

**Shevington Parish Council**  
**Clerk's Report to the Council Meeting of 26 October 2017**

**Bench IMO Eddy Evans**

This work has now been completed.

**September Newsletter**

The September edition of the newsletter has been delivered.

**Fly Tipping in the Road Behind the Parade of Shops in Gathurst Lane**

The Cleansing Supervisor has visited the site and reported that the fly tipping was behind a property undergoing renovation. Cleansing tried to remove the mattress and concrete, but found it too heavy to move. Since their visit a skip has appeared at the same location and has been filled up with builder's rubble. The mattress and concrete are still on the ground next to the skip. The Cleansing Supervisor was planning to visit again and try to make contact with whoever owns the property or is working there.

**Bin Matters**

- As I reported last month, a request for permission to site a bin on the public footway at the entrance of the footpath into Elnup Wood near the junction of Longbrook with High Park was submitted to the LA's Highways Department. A follow-up telephone call early this week established that, because of other work commitments, the Highways Engineer would only be able to consider the request at the end of next week.
- The 3 new bins have been ordered and I have been given an estimated delivery date of 20 November. Transfers consisting of the Parish Council's logo and other livery for the old bins that were re-painted over the Summer will also be supplied at the same time.

**Vicarage Lane Fields Car Park Matters**

The gate to the car park has now been installed.

**Treeworks in Memorial Park**

The contractor has completed the work on the trees in the park. A replacement tree for the dead sycamore he removed will have to be selected in the not too distant future.

**Remembrance Sunday**

All arrangements for the Remembrance Sunday Service at Shevington Memorial are now in place. In addition to all the activities previously listed Shevington in Bloom will be mounting a display of knitted poppies in the flower beds at the entrance to the Memorial Garden, as they did last year. PC Dunne, PCSO Winnard and a 'B' Special will be responsible for controlling traffic at the crossroads to enable the parade to take place. Rev Mike Keulemans will lead the service.

**Christmas Trees**

The Christmas trees have been ordered and should be installed on 24 November, with a view to being dressed during the following week. As agreed earlier this year, the new star for the Christmas tree in Shevington has been commissioned and, assuming there are no glitches in relation to the production of this bespoke item, should be delivered in time for it to be pressed into use at the end of November.

Mr S Heyes decided that he did not wish to quote for the work of erecting and taking down the security fencing this year. In view of this, I approached Envirocare MS for a quote for the work. As they did not have to provide the fencing, they offered to provide the service free of charge. Consequently, I have not sought other quotes and have confirmed the commission.

**Christmas Motifs for Lamp Standards**

Brighter Borough have informed us that our application for a grant of £1,500 towards the costs in connection with the lamp standard motifs has been successful.

### **Memorial Park Play Area**

The damaged play equipment outside the compounds has finally been repaired. I have written to the officer responsible for supervising the routine maintenance of the compounds to complain about the lack of rotovation of the sand, but have received no reply. There is still no sign of anything very much happening.

### **Forest Fold Site**

The tree limb that was making it impossible for one of the panels in the lower allotments car park fence to stay in place has been removed and the pruning of the boundary hedge has been completed.

### **NALC & ALCC Joint Statement**

The following joint statement has recently been issued by NALC and ALCC:

*“NALC and ALCC have had two constructive meetings following the establishment of the trade union when SLCC divested its union role, a move NALC supported. As representative bodies for employers and clerks respectively we are committed to having a continuing regular dialogue on issues relating to terms and conditions for clerks in the sector including national agreements, contracts, pay and other conditions.”*

### **WW1 Memorial Tree**

Shevington & District Community Association will be planting its fourth World War One memorial tree on Friday, 10 November, beginning at 10.45 am, in Crooke Village. The Mayor and Mayoress of Wigan have confirmed that they will attend; the local borough councillors and Lisa Nandy, Wigan's MP, have been invited. A cordial invitation is extended to Shevington Parish Councillors to attend.

### **Damaged Barrier at J27**

The LA's Highways Engineer has replied to our report of the damaged barrier and unsightly vegetation near the entrance to the slip road to the southbound carriageway of the M6. She has advised that the barrier and the vegetation are not the responsibility of Wigan Council and recommended that both Highways England and West Lancashire Borough Council should be contacted. This was done and an enquiry was also submitted to Lancashire County Council.

WLBC informed me that this area was not their responsibility and that they had forwarded the enquiry to LCC, who have not yet replied. Highways England replied to say that their responsibilities stopped at the top of the slip road and that, according to their records, Wigan Council were responsible for the maintenance of this area. I have forwarded Highways England reply to the Highways Engineer at the LA, but so far have received no response.

**K.M.P. 20.10.17**