



TO ALL ELECTORS OF SHEVINGTON PARISH

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**THURSDAY 25 AUGUST 2016 ~ 7:00 P.M.
SHEVINGTON LIBRARY**

AGENDA

- 377 Apologies for Absence** - to receive apologies from Councillors.
- 378 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.
- 379 Matters Introduced by Members of the Public** - an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions or make observations.
- 380 Consultation to Reduce School Places in the Shevington Area**
– *for information and discussion* (enclosed)
Following the discussion during the Council meeting in June with representatives of parents of children attending the three Federation schools, letters were written by the Chair and the Clerk and sent to the Director of Education. The letter written on behalf of the Parish Council by the Clerk was also sent to the officer responsible for co-ordinating the LA's consultation and lodged as the Council's official response. Copies of the letter were also sent to Lisa Nandy MP, Ms Donna Hall, Wigan Council's CEO, Dist Cllr J Platt, the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services, and the District Councillors for the ward. Lisa Nandy MP has replied to the letter, as have the Education Department, whose response was in the form of the FAQs document on the Wigan Council website. All are enclosed.
Representatives of the Education Department were invited to meet with the whole Parish Council to discuss the issues. They were unavailable to do this but were willing to meet informally with three members of the Council. Cllrs I Whiteley, A Bland and J Fletcher agreed to represent the Parish Council at the meeting, which took place on 20 July. Members were invited to submit questions

that they wished the delegates to ask. The questions submitted and the answers provided (as documented by the delegates) are also enclosed.

Enclosed too is correspondence relating to an FOI enquiry made by Cllr Bland.

The consultation period ended on 24 July and Wigan Council's Cabinet were due to consider the outcome at their meeting in August. However, as the Education Department wished to do justice to the large number of responses that were received from both individuals and local community groups, consideration by the Cabinet has been postponed until its meeting on

20 October. If the Cabinet decides to go on to the next stage of the process, the statutory representation period will now run from 3 November to 1 December, with a final decision being made by the Council at its meeting in January 2017.

381 District Councillors Reports - for information only

To receive reports from District Councillors.

382 Minutes of the Last Ordinary Meeting of the Council (30 June 2016) - to

consider, agree and approve the signature of the previously circulated Minutes by the Chairperson as a correct record of the meeting. (enclosed)

383 Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Council (13 July 2016) - to

consider, agree and approve the signature of the previously circulated Minutes by the Chairperson as a correct record of the meeting. (enclosed)

384 Chairman's Report - for information only.

385 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.)

386 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

387 DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting of the Policy Committee (4 August 2016) - to receive - for information only (enclosed)

388 Annual Parish Walk - for information.

The route for the Walk has been prepared and the Walk has been advertised.

Cllr C Miles will provide an update on the arrangements made in connection with refreshments.

389 Training for Parish Councillors to be Provided by the LA - for information and consideration.

The training to be provided by the LA, as discussed at previous meetings, has been arranged to take place on Monday, 17 October in the Council Chamber at Wigan Town Hall. It will begin at 6pm and end at 8pm. Members are invited to indicate whether they will be able to attend.

390 LCTP Training Sessions – for information and consideration. (enclosed)

Enclosed are information and booking forms about training sessions to be provided in Chairmanship and Finance in November. As there are financial implications, members wishing to attend will need approval from the Council, unless they are willing to fund themselves.

391 LALC Annual General Meeting – for information and agreement. (enclosed)

An invitation to attend the AGM of the Lancashire Association of Local Councils is enclosed. The Council is entitled to three voting delegate. There is no limit to

the number of delegates attending. The possibility of proposing a resolution was considered at the meeting in June. None were proposed and the deadline for submission will have passed by the date of this meeting.

Members are invited to consider and agree the possibility of sending delegates to the AGM.

392 September Newsletter – for agreement

The next newsletter is due to be published in late September. Articles and photographs about the following have been received or are awaited:

- a) Annual Achievement Awards
- b) 'In Bloom' Judging
- c) Shevington Fete
- d) Annual Parish Walk
- e) Bowling Green Fun Day
- f) St Anne's Mothers Union Fun Day
- g) Reduction in School Places Consultation

Members are invited to approve the above for inclusion.

393 Clerk's Report - for information only (enclosed)

394 Financial Aid Applications - to receive for consideration / approval

395 Payments, Income & Bank Balances – for approval (enclosed)

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

396 Planning Applications – to consider for comment / receive updates

There were no new planning applications to be considered by the Parish Council at the time of writing. A decision on A/16/82597/FULL is still pending.

397 Next Meetings: 1 Sept(Policy & GP & Finance Committees); 1 Sept (Council)

POTENTIAL CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

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.

398 Access to Otters Croft & Crooke Woods – for discussion and agreement (enclosed)

399 Gatekeeper Post - for discussion and agreement (enclosed)

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(Clerk)