



TO ALL ELECTORS OF SHEVINGTON PARISH

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**THURSDAY 22 MARCH 2018 ~ 7.00 P.M.
SHEVINGTON LIBRARY**

AGENDA

- 816 Apologies for Absence** - to receive apologies from Councillors.
- 817 Declaration of Interests** - to receive any declarations of interest (prejudicial or otherwise) with regard to items on the Agenda. Unless already entered in the Council's Register of Members' interests, members are required to disclose any personal interest, (which includes any disclosable pecuniary interest), they may have in any of the items included on the agenda for the meeting in accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council on 28 June 2012 and amended on 25 October 2012. Members are reminded that if they have any personal interests of a prejudicial nature or a disclosable pecuniary interest they must not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must leave the room. Any member needing clarification must contact the Clerk.
- 818 Matters Introduced by Members of the Public** - an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions or make observations.
- 819 District Councillors' Reports** – *for information only.*
To receive reports from District Councillors.
- 820 Minutes of the Last Ordinary Meeting of the Council (22 February 2018)**
- to consider, agree and approve the signature of the previously circulated Minutes by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting. (enclosed)
- 821 Chairman's Report** - *for information only.*
- 822 Reports from Councillors** - *for information only*
To receive short reports from councillors about matters that are the legitimate business of the Council (Councillors are asked to advise the Clerk in advance of any reports – including the subject matter - they wish to make)
- 823 Reports from Representatives** - *for information only.*
- **Shevington & District Community Association**
 - **Crooke Village Residents' Association**
 - **Shevington Youth Club**
 - **Shevington Recreation Ground Trustees**
 - **'in Bloom' Groups**
 - **Standards & Audit Committee**
 - **Patient Participation Group**
 - **Shevington Rugby & Football Clubs**

- **Friends of Otters Croft & Crooke Woods**

824 **DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting of the Policy & General Purposes and Finance Committees (1 March 2018)** - to receive - *for information only* (enclosed)

825 **Replacement of the Sand Surfaces in the Play Areas at Memorial Park** – *for agreement* (enclosed)

Enclosed is a newspaper cutting describing some of the dangers of using sand as the play surface in play areas. Since last August the Police have received numerous complaints about cars driving along Shevington Lane being hit by sandballs made out of sand from the play areas. This prompted the Police to seek the introduction of a different surface.

An approximate cost of £23,000 for the replacement of the sand by a soft surface was provided by Greenspaces. As the same issues apply to the other play areas in the Parish, Dist Cllr Paul Collins is currently looking into the possibilities of available for funding the replacement.

Members are invited to consider the issues and agree the best way forward.

826 **Jubilee Memorial Stone Maintenance** – *for approval*

(a) Since adding the two new grasses to the area around the Jubilee Memorial Stone last year Shevington in Bloom have been keeping an eye on it. Maintenance currently is at a very basic level and Shevington in Bloom have asked for permission to look after officially. By looking after it they mean: removing the weeds, watering the grasses occasionally and feeding them when needed, as they are not doing well there.

(b) They have also asked that more chippings are put down there as more would suppress the weeds better and it would improve the look of the memorial.

(c) Additionally, a few of the hechera at the corner of Shevington Lane and Church Lane have not survived the winter and the same has happened to a couple of plants in the sensory garden. Shevington in Bloom have asked for permission to replace them at a cost of no more than £25.

Members are invited to approve the above requests.

827 **‘There But Not There’ Art Project** – *to agree the best way forward*

‘There But Not There’ is the 2018 Armistice project for the Charity ‘Remembered’. “The Charity aims to

- *Inspire communities to purchase and install our silhouettes of their local Fallen wherever*

they are listed for the Armistice Period, 2018, and/or to buy our 6’ Tommy figure for use in a public space at any time through 2018

- *Educate all generations about why they made the ultimate sacrifice*
- *Raise very substantial funds to help heal those suffering from the hidden wounds of war”*

Remembered is a dynamic new charity. It’s foundation was inspired by the enormous impact of the ‘There But Not There’ installation in Penshurst Church in Kent over the Remembrance period of 2016.

Remembered has three simple but significant aims:

- To **Commemorate** the Fallen through highlighting the sacrifices made. The 2018 Armistice Project, There But Not There, will be the Centenary Commemoration for the end of the First World War.
- To **Educate** all generations, particularly today’s younger generation, born nearly 100 years after the outbreak of WW1, to understand what led to the slaughter of 888,246 British and Commonwealth men.
- To help **Heal** those suffering from the hidden wounds of post-traumatic stress disorder and other lasting legacies of combat, by raising funds for our beneficiary charities. Today, the mental health

taboo of Post Traumatic Shock Disorder (PTSD), or 'shell shock' as it was known in the Great War, is being broken and Remembered aims to play a significant role in helping build better futures for veterans and those suffering from mental illness.

Remembered is a Registered Charity and a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Donations and the funds raised through the sales of the Tommy figures will contribute to the work of the following charities:

- The Royal Foundation: Heads Together
- Walking With The Wounded
- Combat Stress
- Help for Heroes
- Project Equinox: Housing Veterans and Medical Students
- [Commonwealth War Graves Foundation](#)

The installation of 51 transparent seated military figures in the Penshurst Church over Remembrance 2016 lit a touch paper in the psyche of all who saw it.

Given that widespread resonance, 'There But Not There' aims to place a representative figure for as many as possible of the names on local war memorials, around the country, into their place of worship, their school, their workplace or wherever their absence was keenly felt. These transparent silhouettes will be back within their communities for Remembrance 2018, the centenary commemoration of the end of the 1914-1918 First World War.

'There But Not There' will be the defining centenary commemoration of the end of the 1914-1918 war, installed where the men and women came from across the country, back in the communities they left behind.

This project aims to **Commemorate, Educate and Heal** – the three aims of the charity. The project itself is the commemoration and there will be a comprehensive school education programme designed to bring to life and create an understanding and respect for the reasons why so many lost their lives during this time. Funds raised from the sale of the [Tommies](#) will contribute directly to the work carried out by the beneficiary charities above. The Tommies and their commemorative packaging are made by the Royal British Legion Industries, appropriately, by ex-Service Veterans employed by RBLI.

Martin Barraud, the artist behind the project, is a conceptual photographer and installation artist, often combining both creative disciplines in his finished work.

In 2016 he created the first Installation of the Perspex men representing the Fallen, and called it 'There But Not There'. He also designed the logo showing the soldier with the lowered head, itself inspired by a contemporary photograph from the First World War.

To raise funds for the charities they are supporting Remembered are selling the following products, which can be seen on the Charity's website:

(a) Silhouettes for benches and chairs - £42

The silhouettes for benches are part of the national 'There But Not There' installation to remember the fallen of the First World War. They will allow communities to take the names of those who made the ultimate sacrifice in this conflict off the Rolls of Honour and put them back into the spaces they left behind, allowing people across the country to imagine and honour their loss.

They are made of durable perspex and have a protective bag and care instructions provided, so the silhouettes can be a permanent installation

wherever you choose to place them or can be used every year during the Remembrance period to remember the fallen in the local community. Name blocks inscribed with the names of those on the rolls can be ordered for £10 to sit with the silhouettes. They can also be ordered separately.

(b) 10" High Perspex Tommy Figures of a World War One Soldier - £29.99
(plus £3 p&p)

The figure will be delivered in commemorative packaging. It can take be taken to any Timpsons and, using a voucher that that can be downloaded from the website, have it engraved to remember those we have lost.

The 2014 ceramic poppies at the Tower of London represented the 888,246 British and Commonwealth Service men and women who lost their lives in the 1914-1918 First World War. The poppies are now in houses and gardens across the world. This Tommy will be the keepsake image commemorating the centenary of the end of the 1914-1918 war and those who lost their lives.

(c) 6ft Aluminium Sculpture - £750

As seen around the UK at Giant's Causeway, Hearts FC, The Big Pit in Wales and

the Tower of London, this 6ft version of the 'There But Not There' logo is a poignant and affecting image which really embodies the 'There But Not There' message. It also includes a small hole in the body to attach a Poppy just like the beautiful image on the website.

Weighing just 11kg and being only 6mm thick, it is made of lightweight aluminium giving it strength and durability and is sat on a 500mm x 500mm base plate with four holes to allow it to be bolted or pegged into the ground. This will be shipped in a scaled up replica of the 30cm Tommy box and can be installed at any time, but especially during the Armistice 2018 period. Members are invited to consider the project and agree the best way forward.

828 Vicarage Lane Fields Working Party - Update – *for information* (enclosed)

Enclosed is a report on the Working Party's consultation with Andy Smallshaw, the LA's Trees & Woodlands Officer. A similar consultation has been arranged with Graham Workman, of Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles, and will take place on Wednesday, 21 March at 10am. All members are welcome to attend.

The application to the Woodlands Trust for saplings has been successful. We have been awarded 270 saplings for planting in the Autumn.

829 Mobile Phone Mast – *for agreement*

In a recent report to the Council the Vicarage Lane Fields Working Party suggested that the possibility of introducing a mobile phone mast onto the fields should be investigated, as this would bring in additional revenue and contribute towards the repayment of the debt incurred in purchasing the field and the woodland. The loan is due for repayment in 45 years time.

Members are invited to consider this and agree the best way forward.

830 Donation to St Anne's Churchyard – *for approval*

Members are invited to approve the annual donation of £400 to St Anne's PCC towards the maintenance of the Churchyard.

831 Clerk's Report - *for information only* (to follow)

832 Financial Aid Applications - *to receive for consideration / approval.*

833 Payments, Income & Bank Balances – *for approval.* (to follow)

As very few invoices have so far been received and several more are expected, the schedule will be circulated on Wednesday.

834 Planning Applications – to consider for comment / receive updates.

At the time of preparation of the agenda there were no new planning applications to bring to the Council's attention.

835 Next Meetings: 5 April (Policy & General Purposes Committee);
26 April (Council)

POTENTIAL CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

836 Vicarage Lane Allotments Lease & Tenancy Agreement
– *for approval* (enclosed)

837 Cover Assistant's Hourly Rate – *for approval* (enclosed)

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(Clerk)