

Shevington Parish Council

Clerk's Report to the Meeting of the Council – 30 November 2022

Financial Aid

The Parish Council have received 'thank you' emails from:

- St Anne's PCC for the donation of £600 towards the upkeep of the churchyard and
- Shevington Sharks U8s leaders for the s137 grant of £300 towards the cost of their kit.

We have also received a grant application from Shevington Methodist Church. This will be on the Finance Committee agenda.

Electricity Bill

We have not yet received an invoice for electricity charges for October. Instead we have received a letter to let us now that, because of the support measures being introduced by central government, our bill is currently under review. We will receive it in due course.

Bowling Green Upgrade

John Parker has recently removed the rotting wood along one side of the bowling green and replaced it with concrete covered by artificial grass. This contract was awarded earlier this calendar year. Please see the photograph below.



November Newsletter

The November edition is currently with the printer. Deliveries are due to begin on 30 November.

Platinum Jubilee Trees

The Platinum Jubilee trees were collected, as agreed, by Charlie Neve and Mike Thomas from JA Jones & Sons Ltd on Tuesday, 15 November and three were delivered safely to Forest Fold. One was planted by Mr Thomas and Mr Neve on Crooke Village green the same day. A photo of this tree has been included in the newsletter.



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The other three trees were planted by Cllr Chris Horridge and his fellow volunteer on Tuesday, 22 November. Both teams reported that the trees were very heavy and difficult to move. Cllr Horridge's team encountered concrete at Whiteacre Park several inches below the surface and tarmac at Shevington Vale. Cllr Horridge has recommended that the planting of trees should be left to professionals, who have the equipment, eg hoists, to deal with the issues they encountered.



Shevington War Memorial

Tomlinson Group Ltd have carried out some of the restoration work that they said they would do on the War Memorial. They have cleaned both the War Memorial and the Diamond Jubilee memorial stone. So far this work has not had any cost implications for the Parish Council. The workmen have pointed the bottom of the memorial at the join with the stone plinths that surround it. They were going to point the Memorial itself, but ran out of time. Although most of the pointing is sound, they have said that it could do with raking out and re-pointing.

On one side of the Memorial it looks as though some possible damage has been covered up with a cream coloured compound. As they were not sure what was behind this, they did not want to remove it to reveal unsightly damage with no time to repair it for Remembrance Sunday. They are willing to remove the compound and repair any possible damage underneath early next year. They are also willing to possibly

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look into some new fittings for the metal plaque or a possible replacement as an ongoing project on the Memorial if this is fine with the Council.

Christmas Decorations

All lamp post garlands and motifs have been installed. The Parish Council received permission from Wigan Council to dress three trees on Woodnook Road open space with lights. The new lights were ordered and delivered and, thanks to Cllr Horridge, the trees have been dressed. We still have the two shorter strands of lights that we used last year. Cllr Horridge has agreed to make use of them on the trees near the notice board at the entrance to Forest Fold.

The Christmas trees were delivered and fitted last week and the fencing has been installed today. The trees are due to be dressed on Thursday.



Crooke Village



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Applay Bridge



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Grass Matting for Play Equipment

I have heard that Shevington & District Community Association's application for a grant for the grass matting has been successful.

Treeworks Application for Memorial Park

Following submission of our application, we have received permission to carry out works on trees in the park. Quotations for the work are currently being sought.

Serious Incident in Kilburn Drive

At 7pm on the evening of Thursday, 24 November Police were called to a serious incident in Kilburn Drive, Shevington, after a deceased body had been found. There was significant speculation on social media about what had happened. The identity of the deceased – a resident of Kilburn Drive - was made public by the Police over the weekend. They also shared the cause of death. The incident is being treated as murder and the Police would like to hear from anyone who has any information about it. A Police cordon was set up around the area near the junction of Kilburn Drive with Lyndon Avenue on Thursday evening and residents of the affected properties in both streets were unable to leave their homes without signing out when leaving and signing in when returning. The cordon was removed during the day on Monday.

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