

## **Shevington Parish Council**

### **Clerk's Report to the Council Meeting of 27 September 2018**

#### **Our Tommy**

The 6ft figure of 'Our Tommy' has so far visited St Bernadette's Church, St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School and Shevington Methodist Church. This week he has been made very welcome at Shevington Vale Community Primary School and will be going to The Vale Methodist Church for the weekend.

#### **Light in Memorial Garden**

Repair of the faults is, at the moment, scheduled to take place in the next couple of weeks.

#### **September Newsletter**

The newsletter has been printed and will be distributed at the end of the week.

#### **New Plaque for the War Memorial**

The new plaque has been ordered and is due to be fitted in the next month. The proof of the plaque is attached to this report.

#### **Memorial Park Survey & Feasibility Study**

This work has been ordered. I am awaiting confirmation of the timescale.

#### **Forthcoming LCTP Training Courses**

The LCTP are running a training course on Chairmanship on 11 October and another on Finance on 15 November. If you would like to go, please contact me for more information and a booking form. The fee is £25 for each session. It and the return travel expenses to Penwortham can be covered from funds if a member's attendance has been approved by the Council.

#### **Tree Issues at Forest Fold**

The branches overhanging the two raised bed allotments have now been cut back. The dead Leylandii will be removed and replaced by new Laurels in October. It is expected that the young tree in the raised bed area and the partially broken branch overhanging a garden neighbouring the bowling green will both be removed in the same month.

#### **Standish Cycle Improvement Scheme**

I have received the following response from Balfour Beatty Mott MacDonald to the email sent to Highways England about the lack of communication with respect to this improvement scheme:

*"Balfour Beatty Mott MacDonald manages and maintains motorways and trunk roads in the North West, on behalf of Highways England. Highways England asked us to respond to you.*

*I'm sorry to learn that the Parish Council has some concerns regarding the works and the impact on the local community. Let me take this opportunity to allay these concerns:*

- *We sent out 600 letters to residents in a 600m radius of the area on 29 August 2018. I'm attaching a copy of this which will give more details of the proposed scheme. These may have been in the post when the concerns were raised to the Parish Council.*

- *We do appreciate that there will be some noise during the night but this will be kept at a minimum. All the machinery that is used on site is fitted with noise reduction equipment. We're unable to do this work during the day time. Working alongside a busy motorway is very dangerous for our workforce. To keep our people safe, works are done at night time when traffic is lighter.*

*The works are planned to take place between 10pm and 5am. Traffic management and lane closures will be removed before the rush hour traffic begins in the morning. This will avoid gridlock during at peak times, which is another reason while the works are best done overnight.*

*We understand completely the concerns of the Parish Council and we apologise in advance for the inconvenience caused. We do feel that the improvement scheme will benefit the local community. Perhaps encouraging more people to take up cycling and appreciate the lovely area in which they live.*

*We do value the perspective of the Parish Council with members who reside in the area. If you feel there are other issues we should be aware of, please don't hesitate to let us know. We'd be happy to investigate."*

A copy of the letter mentioned in the reply is attached.

#### **New Litter Bins**

The new bins have been ordered and arrangements for them to be fitted after removal of the old ones have been made. The lead time for their delivery is 5/6 weeks.

#### **Bench IMO Dorothy Nightingale**

This bench was installed jointly by St Anne's PCC and Shevington & District Community Association. An agreement has been reached that a member of the Community Association will take responsibility for re-painting it and will ensure that this is done once a year, if necessary.

#### **LALC Newsletter (September Edition)**

The September edition of the LALC Newsletter is enclosed.

#### **Hope Kidney Patients Association**

We have received a letter from the Hope Kidney Patients Association thanking us for our donation in relation to last year's Christmas Shop-Front Competition.

#### **Vicarage Lane Fields Allotments**

Attached is a copy of the newsletter sent to tenants in August.

**K.M.P. 24.09.18**