

Shevington Parish Council
Clerk's Report to the Council Meeting of 23 February 2017

Christmas Shop Front Competition

Adrian Speakman and Cllr Ira Whiteley presented the prizes to representatives of the three prizewinners on 20 January.

January Newsletter

Distribution took place early in February.

Shevington Village Bowling Club

I accepted an invitation to attend the AGM of Shevington Village Bowling Club. It took place on 31 January. During the meeting the Chair informed the members that the Council had been very pleased with the Club's efforts to increase revenue for the bowling green. This would continue in 2017. Members were encouraged to pay individual subscriptions to the Parish Council and to use the green at times other than when the teams were playing. The Club are very pleased with the way in which the bowling green is being maintained and are more than happy with the greenkeeper.

Individual Bowling Green Membership

Both I and the Library staff have already had requests for individual membership subscription forms. In view of this a batch is now available in the library.

New Trees in Memorial Park

The two newly planted beech trees that died last Spring and the Women's Institute's Centenary oak tree have recently been replaced by Moss Bank Nurseries.

Overflowing Bins

Following a request from them, Greenspaces (the Council's contractor) was issued with a new map of the locations of the Council's current stock of bins in January and several bins that had been reported by residents as overflowing were emptied very promptly at about the same time.

Vicarage Lane Sports Leases

All procedures have now been completed and the sports clubs are in the process of arranging insurance.

Rail Services to Manchester Airport and Piccadilly

A meeting between the 5 MPs for the area and the Rail Minister/ Department for Transport is to take place on 1 March in Westminster. It will be attended by Northern and representatives of the campaign groups.

Alan Fantom of OPSTA has written:

“Constructive dialogue has continued with Northern since the meeting I reported in my last update, however, this is still a long way from a satisfactory outcome and a solution will need some additional funding which is why we are seeking passenger support at this critical stage.

We are encouraging the senior politicians from our local authorities to write to the Rail Minister. If you use the service please consider writing to them encouraging them to do this - see below or www.opsta.org/gotopiccadilly or the southportrailtransportforum facebook page.”

OPSTA provided a template letter that people / organisations could use to write to their senior politicians to ask them to write to the Minister. As the meeting at Westminster is taking place the day before our Policy & General Purposes Committee, Mr King asked if it would be possible for a letter to be sent from the Parish Council to Lord Peter Smith. As the Council are supporting this campaign, I have sent the attached letter on the Council's behalf.

K.M.P. 23.02.17