allow residents to view all consultation documents and offer their responses. These will include virtual exhibitions, digital consultations, video meetings and social media or online chat facilities. Alongside this, work is also underway to ensure people who do not have internet access are able to engage with the consultation through alternative means.

### **Shevington Library**

Having opened on 14 September, the library closed its doors once more today. Footfall has reduced dramatically since the community libraries re-opened and, because of the increase in infections in the Borough, Wigan Council have decided that library staff can better serve local communities at this time by being re-assigned to other roles. The main libraries in Wigan and Leigh will remain open.

### **Forest Fold Allotments**

Voting for 6 Committee members for the Tenants’ Association ended earlier this week and the outcome will be announced shortly. A skip has been ordered for this weekend. It will be supervised by volunteer tenants to ensure that it is not over-filled.

### **Andrew Moakes**

Andy is back home and is doing well. Flowers and a ‘Get Well’ card have been sent to Andy on behalf of everyone on the Parish Council.

### **Liverpool John Lennon Airport Airspace Change Proposal**

We have received a short update on the LJLA Airspace Change Proposal. For background information, the ACP process started in February 2018 with the submission of the Statement of Need to the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) following the then new CAP1616 process. The CAP1616 process has 7 stages:

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1. Define
2. Develop & Assess
3. Consult
4. Update & Submit
5. Decide
6. Implement
7. Post-Implementation Review

LJLA successfully completed the Stage 1 & 2 Gateways of the CAP1616 process in November 2018 and June 2019, respectively. LJLA passed through the Stage 3 Consult Gateway Assessment in December 2019 which enabled the formal public consultation to start. The LJLA public consultation was launched on 13 January 2020 and was originally programmed to finish on 9 April but it was extended to 27 April 2020.

The consultation received over 800 formal responses which are considered in the Consultation Categorisation and Response Document published on the CAA Airspace Change Portal (<https://airspacechange.caa.co.uk/>). Subsequently, the LJLA ACP has been officially paused to enable design considerations identified in the consultation to be considered with neighbouring ACP designs which have been delayed.

**Local Electricity Bill**

This Private Members' Bill was debated in the House of Commons on Wednesday, 14 October. It is scheduled to have its Second Reading on 29 January 2021.

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