

**Shevington Parish Council**  
**Clerk's Report to the Council Meeting of 29 September 2016**

**Metal Detecting in Vicarage Lane Fields**

As requested, I contacted the resident with metal detecting permission and asked him whether he would be willing to carry out an exercise in Vicarage Lane Fields once the hay had been harvested and before work had begun on the drainage. He has replied that he visited the fields several months ago and did not find very much, but he had only carried out a superficial search. In view of this he was willing to go back.

**WW1 Grant from 'The Deal'**

We have recently received a grant of £750 from 'The Deal'. This is for the WW1 book binding and a display cabinet for the Parish Council's WW1 memorabilia.

**Metal Detecting Permission**

As promised, the beneficiary of the Council's metal detecting permission has sent photographs of recent finds (25.07.16).

**Road Surface in Back Lane, Appley Bridge**

The damaged surface along the stretch of Back Lane in the vicinity of Golden Days Garden Centre was repaired earlier this month

**September Newsletter**

Copies of the September newsletter are in the process of being delivered to all properties in the Parish.

**Hedge at Whiteacre Park**

This has now been pruned.

**Issues in Shevington Parish**

Attached is a letter from the Assistant Director (Infrastructure and Regulatory Services) in response to several enquiries made on behalf of the Parish Council in recent weeks.

**Damaged Bollard**

The damaged bollard in front of the parade of Muffin Man was reported and has been replaced.

**The Wigan Borough (Decriminalisation of Parking) (Various Roads in Wigan Borough) (Traffic Regulation Consolidation) Order 2004 (Amendment No.347) Order 2015**

Wigan Council's Legal Department have written to confirm that our objection to the above Order has now been considered by the Assistant Director of Economy and Environment, Places Directorate:

"The Director recommendeds that the proposed parking restrictions be abandoned.

The decision to abandon the restrictions is due to a number of factors. In the first instance a number of the objection letters requested that we amend the restrictions by extending them or reverting them to what was on the incorrect plan that was placed on deposit. Unfortunately the confines of the legal process meant that we could not amend the restrictions as some of the objectors request.

The future of the school was also a factor which prompted us to abandon the current proposal. As the school is currently part of the consultation about school provision in Shevington, it was decided that no further action should be taken on introducing further restrictions in this area until a decision on the future of the schools is made. Should parking remain a problem in this

area in future, parking restrictions can again be considered at that time, should they be required.”

### **Data Protection Registration**

The ICO have confirmed that our data protection registration has been renewed.

### **Dead Trees in Memorial Park**

Our tree suppliers has agreed to replace the two beech trees that died free of charge on this occasion. They have also agreed to replace the oak tree planted by the WI to commemorate their centenary. All of them will be planted in November.

### **Christmas Lighting**

I have met with the Project Manager from Blachere Illuminations and he intends to prepare and send a proposal in a few weeks' time.

### **Late Night Activity on Bowling Green Car Park**

The Forest Fold site grounds maintenance contractors have reported finding a needle while they were pruning the laurel hedge at the bowling green car park. They carry a sharps box and have removed it. The needle may be connected to the late night activity in the car park observed and reported a few weeks ago or it may have been there for some time.

**K.M.P. 29.09.16**