

**Minutes of Shevington Parish Council
Policy & General Purposes Committee Meeting
Held Thursday 6 October 2016
7:00 pm Shevington Library**

Present: Councillor I Whiteley (Chair), Councillors W McKnight, C Horridge, J Ball, K Shaw and J Fletcher.

Co-opted Committee members: Mrs E Longmore, Mr B Lomas, and Mr B King (non-voting).

No members of the public were present.

Officer in Attendance: Mrs K Pilkington (Clerk)

1. Apologies

Cllrs J Calderbank and C Miles.

2. Declaration of Interests

None.

**3. Minutes of the Policy & General Purposes Committee Meeting
(1 September 2016)**

Resolved: The Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held on 1 September 2016 were approved as a true and correct record.

4. Village Issues

Road Behind the Parade of Shops in Gathurst Lane

In reply to a question about progress with this project, the Clerk informed the Council that so far there had been no confirmation of the amount Wigan & Leigh Homes would be willing to contribute. Until this had been received it would not be possible to move forward.

Parking on Pavements Outside Schools

Issues created by motorists parking on pavements outside schools were discussed. The Clerk would seek Police involvement by contacting GMP's Traffic unit.

Notice for Crooke Wood Accessway

In reply to a query from a member, the Clerk advised that the signage was being worked on.

Caddy Bags

A member advised that the free caddy bags were now available for collection from Appley Bridge Post Office.

Visit to Taylor-Wimpey Woodland

A member informed the Committee that he had not yet arranged a visit to the Taylor-Wimpey woodland, but would try to do so at the earliest opportunity.

Overhanging Branches of Trees on Shevington Recreation Ground

A Co-opted Committee member reported that overhanging branches of trees on the recreation Ground were damaging the paintwork of vehicles parked in or being driven along Highfield Avenue. The Chair would raise the matter with the Secretary to the Trustees.

Update from OPSTA

A Co-opted Committee member reported that, according to OPSTA's recent update, the results of an independent survey of usage of services on the Southport Line had corroborated OPSTA's figures.

JP Oils

Discussion focussed on operations at Paradise Farm with regard to JP Oils. No trace of a planning consent for this on that site had been found. The Clerk would make enquiries.

Encroachments from Properties in Shevington Moor

On-going issues in relation to several encroachments in Shevington Moor were discussed. The Clerk would look into the matters in question.

Refugee Matters

The Chair reported that she had raised an enquiry with the MP about matters in relation to refugees and was awaiting a reply.

Funding for Vicarage Lane Projects

The Chair had been in touch with the Prince's Trust about the possibility of receiving a grant for the Vicarage Lane projects.

Neighbours Causing Distress

The Chair reported that she had received a complaint from a resident about activities of neighbours which were causing distress to an elderly resident. These were discussed. It was concluded that the matters in question were not the business of the Parish Council.

5. Memorial Park Grant Funding Streams

A report on possible grant funding streams prepared by Mr B Lomas was received and discussed at length. Mr Lomas had submitted an enquiry to the Heritage Lottery Fund and had received advice from them.

Resolved: Cllr W McKnight would seek professional advice in relation to the drainage issues.

Mr Lomas was thanked for his hard work on the report.

6. Parish Plan

Mr B King had updated the Parish Plan Review document and explained what he had done.

Resolved: The following were agreed:

- a) The Clerk would prepare a glossy cover for the document, which would be available on line.
- b) Hard copies would be lodged in the library and sent to appropriate agencies.
- c) Availability of the document would be announced in the next newsletter.
- d) The Parish Plan would be reviewed again in 10 years' time.

7. Consultation on Council Tax Referendum Principles

Responses to central government's consultation on Council Tax referendum principles were discussed and agreed.

Resolved: The Clerk would submit the responses before the deadline.

Mr B Lomas left the meeting.

8. Neighbourhood Planning Bill

Mr B King's report was received and discussed. *See Appendix A.*
Mr King reported that there was nothing in the new Bill that would affect the Parish Council very much.

9. Achievement Awards

Proposals for recipients of Annual Achievement Awards were discussed.

Resolved: Four nominations would be sent to the Community Association.

10. Bus Service Changes

Mr King reported that to date the changes to bus services had not been published.

11. Welly Walk

The Save Our Schools Group had written to ask for permission to hold a 'Welly Walk' in support of the Federation schools in Memorial Park on 15 October.

Resolved: Permission for the 'Welly Walk' was approved, subject to the Group's arranging public liability insurance.

12. Planning Applications

- **A/16/83050/FULL: The Co-operative, Gathurst Lane, Shevington – to erect lean-to secure storage unit in external yard**
The application was noted.

13. Dates of Next Meetings

27 October (Council);

3 November (Policy & General Purposes and Finance Committees).

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9:03 pm.

Chairman