



**TO ALL ELECTORS OF SHEVINGTON PARISH**

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**THURSDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2018 ~ 7.00 P.M.**  
**SHEVINGTON LIBRARY**

**AGENDA**

- 1012 Apologies for Absence** - to receive apologies from Councillors.
- 1013 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 participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must leave the room. Any member needing clarification must contact the Clerk.
- 1014 Matters Introduced by Members of the Public**  
- an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions or make observations.
- 1015 District Councillors' Reports** – *for information only.*  
To receive reports from District Councillors.
- 1016 Minutes of the Last Ordinary Meeting of the Council (25 October 2018)**  
- to consider, agree and approve the signature of the previously circulated Minutes by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting. (enclosed)
- 1017 Chairman's Report** - *for information only.*
- 1018 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)
- 1019 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
- Vicarage Lane Fields Developments
- Friends of Shevington Memorial Park

**1020 DRAFT Minutes of the Meetings of the Policy & General Purposes and Finance Committees (1 November 2018)**

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

**1021 Christmas Tree Railings**

– *for consideration and agreement in principle*

The Chairman has recently been approached by several residents who have drawn her attention to the news that decorative railings are being installed around Standish's living Christmas tree after a successful fundraising campaign. The living tree was planted and decorated for Christmas 2017 by Standish Christmas Decorations Group, which was set up by Standish Voice and includes representatives from various organisations across the village.

The money raised is being used to install decorative railings 1.2m high (necessary to meet H&S requirements) around the tree. The general view is that they will be much better than the unsightly metal fencing which has been used in previous years. The railings and their gate will be permanent and will match the ones which currently surround the nearby historic well.

According to Standish Voice's Facebook page, the total money raised came to £3,030.

The living tree – which will eventually grow to 8m in height - was donated by Holts Brewery (who operate The Lychgtae pub) and the decorations cost £440. The balance is being spent on the railings and flagging, with a sum being set aside for future care of the tree.

The residents have asked whether the Parish Council would consider installing similar railings around the tree in the centre of Shevington.

There are several things to be given consideration:

- Whether 1.2m would be considered by the LA to be sufficiently tall in relation to the tree (on H&S grounds) at this location.
- Whether a permanent fence would be acceptable to the LA at this location on H&S grounds - the tree is at junction that is already blind and permanent fencing would add to this all year round.
- Cost.

Eccleston PC provide a Christmas tree along the main road through the village – it is on a bend and is not a living tree. 1.2m decorative fencing is installed each year around the tree. The fencing comes in panels which are installed into sconces permanently installed in the ground surrounding the tree pit.

The tree at the centre of Shevington is already installed into a tree pit. One possibility would be to follow Eccleston's example, provided this would be acceptable to the LA. The railings could then be removed at the end of the festive season and put into storage until the following year.

All of the above need further investigation.

If this were to happen with regard to the tree in Shevington, the same would have to be provided for the other three trees.

*Members are invited to give these matters their consideration and agree the best way forward in principle.*

**1022 Standish Neighbourhood Plan – *for agreement* (enclosed)**

Wigan Council is currently consulting on the final draft of the **Standish Neighbourhood Plan**, produced by Standish Voice, under Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012. The Draft Plan and all associated documents (many of which are very large) are available to view on the LA's website at [www.wigan.gov.uk/standishplan](http://www.wigan.gov.uk/standishplan). The draft Plan is 86 pages long and the 'Basic Conditions' document is 31 pages long. These two have been downloaded and will be circulated by email. Members without online access at home can access all documents online at Shevington Library.

As a statutory consultee, the Parish Council have received an invitation to comment on the final draft. There is an online response form and members may comment on any or all of the following:

- (a) General comment
- (b) Village centre enhancement
- (c) Reducing traffic congestion
- (d) Open space
- (e) Housing
- (f) Maximising funding
- (g) Sport, leisure and community facilities
- (h) Renewable energy

The deadline for submitting comments is **11:45pm on Wednesday 19 December**.

Comments can be submitted to the LA either by email to [neighbourhoodplanning@wigan.gov.uk](mailto:neighbourhoodplanning@wigan.gov.uk) or by completing the [online form](#).

*Members are invited to give the consultation their consideration and agree responses.*

**1023 Allotment Plot Boundary Works – for approval**

The tenant of one of the plots on the main allotment site at Forest Fold has asked for permission to cut down a dead tree on the boundary between his plot and the bowling green. The allotments liaison officer has had a look and has confirmed that it is indeed completely dead, with branches falling on the ground. As there are no TPOs on trees on the site and the tree is dead anyway, there is no need to seek permission from the LA for the removal of the tree.

The plot holder has also said that he would be willing to sort out the rest of this boundary on the allotments side of the site at no cost to the Parish Council. This would first entail:

- (a) removing an alder,
- (b) cutting back branches on a large ash tree which is growing towards the bowling green,
- (c) pruning hawthorn and holly bushes,
- (d) and taking out some wild saplings.

He would then plant whips of suitable species, including crab apple, cornus, hawthorn, and wild rose to thicken the hedge.

The tenant is a forester by trade, so he knows what he is doing.

This particular boundary is in serious need of renovation and looks an eyesore from the bowling green. The Clerk has explained that, if members agree to this, then a risk assessment would be carried out and he would be able to carry out the work as a volunteer – he would then be covered by the Parish Council's insurance.

*Members are invited to consider the request, accept the offer and approve the work.*

**1024 Clerk's Report - for information only (enclosed)**

- 1025 Financial Aid Applications** - *to receive for consideration / approval.*  
**1026 Payments, Income & Bank Balances** – *for approval.* (enclosed)  
**1027 Planning Applications** – *to consider for comment / receive updates.*  
At the time of preparation of the agenda there were no new planning applications to bring to the Council's attention.  
**1028 Dates of Meetings 2019** – *for approval* (enclosed)  
**1029 Next Meetings:**  
6 December (Policy & General Purposes and Finance Committees);  
13 December (Council)

**POTENTIAL CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

- 1030 Bowling Green Perimeter Fencing** – *for approval* (enclosed)  
**1031 Memorial Park Drainage** – *for approval* (enclosed)

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*K Pilkington*

(Clerk)