



TO ALL ELECTORS OF SHEVINGTON PARISH

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**THURSDAY 24 November 2016 ~ 7:00 P.M.
SHEVINGTON LIBRARY**

AGENDA

- 456 Apologies for Absence** – to receive apologies from councillors.
- 457 Declaration of Interests** - to receive any declarations of interest (prejudicial or otherwise) with regard to items on the Agenda.
Unless already entered in the Council's Register of Members' interests, members are required to disclose any personal interest, (which includes any disclosable pecuniary interest), they may have in any of the items included on the agenda for the meeting in accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council on 28 June 2012 and amended on 25 October 2012. Members are reminded that if they have any personal interests of a prejudicial nature or a disclosable pecuniary interest they must not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must leave the room. Any member needing clarification must contact the Clerk.
- 458 Libraries Public Consultation** – *for discussion*
Please welcome Jo Makin (Customer Services Manager) and Rob Sanderson (Business Partner) from Wigan Council, who will be talking to members about the Library consultation. The consultation is current and closes on 5 February 2017. Details are on the Wigan Council website under 'Consultations'. Members should note that there are no proposals to close libraries.
- 459 Matters Introduced by Members of the Public** - an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions or make observations.
- 460 District Councillors Reports** - *for information only*
To receive reports from District Councillors.
- 461 Minutes of the Last Ordinary Meeting of the Council (27 October 2016)** - to consider, agree and approve the signature of the previously circulated Minutes by the Chairperson as a correct record of the meeting. (enclosed)
- 462 Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Council (3 November 2016)** - to consider, agree and approve the signature of the previously circulated Minutes by the Chairperson as a correct record of the meeting. (enclosed)
- 463 Chairman's Report** - *for information only.*
- 464 Reports from Councillors** - *for information only*

To receive short reports from councillors about matters that are the legitimate business of the Council (Councillors are asked to advise the Clerk in advance of any reports – including the subject matter - they wish to make.)

465 Reports from Representatives - for information only.

- **Shevington & District Community Association**
- **Crooke Village Residents' Association**
- **Shevington Youth Club**
- **Shevington Recreation Ground Trustees**
- **'in Bloom' Groups**
- **Standards Committee**
- **Shevington Surgery Patient Participation Group**
- **Shevington Rugby & Football Clubs**
- **Friends of Otters Croft & Crooke Woods**

466 DRAFT Minutes of the Meetings of the Policy & General Purposes and Finance Committees (3 November 2016) - to receive - for information only (enclosed)

467 Consultation on the Statutory Notice of Closure: Shevington Community Primary School - for information, discussion and agreement (to follow)

On 20 October Wigan Cabinet approved a Statutory Notice of Closure with respect to Shevington Miles Lane Community Primary School. Since the last meeting the following correspondence has been sent:

a) A letter has been sent by email to The Rt Honourable Justine Greening MP, Secretary of State for Education, advising her of the situation - reference was made to the new build in Standish and Orrell (and the consequent need for extra capacity, which Shevington would be able to provide), the historical element of the school and its recent Ofsted judgement - and asking her to intervene. The email was marked for the attention of the Secretary of State: Justine Greening and labelled URGENT.

No reply has been received to date.

b) The above letter was copied by email to Lisa Nandy MP and by post to the Prime Minister.

10 Downing Street have replied to say that they have referred the letter to the Education Department.

c) A letter was sent by email to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator to ask if she would intervene.

An email has been received from OSA explaining the position.

d) An FOI request has been made to Wigan Council asking for the number of children who have left each school to go to another primary school over the past five years.

A reply has been received informing us that the information should be with us by the middle of December.

e) A letter of complaint has been sent by email to Wigan Council's CEO raising concerns about the way this matter has been handled.

No reply has been received as yet.

Relevant correspondence will follow.

The consultation on the Statutory Notice is now live, having started on 10 November and only responses by letter are acceptable. The Parish Council have been invited to make a formal response. The consultation is on the Wigan Council website and the relevant documentation will follow.

Members are invited to agree the contents of a response.

468 Clerk's Report - for information only (to follow)

469 Financial Aid Applications - to receive for consideration / approval

470 Payments, Income & Bank Balances – for approval (to follow)

An updated schedule will be presented on the day to cover any additional invoices received.

- 471 Planning Applications** – *to consider for comment / receive updates*
- 472 Dates of Meetings 2017** – *for approval* (enclosed)
- 473 Next Meetings:** 1 December (Policy & GP and Finance Committees);
15 December (Council)

POTENTIAL CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

Members are reminded that no audio or video recording is allowed during this part of the meeting and are asked to switch off any recorders.

- 474 Vicarage Lane Fields Leases** – *for agreement*

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(Clerk)