

Christmas Decorations

Expansion of Christmas Lighting Provision

Mr Pennington began by explaining that he had been asked to assess several locations in the Parish in order to provide the Committee with an overview of what Street Lighting could offer in the way of support for Christmas lighting. He reported on his findings.

Appley Bridge

The street lighting columns in this area were not suitable for the type of motifs that had been used in the centre of Shevington. They could be dressed with braids, but the feedback in relation to these when used in other areas had not been good.

The possibility of putting lights in the trees in the area was discussed. Mr Pennington advised that a feeder pillar would be required to facilitate this. Additionally, there was greater risks of vandalism.

Shevington Vale

The columns around the shops at Woodnook were not suitable for any type of Christmas lighting. However, a live Christmas tree (together with electrical supply) and permanent fencing could be introduced to one of the two green spaces in the area. Mr Pennington agreed to liaise with Greenspaces over this.

Shevington Moor

Some of the lamp posts along Shevington Moor road would be able to carry smaller column motifs. Mr Pennington would investigate this.

Crooke Village

All the columns were of a variety usually found in residential areas and not suitable for motifs.

Members recommended that a notice should be included in the next newsletter letting residents know that the Council were investigating the possibility of introducing lamp post motifs to other areas of the Parish, but were discovering that the sizes of the lighting columns created restrictions.

Small Christmas Trees

In 2018 small Christmas trees with lights for over the shops had not been provided by the District Councillors. Some residents had been disappointed and had queried this. Past issues in relation to the trees were discussed. Further research would be necessary with respect to cost and feasibility.

Ornate Fencing Around the Large Christmas Tree in Shevington

The possibility of introducing a living tree and permanent ornate fencing surrounding it was discussed. In view of its location, traffic engineers would need to be consulted. Mr Pennington would investigate costs.