

**Minutes of the Shevington Parish Council
Policy & General Purposes Committee Meeting
Held Wednesday, 6 October 2021
7pm Virtual Meeting**

Present: Councillor William McKnight (Chairman), Councillors Christopher Horridge, John Whiteley, Michael Grimes, Michael Crosby and Jessica Higham
Co-opted Committee Members: Dist Cllr Janet Brown, Brian Lomas and Mr Charlie Neve

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

1. Apologies

Cllrs John Ball, Ira Whiteley and Vicky Galligan
Mr David Crook and Mrs Eileen Longmore

2. Declaration of Interests

None

3. Matters Introduced by Members of the Public

There were no matters introduced by members of the public.

4. Reports from Committee Members

Memorial Park Drainage

A member reported that he had been asked by a resident whether United Utilities would accept additional outflow from the park along Gathurst Lane. He was advised that a decision about this was still awaited from United Utilities.

The Future of the Former Shevington Community School Site

A co-opted member of the Committee advised members that the District Councillors had been informed by the LA that the strategy in relation to the development of the site had now been prepared and that they would receive a presentation from the officers concerned later in the month.

Shevington United Charities

The Chairman informed the Committee that he asked the Clerk to include the SUC on a future agenda. He had also asked her to invite the Chairman and Treasurer to attend the relevant meeting.

Otters Croft Wood

The Chairman expressed the view that the future management of Otters Croft Wood should also be included on a future agenda.

5. Reports from Representatives

Shevington & District Community Association

Thirteen people attended the first face-to-face meeting (since the beginning of the pandemic) at Shevington Methodist Church the previous week. Helen Hurst would represent the Association at the meeting on the coming Friday about the future of the Community and Recreation Centre as a Wellness Hub.

Crooke Village Residents' Association

The representative reported that there was nothing new in the pipeline. The missing signage on the field had still not been re-instated and there was no news about the protective fencing at the bottom of the green.

Shevington Youth Club

The Youth Club was open for young people on Tuesday evenings and was being hired by others during the week.

The Gym had recently been re-furnished to provide a brighter environment. The owner of the Gym wished to run group sessions. To facilitate this and create more Gym space one of the shower areas was being removed. As the showers were never used the facility would not be missed. This led to a discussion about the procedures involved in mitigating against legionella.

Shevington Recreation Ground Trustees

There was no report.

'in Bloom' Groups

There was no report.

Patient Participation Group

The representative reported that there had so far been no discussion in relation to the future of the PPG. A co-opted Committee member raised an issue about the lack of communication on the part of Shevington Surgery about this year's strategy with respect to the delivery of influenza vaccinations. This was discussed and it was agreed that the representative would write to the Chairman of the PPG to raise concerns.

Vicarage Lane Fields Developments

There was no report.

Friends of Shevington Memorial Park

There was no report.

6. Minutes of the Last Policy & General Purposes Committee Meeting (1 September 2021)

Resolved: The Minutes of the Policy & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 1 September 2021 were approved as a true and correct record.

7. Annual Inspection of Property - Report

The previously circulated report on the Annual Inspection of Property was received and discussed.

Resolved: The Committee agreed to recommend to the Council that the following should be treated as priorities:

- the management of Otters Croft Wood
- the re-painting of the Parish Council's planters in Crooke Village
- lobbying Wigan Council with respect to improving the lighting provision along the footpath through Stockley Park
- writing to Wigan Council about the quality of the maintenance of Whiteacre and Stockley parks
- the repair of the Parish Council's notice board outside Gathurst Station
- the repair of the pothole along the road at Forest Fold.

Dist Cllr Janet Brown agreed to share the report she had received from Street Lighting officers at the LA on the last occasion that the matter of improvements to the lighting in Stockley Park had been raised.

8. November Newsletter

Proposals for articles for inclusion in the November edition of the newsletter were considered.

Resolved: The following articles were recommended for inclusion:

- Jean Fletcher Obituary
- Responsible Dog Owner poster – *rollover from September*
- Give Wildlife a Local Home – *rollover from September*
- RHS 'In Bloom' Results
- CVRA Volunteers Wanted Appeal
- Shevington Wellbeing Hub
- Remembrance Sunday
- Shevington & District CA Wheelchair Loans

Mr Charlie Neve reported that he had arranged to meet Rev Andrew Brown to discuss the involvement of the veterans during the parade and afterwards.

9. Planning Applications

There were no planning applications to consider.

10. Dates of Next Meetings

27 October (Council); 3 November (Policy & GP and Finance Committees)

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 7:35 pm.

Chairman