



POLICY & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

**THURSDAY 4 MAY 2017 - 7 P.M.
ST BERNADETTE'S SCHOOL HALL,
CHURCH LANE, SHEVINGTON**

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 (6 April 2017)**
- to consider, agree and approve the signature of the previously circulated Minutes by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting. (circulated with the papers for the April 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. **Neighbourhood Planning Bill** – *for information only* (to follow)
An update on progress with this Bill was previously presented to the Committee on 2 February. Mr B King will table a further update report, as the Neighbourhood Planning Act has now been passed.
6. **Memorial Bench Location** – *for agreement*
The family of the Late Eddy Evans have selected two possible locations for the memorial bench:

- a) The family's preferred location is in the Memorial Garden, where Eddy liked to sit. They have said that, if the Committee agree to this location, they would like to have a bench identical to the four benches in the area around the War Memorial.



- b) The family's alternative location is a spot beside the main footpath through the park, as this was the route that Eddy took on his way to Church every day. If this is the Committee's location of choice, they would like to have a bench like the wooden one installed last year beside the play area.



Members are invited to agree the location.
(Co-opted Committee members may vote on this.)

7. May Newsletter – for approval (to follow)

The following items have been approved for inclusion in the May edition of the newsletter:

- a) Bowling green advert
- b) Appley Bridge in Bloom Forest Fold project
- c) Vicarage Lane sports & allotment facilities
- d) Shevington Sharks 'Fun Day'
- e) Policing in the Parish
- f) Shared Lives
- g) The Great Get Together
- h) Theft from Outside Charity Shops
- i) John Greenhalgh's Retirement
- j) Standard items

Members are invited to approve the text for all of the items, which will follow next week.
(Co-opted Committee members may vote on this.)

8. Displaying Co-opted Committee Members' Registers of Interests on the Website
– for discussion and agreement

Co-opted Committee members are required to complete a register of interests, but there is no requirement for the registers to be published on the Parish Council's website, as there is for those completed by elected members. It is up to the Parish Council to decide whether, in the interests of transparency, the registers of interests should be published.

Members are invited to discuss this matter and agree the best way forward.

Members are advised that Co-opted Committee members are not elected and, therefore, are not accountable to electors in the same way as elected members are.

(Co-opted Committee members may not vote on this, but may express an opinion.)

9. Planning Applications – to consider for comment / receive updates

At the time of preparation of this Summons there were no new applications to bring to the Committee's attention.

10. Dates of Next Meetings:

25 May (Annual Meeting of the Council, followed by the Ordinary Meeting of the Council);

1 June (Policy & General Purposes Committee, followed by Finance Committee)

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Clerk to the Parish Council