

Appendix B

REPORT TO SHEVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL POLICY AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MARCH 1st 2018

CHANGES TO BUS SERVICES 1975 TO 2018

There has been recent discussion in the press about the reduction in the level of bus services. This report looks at changes in services in Shevington since 1975.

Wigan to Wrightington Hospital.

In 1975 these services (333/343) operated every half an hour with alternate buses operating via Appley Bridge station and Skull House Lane daily. This was strengthened at times on Monday to Saturday to every 15 minutes by journeys along the whole or part route. The half hour frequency continued into the evenings and all of Sunday. Occasional journeys extended to Robin Hood Corner and High Moor. It was operated jointly by Greater Manchester Transport and Ribble.

Today Diamond (North West) route 635 running Monday to Saturday daytime provides a 12 minute service (15 minute Saturday) but terminates at Appley Bridge (Woodnook Road) and does not serve Wrightington Hospital. However, in the evening and Sundays an hourly subsidised service is provided between Wigan and the hospital.

Other Services

Today services 640/641 provide a hourly link (daytime) between Wigan, Wrightington Hospital, Standish, Shevington and Pemberton and are subsidised. They serve Shevington Moor and Shevington but not Appley Bridge. A similar service operating via Appley Bridge was withdrawn a few years ago.

In 1975 service 105 operated by Ribble ran two journeys on Saturday linking Wigan, Standish, Shevington Moor, Mawdesley and Bispham Green. This service no longer exists.

Service 113 links Wigan with Leyland and Preston via Shevington Moor and was operated by Ribble and Fishwicks. In 1975 it operated every hour including evenings and Sundays with additional journeys to give a half hourly frequency between Eccleston and Wigan. Today only an hourly daytime subsidised service remains.

In 1975 Service 338 operated by Ribble linked Chorley and Ormskirk via Standish, Shevington Moor and Parbold every two hours daily. This service no longer exists.

In 1975 Greater Manchester Transport service 620 linked Standish with Orrell Post via Shevington and Gathurst. On Monday to Friday frequencies were irregular but evening journeys did operate. Saturdays and Sunday frequencies were more regular with journeys on both days provided in the evenings Today service 640/641 covers part of the route during the daytime on weekdays. Other journeys are now covered by school contracts.

There have been other changes since 1975 including the introduction and withdrawal

of the Local Link service and the reinstatement of an hourly link between Skelmersdale and Wrightington Hospital via Appley Bridge.

Fares

In 1975 the journey from Wigan to Wrightington Hospital cost only 36p(24p from Shevington. Today a journey on service 635 could cost anything from £1.80 to £3.50.

Conclusion

That the contents of this report are noted. It was hoped that any planned changes to services in April would be available for this report. If these become available by the time of the meeting. They will be reported verbally by the Clerk

Barry King

February 25th 2018