

Shevington Parish Council
Clerk's Report to the Meeting of the Council – 26 October 2022

Fly Tipping Near the Baby Elephant

This was reported to the enforcement officer for the area, who has written to say that she has written to the owners of the property informally asking them to arrange for the litter to be removed. So far this has not happened.



Forest Fold Allotment Matters

The Autumn skip was provided for tenants over last weekend and was managed by the FFTA Committee. Three plot holders currently at Stage 1 of the enforcement procedure have begun to put their plots in order. A fourth, who is at a later Stage, has still not responded to any of the communications sent to him.

Incident at Junction of Church Lane and Shevington Lane

Earlier this month a vehicle crossed the mini roundabout and mounted the corner of Memorial Park where the Christmas tree stands. In doing so the car drove into and damaged street furniture and left tyre tracks in the grassed areas before exiting via Church Lane. This happened at approximately mid-day and was witnessed by a resident of one of the terraced properties in Shevington Lane. It was probably also witnessed by others and requests for information have been circulated via social media.

Wigan Council have repaired the street furniture. Fortunately, the three tier planter had been removed by Moss Bank Nurseries a day or two earlier and escaped being damaged. There have not been any reports of anyone being hurt.

Broken Flagstone on the Path to the Memorial Garden

Cllr Chris Horridge has recently undertaken a temporary repair of broken flagstones along the entrance path to the Memorial Garden.



Before



After

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Grit Bin in Broadriding Road

I have written to the resident who raised this matter and explained what the Parish Council had done earlier this year, what its policy would be with regard to the provision of grit bins going forward and the rationale behind that policy.

Possible Omissions from 2022 RoSPA Report

I sent an enquiry to Wigan Council about the double slide and the multi-play units in the Memorial Park play area. In previous RoSPA reports the inspectors drew attention to a head entrapment risk in relation to the steps and the railings, but the 2022 report made no mention of this. The previous reports did not suggest any ways of mitigating the risk. I asked whether there were any ways of reducing the risk and explained that, if so, the Parish Council would be interested in hearing what they were and would be willing to take remedial action, if it was feasible.

The Wigan Council officer has replied that they are not sure why the head entrapment has not been mentioned in the 2022 report. *“The risk is low and, as the report mentions the units were installed prior to the current standards and if we start altering them and an accident did happen, we could make the situation worse by doing these alterations. I think the best course of action is to leave the equipment as they were made, as the reports state that there is no requirement to make retrospective changes.”*

Potholes in Road Surface at Forest Fold

Land Management at Wigan Council have written to inform us that, after carrying out the initial checks into land ownership and maintenance responsibility, they have forwarded this enquiry to their Network Management team, who will be in contact in due course.

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