

District Councillors' Reports to the Parish Council: 24 Jan 2019

Dist Cllr P Collins has sent the following report:

Extra Care Provision

I recently attended a follow up meeting with Adult Services Officers and Cllrs Whitham and Brown to discuss the proposals for care provision in Shevington with Lower Ground Ward on the old Shevington Community Primary school site on Miles Lane.

As you will be aware I, along with my colleagues at the time Councillors Damian Edwardson and Mike Crosby fought hard along with parents representatives and residents to save the school but unfortunately we lost the fight due to the way that schools are funded and after a period of consultation a decision was taken by Wigan Council to close the school. Because funding is allocated based on the No of pupils, to keep the school open would have meant all 3 schools in the federation being underfunded due to there being insufficient pupils to populate the 3 schools, which was an impossible situation especially in the current financial climate.

During the very extensive consultations that took place at the time a large percentage of the feedback we received from our residents emphasised the need for access to care provision within our Ward so we worked hard with colleagues and officers to ensure that no housing would be allowed on the site and it would be retained for the introduction of care provision within our Ward, which would be an asset to local residents, and we were successful in securing the site for care provision.

Officers from our Age Well department will be attending the next meetings of Shevington & District Community Association and Parish Council to explain the proposals and listen to feedback and further drop in sessions etc will be arranged in the coming Months to enable residents to consider the proposals and give their feedback.

Dist Cllr J Brown reported the following verbally:

Inspection Chamber

The inspection chamber in Gathurst Lane had not been forgotten. The chamber was an unusual size and a new cover had to be ordered before repairs could be expedited.

Area Around J27

The area around J27 - currently the subject of improvements - had been inspected and had been deemed by the inspector to be reasonably tidy. Dist Cllr Brown would forward the email she had received in connection with this to the Co-opted Committee member who had raised the issues.