

**Shevington Parish Council**  
**Clerk's Report to the Council Meeting of 25 September 2019**

**Dead Beech Trees in Shevington Memorial Garden**

The two young beech trees that died have been removed. As they were replacements for two larger and older trees that carried a TPO, they will have to be replaced.

**Allotments**

Second letters have now been sent to the five tenants who were sent letters in August asking them to tidy up and cultivate their plots or to let us know whether they wished to relinquish them. This has been done because there has been no response from any of the five and none of them have made an attempt to tidy their allotments up.

**Consultation on Independent Review Into Local Government Audit**

The responses to the consultation questions that NALC were interested in replying to have been forwarded to NALC and, as requested by the Council, are attached.

**Additional Winter Work on the Bowling Green**

The Bowling Club have met and discussed the costs of the additional work to be carried out on the bowling green over the Winter months. They have agreed to make a donation of £500.

**Vicarage Lane Fields**

The football pitches have now been marked up on the fields and the first two home matches were played there on Saturday, 14 September.

**LALC Newsletter**

The September edition of the Lancashire Associations newsletter is attached.

**Junction of Kilburn Drive with Shevington Lane**

I have received an email from one of the residents of the Kilburn Drive estate in connection with the campaign to make turning right at this junction safer. It seems that, despite several replies from Highways and Traffic officers to the effect that a mirror could not be fitted at this junction, one has now been fitted. The resident would like to thank the Council for its part in this and says that all residents will be delighted.

**Parish & Town Training, Lancashire**

Both the Chairmanship and Finance workshops in October and November are fully booked. New dates for both will be arranged for 2020. In view of this, the cheques have been returned.

**Remembrance Day Arrangements**

The trumpeter has confirmed that she is available to play this year and the Police have confirmed that they will be attending and will manage the traffic to enable the parade to cross Shevington Lane.

**Fields of Remembrance**

We have received a letter from The Royal British Legion together with a poppy mounted on a small, simple wooden cross - just like the ones that we see every year, standing as a Tribute underneath our war memorial. A place has been reserved for our Tribute in one of the British Legion's Fields of Remembrance this year – we can choose the location. The nearest one to Shevington will be at the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas, Staffordshire. The opening service will be on Monday, 4 November at 10:45 am. This will be an agenda item for the Policy & General Purposes Committee meeting, when more information will be provided.

**September Newsletter**

This is currently with the printer and is due to be distributed next week.

### **CCTV in the Centre of Shevington**

An officer from Central Watch has written to say that he is not sure where our information about the length of time the camera was out of service has come from. He is able to say with some degree of certainty that the camera was removed twice over the Summer and was returned within a couple of days. It has remained in place since the second time it returned.

As the camera has limitations because it can only look in one direction at a time, the officer says that, even if it had been in place, it would not necessarily have captured every incident that occurred over the Summer. It would have to have been pointing in the right direction at the right time for it to have captured an incident.

The officer has taken on board the fact that nobody was informed about the removal and will make sure this happens should the need arise for the camera to be removed in the future.

### **Shevington Methodist Church Coffee Morning**

There is a Coffee Morning every Friday from 10 am till 12 noon at Shevington Methodist Church. On Friday, 27 September it will be in aid of Macmillan.

### **West Lancashire Borough Council Local Plan**

Following consultation, work on the proposed West Lancashire Local Plan has stopped. Work will begin on the production of a completely new plan, which will be based on the responses received from the public.

### **Friends of Gathurst Station**

The Friends of Gathurst Station are five residents of UpHolland Parish, which shares a boundary with this Parish, who were allowed by Arriva, when they first took over the Northern franchise, to become the adopters of Gathurst Station. They are the group who have been working on improvements on the Southport-bound platform, which is in Pemberton ward. They would now like to begin work on the Wigan-bound side and have, through Dist Cllr M Whitham, made contact, as they would like to engage with other groups in this area. I have arranged to meet them at the station on Wednesday, 25 September.

### **Christmas Shop-Front Award**

The person who did the judging last year has agreed to doing it again this year.

**K.M.P. 20.09.19**