



POLICY & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

**THURSDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2018 - 7 P.M.
SHEVINGTON LIBRARY**

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies** – to receive apologies from Committee members.
- 2. Declaration of Interests** - to receive any declarations of interest (personal and/or prejudicial) 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 Policy & General Purposes Committee Meeting (7 December 2017)** - to consider, agree and approve the signature of the previously circulated Minutes by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting. (enclosed)
- 4. Village Issues** – *for information only*
To receive reports relating to the legitimate business of the Council from Committee members and Council officers (Councillors are asked to advise the Clerk in advance of any reports – including the subject matter - they wish to make.)
- 5. Rail Services** – *for discussion and agreement* (enclosed)
Mr King's report is largely based upon information on the OPSTA website and the latest communication from Arriva to Lisa Nandy MP, which is enclosed with Item No.6. Network Rail are encountering substantial problems completing the electrification between Bolton and Preston in time for the new timetable in May. Damian Moore is the new MP for Southport. Mr King advises that what he is working on does not replace the Airport service, but does provide a service through Manchester Piccadilly.
Mr King wishes to inform the Committee that the newish class 769 units (old electric trains with an auxiliary diesel engine added) are also unlikely to be available by May.
Mr King observes that the recently published Northern Transport Strategy, together with the Long Term Northern Rail Strategy, seems to be at odds with what Northern are proposing and places more emphasis on linking economic centres directly with Manchester Airport.

(Co-opted Committee members may vote on this.)

6. North West Electrification – for information (enclosed)

An announcement about electrification was made by Arriva earlier in January. The enclosed statement was sent to Lisa Nandy MP by the Director for their Central Region.

7. Vicarage Lane Fields Working Party - for information (enclosed)

The Vicarage Lane Fields Working Party will be meeting on Wednesday, 31 January, following which the Chairman will provide a verbal report to the Committee. As members will recall, the Working Party visited the site on 25 October. Below is a list of ideas that came out of that meeting - several useful ideas emerged.

Section A:

Car Park

1. The need for smooth disabled access to the rest of the field.
2. Landscaping - easy maintenance – mowing.

Section B

Next to the carpark but over the stream and away from the traffic

1. Picnic area
2. Large and small rocks as seating areas / for children to climb on
3. Landscaping - easy care shrubs to define areas
4. Paths made smoother and accessible for the disabled.....

Section C:

North of the Allotments

1. A community orchard next to the allotments as at Forest Fold.
2. A sheltered roof structure / barn area ...to enable a simple basketball hoop and other simple games on a solid / weather pore surface. Plus more seating for parents and young children who have come to watch football games.
3. The woodland area and ponds developed as a nature trail - in communication with the schools - perhaps developed and protected by the children.
4. A mobile phone mast to bring in income and increase access for residents of the area.

Pathway surrounding the Field.

The Working Party's Terms of Reference are enclosed.

8. Annual Parish Meeting – for discussion and agreement

This year the meeting will include the presentation of attainment awards from the Parish Council. In the light of this the Chairman would like to invite the Committee to review the format. What can we add to it... Take away from it?

Below is the current format:

1. APOLOGIES
2. MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
4. CLERK'S REPORT
5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
6. A.N.O. ITEM
7. MATTERS INTRODUCED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Members are invited to agree the best way forward.

(Co-opted Committee members may vote on this.)

9. How to Promote What the Parish Council Does and Raise Awareness in the Parish – for discussion and agreement

Several residents have approached the Chairman to explain that, until they started volunteering, they were unaware of how much the Parish Council does. They think many other residents are also in the same position and are of the view that what the Parish Council does should be promoted more than it is in order to raise awareness amongst residents.

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

10. Meeting with Wigan Council's CEO - Feedback – for information (to follow)

The meeting with Wigan Council took place last Friday, 19 January, as arranged. Several matters were discussed and actions agreed. Correspondence is currently in the process of being exchanged between the Clerk and several officers. In view of this a full report will follow on Wednesday once information being received is complete.

11. West Lancashire CIL Funding Programme for 2018/19 – for information

West Lancashire Borough Council have written:

'Thank you for responding to our consultation in October/November 2017 on the Community Infrastructure Levy Funding Programme for 2018/19. We considered all the

comments we received and used them to help inform our final recommendations on the funding programme. The Council's Cabinet (January 2018) have now decided to allocate CIL monies in 2018/19 to projects as follows:

- £60,000 towards the upgrade of playing field facilities at Chequer Lane, Up Holland. The project will be match-funded with a further £60,000 provided by the Football Association. £40,000 towards the upgrade of playing field facilities at Whittle Drive, Ormskirk. The project will be match-funded with a further £40,000 provided by the Football Association.
- £25,000 towards the renovation and the extension of Mere Sands Wood Visitor Centre, Holmeswood. This is the second phase of improvements to the visitor centre at the important nature reserve. The project will be match-funded with £225,000 from other sources.
- £300,000 towards implementation of the Tawd Valley Park Masterplan proposals, which will seek to improve open space, recreation and green infrastructure facilities in Skelmersdale.

Links to the Cabinet report, setting out the justification for the chosen projects, the Consultation Feedback Summary Report and the Consultation comments and Council responses, can be found on the [CIL Funding Programme webpage](#).

The Council will begin to undertake the next CIL funding exercise, for 2019/20, later this year. Those schemes which have not been successful for CIL funding this year will be re-considered for CIL funding along with all other projects on the Infrastructure Delivery Schedule (IDS). We welcome your comments in the next year's round of programming.

12. Precept Information for Council Tax Letter – for agreement (enclosed)

The precept information included on the Council Tax letter has been updated in line with this year's scenario. Members are invited to consider and agree the precept information for the Council Tax letter.

13. Planning Applications – to consider for comment

There are no relevant planning applications to consider at present.

14. Dates of Next Meetings: 22 February (Council);
1 March (Policy & GP and Finance Committees).

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Clerk to the Parish Council