

SHEVINGTON



PARISH COUNCIL

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**TO ALL ELECTORS OF SHEVINGTON PARISH**

# **ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

**WEDNESDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2021 ~ 7:00 P.M.  
TO BE HELD VIRTUALLY**

Please let the Clerk know if you intend to join the meeting by emailing [clerk.shevingtonpc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:clerk.shevingtonpc@yahoo.co.uk) by Monday, 22 November so that you can be sent an invitation and joining instructions.

## **AGENDA**

- 591 Apologies for Absence** – to receive apologies from Councillors.
- 592 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.
- 593 Matters Introduced by Members of the Public** - an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions or make observations.
- 594 District Councillors' Reports** – *for information only* (enclosed)  
To receive reports from District Councillors.
- 595 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council (27 October 2021)**  
- to consider, agree and approve the signature of the previously circulated Minutes by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting. (enclosed)
- 596 Chairman's Report** - *for information only.*
- 597 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)
- 598 Reports from Representatives** – *for information only.*
  - **Shevington & District Community Association**

- Crooke Village Residents' Association
- Shevington Youth Club
- Shevington Recreation Ground Trustees
- 'in Bloom' Groups
- Patient Participation Group
- Vicarage Lane Fields Developments
- Friends of Shevington Memorial Park

599 **DRAFT Minutes of the Policy & GP and Finance Committees**  
(3 November 2021) – *for information* (enclosed)

600 **Recommendations from the Committees – for ratification**  
**Policy & General Purposes Committee**

Minute 9

To approve the Committee's recommendation that the Annual Community Awards should be awarded in 2022 and that an appeal for nominations for awards should be included in the November edition of the Newsletter.

Minute 10

To approve the Committee's recommendation that the container should be advertised for sale in the November edition of the newsletter. Potential buyers are to be invited to submit sealed bids to the Clerk and will be informed that they will have to bear the cost of the container's removal from the site.

Minute 11

To approve the text for the November edition of the newsletter retrospectively as per the recommendation from the Committee.

Minute 15

To approve the Committee's recommendation that a brief item containing a link to the GM Clean Air Zone website should be included in the November edition of the newsletter.

**Finance Committee**

Minute 4

To approve the Committee's recommendation that the H&S risk assessments reviewed and updated should be approved.

601 **Shevington United Charities – for information**

The Treasurer to Shevington United Charities was planning to join the meeting had it been held face to face. He is unable to join a virtual meeting and has asked the Clerk to report that there has been no further progress with regard the SUC beyond what was reported in the supporting documentation circulated to the meeting in October 2021. Covid restrictions resulting in the inaccessibility of Government facilities and the serious ill-health of trustees have contributed significantly to the lack of progress. The Treasurer has been informed of the Council's decision to seek professional advice from NALC's Legal team in relation to the way forward. He fully supports this. He has confirmed that he is willing to continue as Treasurer of the SUC.

*Members are invited to note the above information.*

602 **Allotments Matters – for information and discussion** (to follow)

The Allotments Working Party are due to meet representatives of the FFTA Committee on Monday, 22 November at 7pm. A brief report about the outcome of the meeting will be circulated after the meeting once it has been prepared.

*Members are invited to discuss the contents of the report.*

603 **RHS 'Northwest in Bloom' Awards – for information**

Cllr Bill McKnight was unable to attend the awards, which took place on Monday, 15 November 2021, as he was out of the area. However, the Parish Council were represented by Cllr Chris Horridge, who accepted an award on behalf of the Council.

The awards received were as follows:

Shevington Memorial Park (entered by the Parish Council) was awarded 'Gold' in the Small Parks category.

Shevington in Bloom were awarded 'Gold' for their work in the centre of Shevington (which includes their work in Memorial Park and Gathurst Lane car park). They were entered in the Small Town category.

Appley Bridge in Bloom were awarded a Level 5 - 'Outstanding' – for their entry of areas of Appley Bridge (including the entrance to Forest Fold) in the 'It's My Neighbourhood' category.

Edible Appley Bridge – located at Forest Fold – were awarded Level 4 – 'Thriving'.

Cllr Horridge will be bringing the award for Memorial Park to the meeting.

The entries are judged mainly on the hard work and dedication of the volunteers involved. They truly deserve everyone's appreciation. However, the Parish Council's staff and contractors should also be remembered, as they work alongside the voluntary groups to maintain the Council's sites in good order and also deserve our gratitude.

*Members are invited to note the information and congratulate all involved.*

**604 Christmas Eve – for approval**

On Christmas Eve this year St Anne's church would like to hold a family friendly simple outdoor service in Memorial Park where the swings are but gathering near the trees.

St Anne's will do a full risk assessment and manage the event. As the park is owned and managed by the Parish Council would like to ask the Council's permission to do this.

The plan is to hold the service at 3pm.

*Members are invited to approve the request.*

**605 Shevington War Memorial Restoration – for consideration (enclosed)**

**606 Christmas Tree Lights Trial – for approval**

Several meetings ago it was suggested that the Parish Council could make use of battery operated Christmas lights in displays instead of lights that require connection to the Street Lighting system. To find out how this might work a trial would be helpful.

Cllr Chris Horridge and the Clerk have identified a small tree near the shops at Woodnook Road that Cllr Horridge is willing to decorate using a 20m string of battery operated lights, which he is of the opinion should be sufficient for this particular tree.

The battery operated lights can be set up to work on a timer and the total cost (including batteries and cable ties) would be approximately £30.

The lights would be on for 6hrs if they were on the timer – from 4pm to 10pm.

The string of lights have a choice of several themes, which include static and twinkling.

Permission to dress the tree would need to be obtained from Greenspaces and possibly Highways.

A photograph of the tree may be seen below.



*Members are invited to consider the suggestion and approve the trial.*

- 607 Clerk's Report** - *for information only* (enclosed)
- 608 Financial Aid Applications** - *to receive for consideration / approval*
- 609 Payments, Income & Bank Balances** – *for approval* (enclosed)
- 610 Planning Applications** – *to consider for comment*  
At the time of the preparation of this agenda there were no relevant planning applications to bring to the attention of the Committee.
- 611 Next Meetings:** 1 December (P&GP and Finance Committees);  
15 December (Council)

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*K Pilkington*

(Clerk)