



TO ALL ELECTORS OF SHEVINGTON PARISH

PC FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING

**WEDNESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2021 ~ TO BE HELD VIRTUALLY
AT THE RISING OF THE POLICY & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

Please let the Clerk know if you intend to join the meeting by emailing clerk.shevingtonpc@yahoo.co.uk by Monday, 30 August so that you can be sent an invitation and joining instructions.

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies** – to receive apologies from Committee members.
- 2. 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.
- 3. Minutes of the Last Finance Committee Meeting (2 June 2021)** - to consider, agree and approve the signature of the previously circulated Minutes by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting. (enclosed)
- 4. Quarterly Budget Monitoring** – *for information and discussion* (enclosed)
- 5. Virements** – *to recommend for approval*
Members are invited to recommend virements for approval by the Council, as informed by the budget monitoring process:
 - £550 from the Memorial Park Development Reserve to the 'Memorial Park Development' cost centre to cover the overspend in the cost centre.
- 6. BT Direct Debit** – *to agree and recommend for approval*
Members are invited to consider the possibility of setting up a Direct Debit facility to pay bills from the Parish Council's account and make a recommendation to the Council for approval.
- 7. Remembrance Sunday** – *to agree and recommend for approval*

- Members are invited to consider and recommend to the Council
- (a)The value of the donation to be made to the Royal British Legion for the wreaths.
(b)The value of the donation to be made to a Charity of the bugler's choice.
- 8. Christmas Shop-Front Competition** – *to agree and recommend for approval*
The prizes awarded in recent years have consisted of donations of £60, £40 and £30 to Charities chosen by the first three prizewinners.
Members are invited to consider any changes to the status quo and make a recommendation to the Council.
- 9. Christmas Decorations** – *to agree and recommend for approval*
Wigan Council's Street Lighting section have provided the costings for the remaining services they provide to the Parish Council in relation to the Christmas decorations.
Members are invited to recommend the proposal to the Council for approval.
- 10. Barrel Planters at Appley Bridge Station** – *to agree and recommend for approval*
Two new barrel planters have appeared on the Wigan-bound platform at Appley Bridge Station. They have replaced the ones that fell apart earlier this year. Both Moss Bank Nurseries (who were previously contracted by the Parish Council – the official Station Adopters - to maintain these planters) and Northern have denied all knowledge of their appearance. They are two-thirds full of soil / compost. Appley Bridge in Bloom, who used to do some work at the station as part of the adoption project, have agreed to look after them and would like to plant them up for the Winter.
They have estimated that additional compost to fill the planters will cost approximately £30 with a similar cost for plants.
£758 of the 'Plants & Planters' cost centre remain unallocated.
The Parish Council adopted Appley Bridge Station (with the agreement of Wrightington Parish Council) about fourteen years ago on the basis that residents of the Parish used the station, which is just across the Parish boundary.
Members are invited to consider this and recommend it to the Council for approval.
- 11. Bowling Green Watering Facility** – *to agree and recommend for approval*
The bowling club at Forest Fold have asked if the Parish Council would be willing to purchase a travelling sprinkler to be used on the bowling green when necessary. As the grass needs to be watered in the evenings for a limited time, the members are willing to manage the watering. They would do it in consultation with the greenkeeper, who is willing to give them his hose to use for this purpose.
Good quality robust travelling sprinklers suitable for this type of operation cost approximately £100 (inc VAT).
There are currently £510 available in the 'Green Site Materials' cost centre, some of which could be used to cover the cost of the sprinkler.
Members are invited to discuss this and recommend it to the Council for approval.
- 12. Financial Aid Applications** – *to receive/recommend for approval*
- 13. Dates of Next Meetings:** 29 September (Council);
6 October (Policy & General Purposes Committee)

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Clerk to the Parish Council