

**Minutes of the Shevington Parish Council
Policy & General Purposes Committee Meeting
Held Wednesday, 4 December 2019
7.00pm Shevington Library**

Present: Councillor I Whiteley (Chairman), Councillors W McKnight, C Horridge, J Whiteley, M Grimes, V Galligan, J Higham and M Crosby
Co-opted Committee Member: Mr D Crook

In Attendance: Mrs K Pilkington (Clerk to the Council)

1. Apologies

Cllr J Ball
Mr B Lomas and Dist Cllr J Brown

2. Declaration of Interests

None

**3. Minutes of the Last Policy & General Purposes Committee Meeting
(6 November 2019)**

Resolved: The Minutes of the Policy & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 6 November 2019 were approved as a true and correct record.

4. Village Issues

Parking on Randall Avenue, Shevington

It was reported that, despite the introduction of additional parking spaces in Randall Avenue, people were still parking their vehicles in the road.

Christmas Lights

The Christmas lights provided by the Parish Council were discussed at length. Members were very pleased with the new lighting on the lamp standards at Appley Bridge and Shevington Moor, which looked very effective. Members were very disappointed with the problems that had arisen in the centre of Shevington. The Clerk reported on the issues and on progress with reaching resolutions.

Sad News

The Chairman reported the sad news of the death of Mrs Anne Bridge – the widow of the late Cllr Roy Bridge, who had died in the Spring. Her funeral had been held very recently. A sympathy card would be sent to the family from the Parish Council.

Report from Dist Cllr J Brown

Dist Cllr J Brown had sent a report which covered the following:

- VE Day Anniversary
- A Meeting with Sergeant Nick Forshaw re ASB Near Shevington Library

- Parking Outside Shevington High School
- Meeting with Traffic Management

See Appendix A

5. Parish Council Banner Design

The re-designed banner had been previously circulated and was considered. During the discussion members observed that they liked the design of the background. It was noted that the name of Shevington Vale was missing from the list of areas served by the Parish Council and it was agreed that it should be added. Members were of the view that the lettering in red near the bottom of the banner did not stand out and should be changed to white with an outline.

Resolved: Subject to the above amendments, the design of the banner was approved.

6. Sound Reproduction on Remembrance Sunday

It was reported that people attending the Remembrance Sunday Service at the Memorial Garden had commented that people speaking over the audio system could not be heard very well. Cllr C Horridge and the Clerk had tested the audio system earlier in the day and had discovered that the dials on the amplifier had been moved to the wrong settings. They reported that they had discovered that there was nothing wrong with the equipment and that the sound reproduction was excellent when the dials were changed to the right settings, which had been identified by trial and error a couple of years ago.

7. Parish Council Decision-Making

A report providing a brief overview of the Parish Council's decision-making process was received and its contents were noted.

8. Operational Plan

Information about the Parish Council's Operational Plan was received and noted.

9. Emergency Management Plan

Information about the Parish Council's Emergency Management Plan was received and noted.

10. Memorial Park Project - Update

A pre-application enquiry had been submitted to the National Lottery's 'Reaching Communities' earlier in the year. This had been considered by the North West Panel, who had decided that, while the project was a good one, the community-led element of the project was not as strong in this project as it was in others that they

had considered. Therefore, they had decided that they would not invite the Parish Council to submit a full application. The Clerk had been advised that the Fund had been inundated with enquiries and that 80% of projects were being turned away. The contents of a previously-circulated report detailing the reasons for the rejection were noted.

The Chairman reported that one of the criteria to be met with respect to the HLF bid involved providing training opportunities. In view of this she had arranged a meeting with the management of Fir Tree Farm to discuss the issues. This was discussed.

11. Planning Applications

There were no planning applications to consider.

12. Dates of Next Meetings

18 December (Council); 8 January (Finance Committee)

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 7:32 pm.

Chairman