



POLICY & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY 7 APRIL 2021 ~ 7:00 P.M. ~ TO BE HELD VIRTUALLY

Please let the Clerk know if you intend to join the meeting by emailing clerk.shevingtonpc@yahoo.co.uk by Monday, 5 April 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 (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 (3 March 2021)**
- to consider, agree and approve the signature of the previously circulated Minutes by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting. (circulated with papers for the March Council meeting)
- 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. Parish Council Websites** – *for discussion and agreement* (enclosed)
A working party consisting of Cllrs Vicky Galligan and John Whiteley met, as agreed, to discuss several issues in relation to the two websites. Cllr John Whiteley has prepared a paper which is enclosed.
(*Co-opted Committee members may vote on this.*)
- 6. CCTV for Memorial Park Play Area** – *for consideration*
Several weekends ago a considerable amount of anti-social behaviour was reported in the centre of Shevington. It happened on a Saturday night and a resident collected several bags full of litter the following morning from Memorial Park and Shevington Recreation

Ground. A planter in the Rec belonging to Wigan Council was also reported as having been wrecked, with the contents strewn in the vicinity. SinB agreed to tidy this up. Reports of this and other occasions of ASB have also appeared on social media. One of the areas most at risk from ASB and deposits of litter is the play area in Memorial Park. Cllr Vicky Galligan would like to explore the possibility of introducing CCTV to maintain a watch over activities in the play area and will lead the discussion. Members are invited to agree the best way forward.
(Co-opted Committee members may vote on this.)

7. Forest Fold Allotments Notice Board - for agreement

During the working party meeting with the FFTA Committee a request for a notice board for the use of the FFTA was put forward. The FFTA Committee asked whether they could use the existing one in the lower allotments' car park and were given permission to do that. They also asked whether this could be moved to the upper allotments' car park and were willing to do try to do this. For members' information a photo of the notice board is shown below:



The notice board in question currently serves two purposes:

- (a) To carry notices for both allotment activities and Parish / community activities.
- (b) As a sign letting people know that they are at the allotment car park.

Both are important factors.

If the notice board were to be moved to the upper car park, there would no longer be a provision for (b) or for notices to do with Parish / community activities.

We do, however, have an open notice board frame similar to the one in the photo at the Parish Council compound. This could be given to the FFTA to install in the upper car park purely for their use – and they could still also use the one in the lower car park.

There are two types of permission to be sought from Wigan Council in relation to the introduction of a notice board in the upper car park:

- (i) An enquiry needs to be made about the need for planning consent.
- (ii) Permission needs to be sought – in line with the requirements of the Council's lease – for a new notice board to be introduced to the upper car park or for a transfer of notice board.

Members are invited to agree the best way forward.

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

8. National Forest Scheme – for agreement

At the last meeting of the Committee attention was drawn to Wigan Council's project to plant one million trees (mostly whips) across the Borough and suggested that the Parish Council might wish to consider arranging for some to be planted at Vicarage Lane Fields. The project was part of the National Forest strategy and the member who raised this reported that the officer responsible was waiting for offers of suitable locations to be proposed.

Members are invited to agree the best way forward.

- 9. Damaged Grass Verge at Crooke Village Green – for discussion and agreement**
(please see the report circulated for the Council meeting of 24 February 2021)
The southern verge of Crooke Village Green has over the past year suffered damage caused by vehicles driving over it. Concerns about this was brought to the Parish Council's attention by several residents in February. The Council noted the issues and observed that solutions would need to be discussed with Wigan Council, but no decision was made as to who should take the responsibility for this.
Members are invited to consider the situation and agree the best way forward.
(Co-opted Committee members may vote on this.)
- 10. East Quarry – for discussion and agreement** (enclosed)
The accompanying document is in two parts.
Members are invited to discuss matters and agree the best way forward with regard to both parts.
- 11. LALC Training Survey – for agreement** (enclosed)
Darren Cranshaw, Chairman of LALC, has written:
“Thank you for being a Member of LALC. We are very grateful for your continued support. As part of ensuring that we continue to provide the best possible training programme and support to our member councils we would be very grateful if you could please complete the attached survey. Please complete the attached PDF survey electronically and return via email to info@lalc.org.uk, if possible by **Friday, 16 April 2021**. If you prefer you can print and post the survey to the address below. We will share a summary of the results with you once they are available and use the valuable feedback to improve our services to you. Please feel free to let us have any general feedback by email to: info@lalc.org.uk or visit our website at www.lalc.org.uk.”
Members are invited to agree the best way forward.
- 12. Mobile Phone Mast Consultation (Gathurst Farm)**
– for consideration and agreement (enclosed)
A pre-application consultation letter and proposed plans in relation to the proposed upgrade to the existing telecommunications installation at the Gathurst Farm site are enclosed.
Members are invited to agree comments, if they wish to make any.
- 13. 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.
- 14. Dates of Next Meetings:** 28 April (Council); 5 May (Policy & GP Committee);
19 May (Annual Parish Meeting); 26 May (Annual Meeting of the Council)
- POTENTIAL CONFIDENTIAL ITEM**
- 15. Community Service Awards – for consideration & agreement** (enclosed)
(Co-opted Committee members may vote on this.)

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Clerk to the Parish Council