

Shevington Parish Council

Clerk's Report to the Council Meeting of 30 November 2017

November Newsletter

The November edition of the newsletter has been delivered.

Consultation on the Future of Shevington Primary School Site

The consultation leaflet is being distributed with the newsletter and a box for replies in hard copy has been left in the library. Several responses have already been returned.

Bin Matters

The 3 new bins arrived on time and have been fitted at the agreed locations, as have the re-painted bins. Transfers consisting of the Parish Council's logo and other livery for the re-painted bins arrived separately by post and will be applied in the near future. Greenspaces have been advised that the bins are in place.

Vicarage Lane Fields Matters

The allotments site has been marked out by the Allotments Association and arrangements have been made for the area to be verified this week.

The three storage containers donated by Taylor Wimpey to the sports clubs have now been transferred to the hard-standing surface of the car park.

I have received a complaint from a resident about the appearance of the car park gate. I have explained that the gate has been designed to provide security for the car park.

Trees in Memorial Park

The LA's Trees & Woodlands Officer inspected the trees in the park last week and is preparing a report on their condition.

Christmas Trees

The Christmas trees were installed on 24 November and will be dressed during the coming week. Three of the trees are in good condition. Unfortunately, the one for the centre of Shevington (at the time of writing) is not in an acceptable condition and is being replaced by the supplier. The new star for the Christmas tree in Shevington was also delivered in time for it to be pressed into use at the end of November.

I accompanied Envirocare's personnel for some of the time while they were putting up the Harris fencing. They are to be congratulated on their professional approach to the work. They risk assessed each panel and the end product looked very tidy when they had finished.

Christmas Motifs for Lamp Standards

We have been informed by Brighter Borough that (under BB criteria) the grant of £1,500 we were awarded had to be used during this time period coming up to Christmas 2017. As we deferred the project until 2018, we will have to re-apply for the grant when we are ready.

Memorial Park Drainage Works

The work on the drainage at the lower end of the park has been completed and the contractor has removed his staff comfort building and his compounds. A different team will be coming to re-lay the flags on the footpath running from Church Lane to the play area.

Street Lighting Matters

The LA's Street Lighting Officer has agreed to meet with me on site to discuss the Memorial Garden floodlight, which has still not been repaired after having been reported several times since this time last year, and the lamp standard at Gorsey Brow that was removed just over a year ago.

Greater Manchester Spatial Framework

An update on progress with the consultation is attached.

WLBC Community Infrastructure Levy Projects

WLBC's CIL Officer has replied to our enquiry about the Appley Bridge 'Park and Ride' scheme. The project relates to Network Rail proposals to improve accessibility at stations across Greater Manchester. The project is therefore the responsibility of Network Rail / Transport for Greater Manchester to fund, and will be subject to their own changing priorities and assessments of need. A final decision on the CIL projects will be made by WLBC's Cabinet in January 2018.

Allotment Skip

A skip was provided for Forest Fold allotment tenants over the weekend beginning 10 November.

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