

District Councillor's Report **Shevington Parish Council Meeting – 27 October 2021**

Shevington CP School Site – New Build and Regeneration

Ward Councillors had a virtual meeting with the Project Manager, Peter Collins, Angela Durkin and members of Adult Services. We viewed the initial design plan which occupied the existing site, with the facility being only slightly larger than the existing building. There will be dual access. Green Belt constraints will restrict accommodation to between 26 and 28 people in one-bedroom units with a couple of two-bedroom ones. Prior to the planning submission in early March, there will be extensive opportunity for resident consultation as the design team are keen for people to inform the design further. It is proposed that the Parish Council and PPG will be consulted on 21 November and it was suggested that the Community Association should also be approached. There will also be the opportunity for residents to engage in consultation through an on-line survey.

Resident eligibility will include over 55s or those with a specific need – referrals from Social Care or the Housing Register: the aim is to create a balance in terms of extent of need. The rent for apartments will be £110 - £120 per week, with an additional service charge. These costs will be separate from any care package. The communal area will promote activities that the local community may want to join.

The anticipated timescale for the completion of this development is early 2024. Preliminary letters introducing the site boundary are to go out to closely neighbouring properties on Miles Lane on 25 October.

Steve and Morag Tebbit attended a flood action group meeting, organised by Laura Morrison, a Wigan Council Drainage Engineer, on the 20 October, where they gained information about how to protect homes in the event of flooding. This concern is reflected in their need for reassurances about the Memorial Park drainage: they would like confirmation that the excess water will be diverted down Gathurst Lane and not into Millbrook and therefore Crooke.

Baby Elephant Car Park

After no action has been taken by the landowner to remove the Asbestos, the Council is to engage a special contractor to remove it, along with waste, and the landowner will be billed.

WHITEHALL, MILES LANE, APPLEY BRIDGE - the illegal removal of bollards and parking on the grass verge, which was behind them. The Council are to reinstate the four bollards and send warning letters to the residents involved, about riding and parking there. If they continue to do so, it will be referred to the Council's Legal Team.

Safeguarding: Eyes and Ears Training

There is the opportunity for community groups (with a minimum of 6 people) to receive free training at a venue provided by the group. If any group is interested, please let the ward councillors know.

Community Capacity Officer Drop-in and Reaching Communities

On Thursday 28 October, there is to a drop-in session at Shevington Library between 10am and 12pm, with Victoria Briscoe, our CCO. It is an informal opportunity to ask questions and find out more about the Deal for Communities, discuss Community projects or signposting for funding, workshops etc.

Kelly Duke, the funding officer for the Wigan area for the National Community Fund, is to host an online session to go through the Reaching Communities programme, which funds projects over £10K but also up to 5 years. The event is limited to 10 and will be held on Wednesday 24 November between 3pm and 4:30pm. One place per organisation only. To apply, email:

thedealforcommunities@wigan.gov.uk