



POLICY & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

**WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH 2022 ~ 7:00 P.M.
THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT VICARAGE LANE FIELDS**

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. Village Issues** – *for information*
To receive reports relating to the legitimate business of the Council from Committee members and Council officers (Committee members are asked to advise the Clerk in advance of any reports – including the subject matter they wish to make.)
- 4. Minutes of the Last Policy & General Purposes Committee Meeting (2 February 2022)** - to consider, agree and approve the signature of the previously circulated Minutes by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting (enclosed).
- 5. March Newsletter** - *for approval* (enclosed)
The text for the March edition of the newsletter is enclosed. Members are invited to review and approve it.
(Co-opted Committee members may vote on this.)
- 6. Temporary Arrangements for Newsletter Deliveries** – *for agreement* (enclosed)
One of the jobs done by the Cover Assistant – a post that is currently vacant – is to deliver the newsletters to homes which are not covered by Local Life. Temporary arrangements need to be put in place for their delivery initially for March and possibly also for May, as we do not know how long it will be before a replacement is found. The list of areas to be covered and the number of properties in each one is enclosed. The maps referred to in the document can be supplied, as appropriate. Delivery of the March edition is due to begin on 23 March.
Members are invited to discuss and agree the best way forward.

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

7. Upgrading Whiteacre Park – for discussion and agreement

It was agreed by this Committee at its meeting in February that the Parish Council would not be entering Memorial Park in the RHS Northwest in Bloom competition. As a result a saving of £960 would be made in relation to additional grounds maintenance costs relating to the entry. A suggestion was put forward that the savings made could be used in some way to upgrade Whiteacre Park.

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

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

8. Platinum Jubilee Garden – for discussion and agreement

At a recent meeting of Shevington & District Community Association there was much discussion about the Queens Platinum Jubilee and the Green Canopy - the “Plant a tree for the jubilee” initiative. Elaine Ellams, the Chair of the CA, would like to speak to the Committee about the possibility of developing a Platinum Jubilee Garden somewhere in Shevington and has been invited to join the meeting.

As it has become an area that is central to our community, Vicarage Lane Fields has been put forward as one possible location. What is being suggested is a small quiet area with room for

about 3 benches and some trees where anyone can visit.

Members are invited to consider the suggestion and agree the best way forward.

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

9. Trees Along the Boundary with St Bernadette’s School – for agreement (enclosed)

St Bernadette’s Primary School have written to ask that several issues being posed by some of the trees along the boundary of the school with Memorial Park should be brought to the Committee’s attention. The school’s Site Manager has photographed the trees in question and a document containing the photographs is enclosed.

The Site Manager has written:

“As you will see on pictures 10-13 the trees at the top end of the field adjoin the school’s wooded area and youths are climbing up them to gain access to school grounds. There have been two incidents of knives being planted (cutting edge facing upwards) into the wooded area on the school’s side. Both incidents were reported to the police. The school have now been advised by E.C. Harris (Liverpool Archdiocesan Asset Management Consultants) that, even if the school were to make the fence higher, intruders would not be deterred, as they are climbing the trees to gain entry.

On pictures 1-9, as you will see, the trees are impinging on our fence line, so we are asking that they be either pruned or removed.”

The Committee are asked to note that the trees in Memorial Park are covered by a TPO and are invited to inspect the line of trees for themselves.

Members are invited to consider the request and agree the best way forward.

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

10. 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.

11. Dates of Next Meetings: 16 March (Annual Parish Meeting); 30 March (Council); 6 April (Policy & General Purposes Committee)

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Clerk to the Parish Council