

Shevington Parish Council
Clerk's Report to the Council Meeting of 26 April 2018

Drainage Remediation Works in Memorial Park

Wooden edging has been introduced at the entrance to the trimtrail from Church Lane. The stones are now evenly distributed and the appearance of this entrance is much neater.

Felling of Trees in Memorial Park

The four trees ear-marked for felling were removed ahead of schedule during the last week in March.

Over-grown Shrubs at Vicarage Lane Fields

I have visited the property in St Anne's Drive where the owner had asked for arrangements to be made for the pruning of over-grown hedgerow in Vicarage Lane Fields. The work will involve crown raising of an evergreen to take its lowest branches away – at the moment they are touching the out-building roof – and pruning the hedgerow so that it is not touching the rear wall of the out-building. A quote for the work will need to be obtained.

WW1 Display Cabinet

The WW1 display cabinet has been delivered to Shevington Library, but, because the Library is being refurbished during the second half of April, it has temporarily been located in front of the community notice board.

Abandoned Car

This matter is currently being dealt with by Wigan Council, who have identified the owner and have written to him/her to request that the car be removed. It seems that the owner lives quite a distance away from the area. The car appears now to be no longer insured.

Damaged Fencing at J27 Roundabout

The damaged fencing has been removed and has been replaced with new fencing by Lancashire County Council's contractors.

Forest Fold Allotments

The new tenancy agreements were sent to tenants (together with privacy notices) towards the end of March. Approximately 50% of plot rents have been received so far. One tenant on the main site has relinquished his plot and a replacement is being sought.

Pest control visited the site towards the end of February. The contents of the bait boxes had been used and were replenished.

A skip was provided for tenants over the weekend beginning 13 April.

Water Supply at Forest Fold

Following the water switch-on, two further leaks were found to have occurred: in the men's toilets and at the inlet joint to the toilet block. Both have been repaired by the plumber.

Buddleia

The relatives of the late resident of the Parish have agreed that buddleia can be planted in the shrubbery at the northern boundary. They will plant it and look after it until it is established. Once established it will provide the shrubbery with colour during the Summer months and will be maintained by the contractors along with the rest of the plants in that area.

St Anne's PCC

We have received a letter from the Treasurer thanking the Parish Council for their donation of £400 towards the cost of maintaining the churchyard.

Composters at Bowling Green Car Park

Members of Shevington in Bloom are concerned that someone is adding fresh items of the wrong variety to their composters at Forest Fold. This is having an undesirable impact on their compost. They have asked that people should be made aware that the composters should be filled only by members of Shevington in Bloom.

National Pay Award 2018 -19

The ALCC have written to say that the unions and the employers' organisations have reached an agreement over the pay award for Council staff. As it is quite a complicated agreement, involving different settlements over two years for staff on different pay ranges, detailed information will be circulated by NALC once it is available.

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