

## **Shevington Parish Council**

### **Clerk's Report to the Meeting of the Council – 27 October 2021**

#### **Light in Memorial Park**

Approximately four years ago the light in Memorial Park ceased to function. After four years of chasing the LA's Street Lighting Department the light is finally working again. The head, which was faulty, has been replaced by an LED unit and a fault in the armoured cable has been repaired. Unfortunately, Street Lighting were unable to source an LED unit that could be poised at an angle that would enable it to illuminate the Memorial, so we will have to be content with a light that illuminates the area in front for the time being.

#### **Christmas Decorations**

Street Lighting were spotted putting the garlands on lamp posts in Appley Bridge and Shevington Moor over last weekend. Cllr Chris Horridge collected the Christmas lights and the transformer housings that are normally stored at Forest Fold on Thursday morning. They have been stored at Wigan Council's depot at Ince since early 2020, as we have not been able to gain access to them until now. We will be inspecting them for stock-taking purposes before returning the lights to the Street Lighting team for dressing the trees.

#### **November Newsletter**

This is due to be distributed at the beginning of December. If you have agreed to prepare any content, please send it to me by Wednesday, 27 October. The text will be considered by the Policy & General Purposes Committee at their meeting in November.

#### **Site Meeting with the FFTA Committee**

I attended a site meeting with members of the FFTA Committee on Thursday of this week. The two plots of concern were inspected and discussed.

There is a narrow stretch of land between the lower allotments and the upper allotments that once contained a land drain. Over the years it has been filled with debris, because the tenants of plots on either side of it have been using it as a dump. Current tenants are still using it for a similar purpose and it looks unsightly. The Committee have since written to the relevant tenants and asked them to tidy up the areas behind their plots.

The Autumn skip has been ordered and will be on site during the weekend of 30/31 October. The Committee will supervise its use.

The Committee have asked for a meeting with the Allotments Working Party. They would like to discuss the matters listed below:

- Communication between the Parish Council and the FFTA
- FFTA Representation at Parish Council meetings
- Current Procedures of Dealing with Non-Conforming Tenants
- Sharing Plots: Requests from People from Different Households to be on the Same Tenancy Agreement.
- The Waiting List: Second Plot Holders from the Same Household
- Access to Plots for Inspection Purposes
- Plot Sizes Survey
- Allotment Policy Update
- Amendment to Tenancy Agreement

#### **Poppies on Lamp Posts**

These are being put on display in the coming week and will remain in place throughout most of November. They have recently been counted – only 20 remain. As Crooke Village have a full set, the remaining 20 will be divided between Shevington, Appley Bridge, Shevington Vale and Shevington Moor.

**Removal of Tree in Otters Croft Wood**

The large fire-damaged tree was removed earlier this month. A team of six carried out the work in one day. Everything went smoothly. The tree surgeon reported that the tree needed to be removed, as it could have failed at any time. Very little damage was done to neighbouring trees. The remains of the tree that was felled were deposited in small tidy piles (away from the path and the stream) for wildlife to use. The tree surgeon will remove the other tree, which is smaller and more accessible on a later occasion.

**K.M.P. 23.10.21**