

Shevington Parish Council
Clerk's Report to the Council Meeting of 24 January 2019

Christmas Decorations

The lamp post motifs have been taken down and have gone into storage. The lights have been removed from the Christmas trees, which have been collected. The fencing will be removed in the near future. The Street Lighting Officer has agreed to attend the Policy Committee meeting to find out what decorations the Council would like to see introduced to other parts of the Parish in the future.

Christmas Shop Front Award

The Chairman, accompanied by Mrs Pam Powell and the Clerk, presented the awards to the winners on Friday, 11 January. All winners nominated Wigan & Leigh Hospice as their chosen Charity.

Standish Neighbourhood Plan

I submitted the Council's agreed response to the consultation before the deadline. As requested, I contacted the clerks to several parish councils that have a boundary with Standish to make sure that they were aware of the consultation. All of them replied that they had been contacted by Wigan Council's Planning Department.

January Newsletter

This has been printed and will be distributed this week.

The Great British Spring Clean

Keep Britain Tidy are encouraging people to join the **Great British Spring Clean** between **22 March and 23 April 2019**. They want to inspire half a million people to join forces to clear single-use plastic litter from our streets, parks and beaches - recycling as much as possible. **They'll be counting on individuals to help make the Great British Spring Clean 2019 the country's biggest ever mass-action environmental campaign.** We have been asked to stand by for more information on how people can get involved in 2019 - whether they want to host a clean-up, join a clean-up, or pledge to do their own thing, Keep Britain Tidy have got them covered.

Website registrations will open in January, with clean-ups taking place across the country from 22 March – 23 April 2019. Until then, they have asked us to start spreading the word as we prepare to stand together and declare that litter – which degrades the beauty of our environment and threatens to harm wildlife – is not acceptable.

West Lancashire Local Plan Consultation

The Planning and Transport Policy Service Manager at Wigan Council has written:

I apologise for the delay in responding to your letter about the West Lancashire Local Plan consultation.

In direct response to the issues you raised, a supplementary comment was sent to West Lancashire Council on 18 December, as follows:

“I appreciate that the deadline was on Thursday 13 December, however please can we submit a late comment in addition to the detailed representation we submitted in November. I am happy to discuss if this is an issue. Our additional comment is as follows:

The Draft Plan proposes 564 new homes within the Eastern Parishes, including in the villages of Appley Bridge, Parbold and Newburgh, which are located close to the Wigan Borough boundary and will likely have an impact on highway capacity at M6 Junction 27.

Particularly given the level of committed development close to this junction, there are concerns that additional proposed development within West Lancashire may have an unacceptable cumulative impact on highway capacity in this area at peak times. As a result the Council wishes to submit a holding objection pending analysis of highway capacity at M6 Junction 27.”

West Lancs Council replied that this supplementary comment would be added to our formal representation submitted prior to the deadline. As such it will be investigated and responded to by West Lancashire Borough Council as part of their plan-making process.

I am also replying to a similar enquiry from Cllr Whitham. In those circumstances I am not sure if a discussion or meeting is needed at the moment, but if you would like any further information, please get back in touch.

Donation for Churchyard Upkeep

We have received a letter from the Treasurer to St Anne's PCC thanking us for our donation of £500 towards the annual upkeep of the churchyard.

Shevington Fete

Shevington Fete will this year take place on 22 June. We have recently received the booking form for a stall – this will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

Consultation on the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework

Wigan Council is working in partnership with the nine other Greater Manchester councils to develop the **Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF)**, a new strategic plan for the city region which will run through to 2037. This plan is about providing the right homes, in the right places, for people across our city region. It's about creating jobs and improving infrastructure to ensure the future prosperity of Greater Manchester.

The plan:

- sets out how Greater Manchester should develop up until 2037;
- identifies the amount of new development that will come forward across the 10 districts, in terms of housing, offices, and industry and warehousing, and the main areas in which this will be focused;
- supports the delivery of key infrastructure, such as transport and utilities;
- protects the important environmental assets across the city region;
- allocates sites for employment and housing outside of the existing urban area; and
- defines a new Green Belt boundary for Greater Manchester

The plan talks about jobs and homes, but it's about so much more than bricks and mortar. It's about reducing inequalities, improving the lives of residents, and transforming Greater Manchester into the world-leading city-region it can be.

To see further information on the GMSF, including the evidence base and how you can register to receive news on the plan's progress, please visit the [GMCA website](#).

A Revised Draft of the GMSF is currently out for public consultation until 23:59 on **Monday 18 March 2018**. This can be viewed and commented on at www.gmconsult.org. Paper copies of the Draft GMSF and associated documents are also available to view at all [public libraries](#) in the borough.

During the consultation period there will be five drop-in sessions within the borough to enable residents to discuss the proposals in the draft plan with Wigan Council's planning team. Details of these are set out at www.wigan.gov.uk/GMSF The consultation will be on the agenda of the Policy Committee meeting in February.

Wigan Post Office Public Consultation

The Post Office are running a public consultation regarding a proposal to move Wigan Post Office functions into WH Smiths Ltd. They have proposed some questions regarding accessibility of the proposed site and they are also planning to run some customer forums, but the details have not yet been made available. This will also be an agenda item for the Policy Committee in February.

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