

Shevington Parish Council
Item 9 – Memorial Park Project
Policy & General Purposes Committee – 6 November 2019

Report to PC Nov 6 th 2019
A brief outline .

Heritage

Much work has been done to collate the historical and heritage aspect of the project:

The Hall

I have collected

Connections of Shevington Hall owners to local industries. Dates etc

Maps of the parkland from 1906 ..including the outline of our present park even some of the original trees still present.

I have worked with John o'Neill and local Barbara Lambert from the Wigan history shop to verify the data. .

Other heritage

Elements of local industry ...mining and agriculture have been highlighted with pictures of explosives work at Orica ... the development of the Motorway ...the recent closure of our 200 year old school and its impact on the community.

Drainage

Fiona and Victoria have included some very conclusive photographic evidence of park flooding .

Victoria has compiled an impressive video of trees drowning in water and a large bubble of water existing under the turf in the park ! Amazing evidence of the need for drainage.

Other aspects

We have stressed our work with In Bloom and our connection to their heritage projects... plus school mosaics , the CA Ww1 Tree planting and other organisations such as dementia friendly etc aspect of our heritage work.

Victoria has done a great job of formatting my amateur compilation of material.

We have the file for creating an app . From SJR . But have not yet had time to explore how it can be put to work . This can happen later .

The material is there :

We have recruited a young local medieval historian who can help us develop descriptions of daily life in medieval times for inclusion in a time trail .

The Federation schools have offered to put on a heritage show next May June in the park .. I have letters confirming this .

There are a number of people willing to talk about their mining experience and work at Orica and the history of the Hall !

Way forward

I have sent this material to our new bid expert, Mike Grimes . Hooray !

Appendix B

Mike is at present looking at the material and will be meeting with us soon . He will point the way forward on the seriously technical aspects of the bid and advise us how to progress it to the best advantage.

Once we are in a position to present to HLF the details and cost of drainage and to iron out some existing flaws (if there are any !!!!!!!) we feel that then a formal bid can be submitted . We hope this can be before the end of this year.

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