



POLICY & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

**THURSDAY 2 MARCH 2017 - 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.

POTENTIAL CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

3. **Memorial Park Drainage** – *for information only* (to follow)

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4. **Minutes of the Last Policy & General Purposes Committee Meeting (2 February 2017)**
- to consider, agree and approve the signature of the previously circulated Minutes by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting. (enclosed)
5. **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.)
6. **Draft Green Infrastructure & Cycling Strategy Consultation**
– *for discussion and agreement* (enclosed)
Mr B King will present his report on this consultation by West Lancashire Borough Council. Members are invited to agree the responses to the consultation.
(*Co-opted Committee members may vote on this.*)
7. **Vicarage Lane Fields Allotments** – *for approval*
Shevington H&A Society have reported that they are close to signing their lease. However, they are concerned that they could lose their grant funding from Wigan Council if they do not begin work on the site very soon. In the light of this they are seeking permission to do

this. There is in principle no reason why the Society cannot be given this permission, but, before any work begins, the Council must be satisfied that they have taken out appropriate insurance cover for the work.

Members are invited to consider the request and give permission for the work to begin, subject to the Parish Council's being suitably indemnified by the Society.

8. 'Northern' - Update – for information

On 1 March five local MP's and representatives of the Southport to Manchester campaign groups are due to meet at Westminster with the Rail Minister/ Department for Transport. It will also be attended by representatives of Northern. Alan Fantom of OPSTA has agreed to brief Mr B King on the meeting afterwards and Mr King will give a verbal report to the meeting.

Members are invited to receive and note Mr King's report.

9. Christmas Tree Lights – for discussion and agreement

Members are invited to consider the best way forward with regard to the Christmas tree lights.

Cllr W McKnight will lead on this.

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

10. Report on Housing White Paper – for information (enclosed)

Mr B King will present his report. Members are invited to receive the report and agree the responses to the government's consultation. The following questions have been recommended for responses: 1abc, 3ab, 4abcd, 5, 7, 8ac, 10abdef, 12abc, 16abc, 17ac, 18abc, 19, 21abcd, 22, 23, 31abc, 32ab, 33, 35ab, 36 and 37.

11. Plunkett Foundation – for information (enclosed)

Members are invited to receive the information enclosed.

12. March Newsletter – for approval (to follow)

Members are invited to approve the text for the March newsletter.

13. Planning Applications – to consider for comment

There are no relevant planning applications to consider at present.

14. Dates of Next Meetings: 16 March (Annual Parish Meeting); 30 March (Council);
30 March (Council).

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Clerk to the Parish Council