



TO ALL ELECTORS OF SHEVINGTON PARISH

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**THURSDAY 26 MAY 2016 ~ 7:30 P.M.
SHEVINGTON LIBRARY**

AGENDA

- 320 Apologies for Absence** - to receive apologies from Councillors.
- 321 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.
- 322 Matters Introduced by Members of the Public** - an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions or make observations.
- 323 District Councillors Reports** – *for information only.* (enclosed)
To receive reports from District Councillors.
- 324 Minutes of the Last Ordinary Meeting of the Council (28 April 2016)** - to consider, agree and approve the signature of the previously circulated Minutes by the Chairperson as a correct record of the meeting. (enclosed)
- 325 Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Council (5 May 2016)** - to consider, agree and approve the signature of the previously circulated Minutes by the Chairperson as a correct record of the meeting. (enclosed)
- 326 Chairman's Report** - *for information only.*
- 327 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)
- 328 Reports from Representatives** - *for information only.*
- **Shevington & District Community Association**
 - **Crooke Village Residents' Association**
 - **Shevington Youth Club**
 - **Shevington Recreation Ground Trustees**

- 'in Bloom' Groups
- Patient Participation Group
- Shevington Rugby & Football Clubs
- Friends of Otters Croft & Crooke Woods

329 DRAFT Minute of the Policy Committee Meeting (5 May 2016)

- to receive - *for information only* (enclosed)

330 Internal Audit 2015/16 – for approval. (enclosed)

To receive, accept and approve the Internal Auditor's report.

331 Insurance Renewal – for approval. (enclosed)

Members are invited to consider the quotations and approve the provider.

332 NALC/LALC – for information only

a) The Queen's Speech

The briefing below (forwarded to the Council by LALC) was issued on 10 May by Jonathan Owen, the Chief Executive Officer of NALC:

"Dear Colleagues,

This afternoon the housing and planning minister, Brandon Lewis MP, was in touch with our chairman Cllr Ken Browse about the Neighbourhood Planning and Infrastructure Bill in the Queen's Speech, saying he wants to work closely with us to take forward the government's commitment to strengthen neighbourhood planning (amongst other things). Ken very much welcomed the minister's approach and the Bill itself, which I see as a direct result of our lobbying during the Housing and Planning Act. Officials have also been in touch with us today seeking to discuss the Bill further, when we will also be pressing for more support from government to promote neighbourhood planning through mobilisation events and resources tailored for our councils.

Key elements from the [full briefing](#) on the Queen's Speech – which sets out the Government's agenda for the forthcoming session of this Parliament – of interest and relevance to parish and town councils include:

- Neighbourhood Planning and Infrastructure Bill: to support economic recovery and create more jobs and apprenticeships, legislation will be introduced to ensure Britain has the infrastructure that businesses need to grow; the main elements on the Bill on neighbourhood planning are to further strengthen neighbourhood planning and give even more power to local people, and strengthen neighbourhood planning by making the local government duty to support groups more transparent and by improving the process for reviewing and updating plans;
- Bus Services Bill: where in England further powers will be devolved to directly elected mayors, including powers governing local bus services;
- Local Growth and Jobs Bill: to allow local authorities to retain business rates, giving them more freedom to invest in local communities."

b) NALC Consultation on Devolution of Services

Devolution is about devolving power from central to principal local government. Principal councils are joining up to create new bodies—which will typically serve populations of more than a million people; at the same time principal councils are under pressure to

re-organise themselves into fewer, larger authorities.

There is a danger that devolution could actually lead to more power being held by bodies which are more remote from residents.

In response to this NALC is working with LGC (Local Government Chronicle) in a special supplement to look at all of this.

The devolution of powers and services, from principal authorities to local councils, is an obvious and powerful remedy to this possible feeling of disconnection.

As part of this supplement NALC are inviting members to undertake a very short sharp survey. The deadline for responses is 26 May, so members are invited to complete the survey at their convenience.

The survey link is:

https://ascential.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_d4EkPxVZzqcLFTT

c) National Pay Award

LALC have forwarded a letter from NALC informing councils that The National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) has reached agreement on the following:

- New pay scales for 2016-2017 to be implemented immediately and backdated to 1 April 2016 and
- New pay scales for 2017-2018 to be implemented from 1 April 2017.

This will form an agenda item at a future meeting, when further information will be provided.

d) Letter to LALC

A reply to our letter to LALC asking for clarification of the passwords for the members sections on the LALC and NALC websites is awaited.

333 Training for Parish Councillors – Agenda – for agreement

At the Council meeting in April a proposed training session to be provided by Wigan Council was discussed. The Clerk was asked to find out what areas would be covered. The following have been suggested as being of use to parish councillors:

- Social Media & Acceptable Use of ICT
- Safeguarding
- Code of Conduct & Interests
- Declaration of Gifts & Hospitality
- FOI & Data Protection
- Effective Community Leadership
- Personal Safety for Councillors

Members are invited to consider the above and agree their suitability and their attendance at the training session, subject to a suitable date being arranged.

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

335 Financial Aid Applications - to receive for consideration / approval.

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

An updated schedule will be circulated at the meeting if any further invoices are received.

337 Planning Applications – to consider for comment / receive updates.

338 Next Meetings: 2 June (General Purposes & Finance Committees); 30 June (Council).

POTENTIAL CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

339 Vicarage Lane Leases: Shevington ARLFC & Shevington FC (to follow)

340 Caretaking Post (to follow)

341 Bowling Green Gatekeeper (to follow)

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