

Shevington Parish Council
Matters Introduced by Members of the Public
29 November 2018

Bus Services

A resident of Back Lane in Appley Bridge raised concerns about the unreliability of the No.635 bus service. He was concerned about the irregularity with which the buses left Wigan Bus Station and subsequently arrived at Shevington and then Appley Bridge.

He reported two recent instances. In the first one he and his wife waited had waited for a bus at Wigan Bus Station from 4pm until 4:40pm. The 635 service is meant to run every 12 minutes, but no bus had appeared for 40 minutes. This had happened the previous week. In the second instance a lady had rung the bus company, Diamond, to raise concerns about the irregular service and had received a non-committal response.

One of the District Councillors present reported that Wigan Council had received many complaints about the service and had written to both TfGM and Diamond. There was a long history of problems and attempts were being made to reduce the frequency of the service to every 15 minutes from every 12 minutes.

A member of the public observed that an irregular bus service raised issues for parents dropping children off at school and collecting them at the end of the day.

A Parish Councillor reported that twice in the past three weeks two had been witnessed chasing each other and over-taking each other. A member of the public informed the Council that she was aware of an incident in which a No.635 bus had collided with a car while trying to overtake it on a bend in Woodnook Road in Appley Bridge. Photographic evidence of the incident was available. It was observed that in general older drivers were more sensible about the manner in which they drove their vehicles.

Another concern was that the interior lights of buses were sometimes not switched on at night. This was considered a hazard.

During the discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would write to Diamond, TfGM, Cllr Aldred (the Chairman of TfGM), the Mayor of Greater Manchester and the Traffic Commissioners.