

Shevington Parish Council
Clerk's Report to the Council Meeting of 24 February 2021

Memorial Park Treeworks

Working Woodlands carried out the work at the northern end of the park on 27, 28 and 29 January, with the remainder of the work being done on 3, 4 and 5 February. The work went very well and all of the tree work was successfully completed.

The tree surgeon has written: *“Many thanks for placing the work with ourselves and supporting a local business - we certainly enjoy being involved with the trees at the Park once again.”*

He has provided a few other statistics:-

- The proceeds from a sale of the timber raised £200 in donations for the Friends of Shevington Memorial Park. All the timber was collected by local interested residents for firewood which was good for the Community.
- Any extra tree work has been included free of charge, ie the removal of the extra tree behind No.35 Gathurst Lane and the removal of a large piece of dead beech.
- All the woodchip (3 loads) went to Forest Fold allotments and has been used.
- Parts of the beech tree were cut up for a table and logs seats for a children's nursery.
- Four log planters have been partially created for the Friends of Gathurst Station.

Christmas Decorations

There is a strong possibility that we may not receive the outstanding invoices for the Christmas decorations until next financial year, as the Street Lighting officer who deals with this was re-deployed to a vaccination centre in January and warned me that he would not be available to carry out many of his administrative functions for some time.

Minor Repair Work

The contractor employed to undertake minor repair work at Forest Fold and in the Memorial Garden has completed all work other than the painting. He has deferred that to longer, warmer days, so the balance of the funds allocated for the work he was contracted to do will need to be rolled over to the 2021/22 financial year, unless he is able to undertake it in March.

The contractor has also installed the new litter bin at Whiteacre Park. The insert was found to be in good condition, so it was re-cycled to the bin outside the play area in Memorial Park.

Uncontrolled Dogs in Public Spaces

An update on the Elnup Wood incident: the matter was reported to the Police, who were sufficiently concerned at such a vicious attack that they contacted Wigan Council. The owner of the dog has now been issued with a Civil Protection Notice. This requires the owner to keep the dog under control.

Padlock on Bowling Green Gate

The new padlock is in place and replacement keys are being distributed to the key holders as they ask for them.

Precept 2021/22

The precept request and the text for the Council Tax letter have been submitted to the LA.

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