

Shevington Parish Council
Clerk's Report to the Council Meeting of 28 September 2017

Bench IMO Eddy Evans

The work of installing the plinth and the bench is in progress.

September Newsletter

The September edition of the newsletter is due to be delivered.

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

I contacted the LA's Cleansing Manager to establish the position with respect to the fly tipping at this location that was reported by a resident to the Parish Council at the last meeting. It seems that the resident's complaint to the LA had not been passed on to the Cleansing Manager. However, he agreed to investigate and would remove it, if necessary. As the tipping was on private land, the LA might have to charge for the service.

Bin Matters

- A request for a litter bin to be provided at a location at the other side of the chemists's was sent to the District Councillors. They have replied that they are of the view that, if the bin outside the newsagents is often over-full, it might be better if arrangements were to be made for more frequent collections.
- The issues relating to the bin on the dual carriageway near Cressell Park have been reported to the LA's Cleansing Manager.
- The LA's Cleansing Manager has advised that the concrete area at the entrance to the footpath at the junction of Longbrook with High Park was private property and a land search would have to be carried out to try to establish ownership. He has also advised that there is sufficient room on the public footway in this area to take a litter bin. A request for permission to site a bin there has been submitted to the LA's Highways Department.

Vicarage Lane Fields Car Park Matters

Work on the car park itself is now complete. The gate is due to be installed. The area surrounding the car park has been re-instated. As a result the ground is now flush with the edging and measures need to be put in place to prevent unauthorised vehicular access via the field. Wigan Council's project manager advised that there is no funding left for such measures. He has estimated that the cost of installing low-level galvanised steel fencing on two/three sides of the car park would be about £13,000. Good quality security fencing will cost more.

Treeworks in Memorial Park

The contractor instructed to carry out the work anticipates being on site in mid-October.

Christmas Shop Front Competition

An invitation to PCSO Leanne Winnard to act as this year's judge was sent to the Police Sergeant, who forwarded it on to the Inspector. The Sergeant has informed me that PCSO Winnard has been given permission to act as the judge and will be in touch nearer the time.

Service Delivery Footprint Manager (Wigan North)

Lynn Prescott, the Service Delivery Footprint Manager for Wigan North (which covers Shevington with Lower Ground, Standish and Aspull) will be making a presentation to the Policy & General Purposes Committee next week.

The Vicar's Retirement

Rev Philip Dennison has thanked the Parish Council for the letter sent to him thanking him for his support for the Parish Council and the local community during his time here.

Remembrance Sunday

PC Dunne will represent GMP at the Service on 12 November.

K.M.P. 27.09.17