



POLICY & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

**THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER 2016 - 7 P.M.
SHEVINGTON LIBRARY**

AGENDA

1. **Apologies** – to receive apologies from Committee members.
2. **Declaration of Interests** - to receive any declarations of interest (personal and/or prejudicial) 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.
3. **Minutes of the Last Policy & General Purposes Committee Meeting (3 November 2016)**
- to consider, agree and approve the signature of the previously circulated Minutes by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting. (enclosed with papers for November Council meeting)
4. **Village Issues – for information only**
To receive reports relating to the legitimate business of the Council from Committee members and Council officers (Councillors are asked to advise the Clerk in advance of any reports – including the subject matter - they wish to make.)
5. **Draft Greater Manchester Spatial Framework – for consideration and agreement** (enclosed and to follow)
The Council have been consulted previously on this subject area. The draft framework is now being consulted on. It goes a lot further than initially anticipated. Enclosed is the executive summary of the consultation document. There are many policies associated with the framework. Mr B King is proposing to highlight those that are relevant to this area in his report, which will be circulated mid-way through the week.
Members are invited to consider and agree responses to the Consultation.
6. **Libraries Consultation – for discussion and agreement** (enclosed)

Wigan Council are currently consulting on future library services and the uses of library space. The consultation document is enclosed.

Members are invited to consider and agree responses to the Consultation.

7. Parish Council Office – for discussion and agreement

At last week's Council meeting it was suggested that the Parish Council might wish to consider the possibility of having an office inside Shevington Library. Members are invited to discuss this and consider the best way forward.

8. Vicarage Lane Fields Car Park – for approval

The team at Wigan Council have now discussed this project further and, subject to the agreement of the Parish Council, they will utilise Wigan Council's Engineers to design, procure and supervise the construction of the car park and pay for the work directly. Once the work is complete, the Parish Council's tenants will become responsible for any future maintenance, management, rating liability etc.

On the assumption that this seems to be the best outcome for the Parish Council, the LA's surveyor will brief their Engineers and ask them to start preparatory work.

Members are invited to formally appoint Wigan Council to deliver and fund the construction of the car park.

9. January Newsletter – for approval

The following have already been suggested as inclusions in the January newsletter:

- 1) Winter Gritting
- 2) Wigan Council's Libraries Consultation
- 3) Annual Achievement Awards
- 4) Lancashire Day
- 5) Christmas Shop Front Competition Results
- 6) Tree Planting in Shevington Moor
- 7) Remembrance Sunday photos
- 8) School closure update
- 9) Trees in Front of Parade of Shops
- 10) Standard inclusions

We have also received the two requests that have been enclosed.

Members are invited to consider the inclusions for approval.

(Co-opted Committee members may vote on this.)

10. Remembrance Sunday Seat Covers – for agreement

It was observed on Remembrance Sunday that the benches in the Memorial Garden were being used by residents who were elderly and/or infirm. It has since been suggested that perhaps the Knitter 'n Natter Group could be invited to make some seat covers/cushions especially for this event with funding being provided by the Council.

Members are invited to consider this suggestion and agree the best way forward.

(Co-opted Committee members may vote on this.)

11. Extra-Boundary Planning Applications Policy – for review (enclosed)

12. Geocaching Policy – for review (enclosed)

13. Planning Applications – to consider for comment

There are no relevant planning applications to consider at present.

14. Dates of Next Meetings: 12 January (Finance); 19 January (Council).

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Clerk to the Parish Council