

Chairman's Report to the Parish Council Meeting of 31 August 2017

1. The School Closure Event.

I attended the School Closure event on the 18th July, as also did Councillor Miles, Councillor Horridge and Councillor Ball.

A very pleasant and successful event.

Some people, many of them elderly had travelled considerable distances to be present at the closing of **their school.** Often three generations of families were present.

The Commemorative Art work was on display. The mosaics are a superb way of remembering the past and looking to the future. They commemorate great events across the history of the school as well as the experiences of present pupils, and also depicting geographical details of Shevington. One will be placed at Millbrook, the other at the Vale school.

Louise Wade, who has done a great job compiling the archives, was besieged by people wanting to see their names mentioned in ancient detention lists and / or on prize-giving lists!

The school Honours Board is now in the Library.

2. The Community Day 5th August

This was another very successful and pleasant event. The weather was good, which often it was not for the fete! The displays of flowers and vegetables were as impressive as ever.

The Parish Council Table was in some demand. On occasions Mike Thomas held the fort and Barry King too . It was good to see Barry there.

Crooke village had its usual display and a really good film showing the history of the village in the style of an old movie.

I received a variety of requests for information and some complaints:

A) how to dispose of long- lasting light bulbs?

B) where has our bin gone from the bus stop at the top of Shevington Lane?

C) Hedges over- growing the pavements at the bottom of Back Lane obscuring the view for traffic emerging onto the main road. Overgrown trees and hedges on Whitehall Avenue. Causing people to move out into the road. (these have now been dealt with)

However another area of concern is the hedge on Shevington Lane leading towards Arbour Lane. This is a serious health and safety issue as the pavement is narrow and the traffic travels at some speed along there.

D) A request for bollards or double yellow lines along the pavement at Randall's Corner. People frequently park on the pavement to go to the shop thereagain older people or people with prams are pushed out onto the road.

I was able to collect more signatures for the drainage project.

We sold 3 tea-towels!

3. The Parish Walk on Monday was very well attended. 27 people followed Jim Rigby on a seven mile walk. Cllrs Horridge, Miles and myself were present.

Carole and I did the refreshments. Cake was donated by John Whiteley and biscuits by Sheila Milnes. The donations for The Brick amounted to just over £50.00.

Appendix A

Please can we send a letter of thanks to Jim for yet another great walk. Should we think of presenting Jim with an award for his commitment to the PC walk?

4. The Shevington in Bloom Bowser. I had a letter from Sandra Lawton .The group were disappointed that the PC had deferred the purchase of the Bowser and had decided to buy it themselves with a helpful donation from the Community Association. I explained that the PC has to take into account all issues such as security and health and safety when spending precept money.

5. The Eccleston Land and Shevington Charities Trust.

John (Whiteley) and I went out to look at this piece of land at the invitation of Mr C Burke whose land is bordered by the Trust land.

The documents are now in the possession of Cllr Fletcher who is doing some detective work on the history of the Shevington Charities Trust and the present situation.

Ira Whiteley

Chair 23rd August 2017