



TO ALL ELECTORS OF SHEVINGTON PARISH

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**THURSDAY 30 JUNE 2016 ~ 7:00 P.M.
SHEVINGTON LIBRARY**

AGENDA

- 342 Apologies for Absence** - to receive apologies from Councillors.
- 343 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.
- 344 Matters Introduced by Members of the Public** - an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions or make observations.
- 345 Consultation to Reduce School Places in the Shevington Area**
– *for discussion and agreement* (enclosed)
For a number of years the birth rate in the Shevington area has been steadily reducing. This has had an impact on the number of children attending local primary schools, particularly on some of those that form the Shevington Federation. This has led the Education Department at Wigan to examine the viability of maintaining all three Federation schools and they are consulting on the possibility of closing one of the three schools. Parents of children at all three schools are convinced that it is their children's school that will be closed and are acting accordingly. The consultation document is enclosed. The closing date for responses is 24 July. This is not the statutory consultation – that will take place in September. It is a precursor to the statutory consultation intended to sound out local opinion and seek suggestion with respect to the best way forward. Shevington Community Primary have recently been the subject of an Ofsted inspection and it has now been announced that they were judged to be 'Outstanding'.
Members are invited to consider the issues and agree a corporate response to the consultation.
- 346 District Councillors Reports** - *for information only*

- To receive reports from District Councillors.
- 347 Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council (26 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)
- 348 Minutes of the Last Ordinary Meeting of the Council (26 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)
- 349 Chairperson's Report** - *for information only.*
- 350 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.)
- 351 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**
- 352 DRAFT Minutes of the Meetings of the General Purposes & Finance Committees (2 June 2016)** - to receive - *for information only* (enclosed)
- 353 Policy & General Purposes Committee – Constitution & Terms of Reference** - *for approval* (enclosed)
The Constitution & Terms of Reference for the Policy & General Purposes Committee were discussed by the General Purposes Committee during their meeting on 2 June. The document enclosed has been recommended for approval with a view to the Committee's sitting for the first time in September. Members are invited to approve it.
- 354 Shevington Fete** - *for agreement*
As in past years the Parish Council have booked a stall at Shevington Fete, which is on Saturday, 6 August. Members are invited to join a rota for manning the stall, which will be indoors, and are asked to indicate their willingness and availability to do this.
- 355 Annual Parish Walk** – *update for information*
Unfortunately, Jim Rigby is unable to plan the route or lead the Annual Parish Walk. However, Alan Mohring and Brian Small, who lead the weekly health walks, have very kindly agreed to take his place.
Shevington Methodist Church has been booked for refreshments at the end of the Walk and Cllr Miles is working on getting a team together to provide the refreshments.
- 356 Training for Parish Councillors to be Provided by the LA** – *for information*
As yet a date and time have not been confirmed. The referendum has been the main focus for Democratic Services recently, but there may be some news by Thursday.
- 357 'Report It' App** – *for review*
Members have now had a couple of months to try out the 'Report It' App for the purpose of contacting Wigan Council and are invited to share their experiences.
- 358 SLCC/ALCC** – *for information*
Until recently the Society of Local Council Clerks (the clerks' professional association) has had several functions: i.e. advisory support for clerks in the many aspects of their work, the provision of continuing professional development,

parliamentary lobbying and a trade union role. After many years of consultation and a membership vote earlier this year an EGM was held earlier this month at which those attending agreed that the trade union arm should become a separate entity and the newly formed Association of Local Council Clerks was born. The SLCC will continue with its other functions.

359 NALC/LALC/LCTP – for information only (enclosed)

a) LCTP:

We have received details of the New Councillors & Clerks course on Saturday, 2 July and Saturday, 16 July. If any member would like to attend one or both modules, please let the Clerk know as soon as possible.

b) NALC:

- NALC have sent details of grants available for parish council projects. These are enclosed.
- Enclosed also is a briefing prepared by NALC's CEO, Jonathan Owen. It was prepared on 26 May, but was received too late to circulate at the Council meeting in May. Some elements of it were included in a previous circular.

c) LALC:

Enclosed are

- the June edition of LALC's newsletter;
- information about LALC's 72nd AGM, to which we are entitled to send one delegate and at which we are entitled to put forward a resolution, which must be submitted by 24 August;
- a letter from LALC about the provision of a password to the member section of the NALC website.

360 SVBC Fun Day - for information

During discussions held between the SVBC and the Council on 29 October 2015 members of the SVBC committed themselves to promote the bowling green and resume holding events there to which the public would be invited. The Council resolved to support their work. To this end the SVBC are proposing to hold a Family Fun Day at the green on 31 July from 11am. It will be open to the public, who will have the opportunity to learn to bowl and be invited to enter a bowling competition. The SVBC will be making a subscription for the use of the green and are covered by their own insurance. Members are invited to support this event.

361 July Newsletter – for approval (to follow)

Members are invited to approve the newsletter for printing.

362 Landowner Permission – for approval (enclosed)

Shevington Gardening Club wish to apply to Tesco 'Bags of Help' / Groundwork for a grant. As they do not yet have a lease, they need permission from the Parish Council to do this. The completed permission proforma is enclosed. Members are invited to approve permission.

363 Plants for Appley Bridge in Bloom – for retrospective approval

Appley Bridge in Bloom have submitted invoices for Spring and Summer planting for the flower beds in Appley Bridge that last year the Parish Council agreed to fund. TOTAL spent = £122.70

These plants have been included in the 'Plants and Planters' budget heading for this year. Members are invited to approve the expenditure.

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

365 Financial Aid Applications - to receive for consideration / approval

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

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

367 Planning Applications – to consider for comment / receive updates

- **A/16/8259/FULL: Erection of 1 detached and 3 terraced dwellings together with landscaping and access on land to be severed from 89 Gathurst Lane, Shevington**
- **A/16/82640/FULL: Erection of 5 dwellings, associated parking and the provision of car parking for the Royal Oak public house, together with formation of new vehicle access on Wigan Lower Road, on land adjacent to The Royal Oak Hotel, SLG**

368 Next Meetings: 4 August (Annual Inspection of Property at 6pm); 25 August (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.

369 Vicarage Lane Fields Leases – Shevington ARLFC & Shevington Sharks
– *for discussion and agreement* (to follow)

370 Caretaker Post - *for discussion and agreement* (to follow)

371 Letter from Allotment Tenant - *for agreement* (to follow)

372 2016-17 National Pay Award – *for approval* (to follow)

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