

**Minutes of Shevington Parish Council
Policy & General Purposes Committee Meeting
Held Thursday 1 June 2017
7:00 pm Shevington Library**

Present: Councillor I Whiteley (Chair), Councillors W McKnight, J Ball, C Horridge, C Miles, K Shaw and J Fletcher.

Co-opted Committee members: Mrs E Longmore.

One member of the public.

Officer in Attendance: Mrs K Pilkington (Clerk)

1. Apologies

Mr B King.

2. Declaration of Interests

None.

**3. Minutes of the Last Policy & General Purposes Committee Meeting
(4 May 2017)**

Resolved: The Minutes of the Policy & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 4 May 2017 were approved as a true and correct record.

4. Village Issues

Thanks

Mr B King had expressed his thanks to the Council for their 'Get Well Soon' card.

Alterations to Shevington Vale Community Primary School

It was reported that the alterations to Shevington Vale Community Primary School were well under way.

Next Newsletter

In answer to a question from a member about the publication date of the next newsletter, the Clerk replied that it was due to be circulated towards the end of July.

Intimidating Behaviour

A member informed the Committee that he had received more reports from residents about their experiences with the intimidating behaviour of young people in the centre of Shevington village. Incidents had been reported to the Police via 101, but with little or no result. This was discussed. Recent anti-social behaviour had included damage to the replacement lavender plants outside the Co-op wall. It was hoped

that in future these issues could be taken up with the Chief Constable and the new Mayor of the GMCA, as the latter's responsibilities included the resourcing of neighbourhood policing.

Manchester Arena Bombing

The Chairman reported that letters of condolence had been sent to both the Mayor of the GMCA and the Lord Mayor of the City of Manchester. The letter had been shared with members prior to posting.

Shevington Sharks 'Fun Day'

The Chairman reported that she and Mr J Whiteley would be in charge of the Parish Council stall and would be collecting signatures for the Memorial Park drainage consultation. She invited other members to join them.

Rats

The Clerk reported that she had received an email from a resident, who wished to let the Parish Council know that on two occasions in the recent past he had seen rats openly running around Woodnook Road in broad daylight. On one of these occasions the rat had been near the shopping precinct. He had reported the incidents to Pest Control at the LA. The issue was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk would write to the shop owners.

Cllr K Shaw joined the meeting.

Needs of the Ageing Population

The Council had received a copy of an email sent by the Chairman of Shevington & District Community Association to Lisa Nandy MP in connection with the development of sheltered housing facilities in the area. Attached to the email was a response from Adactus Housing to a general enquiry made by the Community Association about how the profile of the local need for sheltered housing could be raised. The reply from Adactus Housing had indicated that current government policy with respect to finance in this sphere had created a climate for the provision of new supported developments for the elderly that was challenging. The email to Lisa Nandy had sought her comments on the issues, as outlined in the email from Adactus. The matter was discussed briefly. A letter in support of the Community Association would be sent to Lisa Nandy.

Bin for Footpath at the Junction of Longbrook with High Park

The possibility of a new bin being provided at this location by the Parish Council would be the subject of an agenda item at the Council meeting at the end of the month.

Needles and Petrol Pump Handles

A member reported that it had been alleged that syringe needles were being left in the handles of petrol pumps at certain supermarkets.

5. Southport Piccadilly Latest & May 2018 Timetable Consultation

Mr B King had provided a very comprehensive report (*See Appendix A*), which was received and discussed.

Resolved: The responses to the consultation were agreed.

6. Memorial Bench IMO Eddy Evans

The Clerk reported that she had received a quotation from Greenspaces for the construction of a plinth for the bench and its installation. However, benches identical to the existing ones in the Memorial Garden were no longer available. Members considered several alternative designs for the bench.

Resolved: The Committee recommended the Glasdon 'Cosmopolitan' to the family as an acceptable alternative.

7. Mayor of GMCA Functions

A short paper, prepared by Mr B King, describing the functions of the newly elected Mayor of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority was received.
See Appendix B. Its contents were noted.

8. Greater Manchester Spatial Framework

The contents of Mr B King's previously circulated paper (*See Appendix C*) were noted and discussed.

Resolved: The proposal by the Mayor of the GMCA to re-work the Framework along the lines reported in the paper was welcomed.

9. Tackling Nitrogen Dioxide in Our Towns & Cities – a Consultation

Mr B King's report on the consultation and proposed responses were considered.
See Appendix D.

Resolved: The responses to the consultation were approved.

10. Planning Applications

None

11. Date of Next Meeting

29 June (Council)

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 7:27 pm.

Chairman