



POLICY & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

**THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER 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 (1 September 2016)** - to consider, agree and approve the signature of the previously circulated Minutes by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.
(circulated for the September Council meeting)
4. **Village Issues** – *for information only* (to follow)
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. **Memorial Park Grant Funding Streams** – *for consideration and agreement*
To receive and consider a report from Mr B Lomas and to agree the best way forward.
6. **Parish Plan** – *for agreement* (enclosed)
Mr B King will present the final version of his Parish Plan Review document.
Members are invited to consider and agree the best way forward in relation to publication.
7. **Consultation on Council Tax Referendum Principles** (enclosed)
The Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) recently published the Local Government Finance Settlement Technical Consultation which includes proposals regarding council tax referendum principles for local parish and town councils.
There are two important parts of the consultation affecting local councils: firstly the government is minded to extend referendum principles to a number of larger, higher

spending local councils; secondly the paper states the government is aware that increases in precepts continue to concern local tax payers and is therefore prepared to consider extending referendums to ALL parishes.

As this is a significant threat of council tax referenda principles being extended to our sector, the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) and Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) are working closely together on this important issue. It is in this spirit of co-operation that they are writing jointly to us asking us to help and support their advocacy, as they cannot emphasise enough how vital it will be for councils, county associations and branches to play their part in a collective campaigning effort.

Enclosed is a copy of the consultation document. Chapter 3 is the one that relates to council tax referenda. Members are invited to agree responses to the relevant questions (Q3 to Q7).

8. Neighbourhood Planning Bill – for information (enclosed)

Enclosed is a letter from Kevin Barwell MP, the new Communities Minister. In the letter he makes reference to his recent meeting with Cllr Ken Browse, the Chairman of NALC, and new legislation which is intended to strengthen the Neighbourhood Planning process and make compulsory purchase easier. Mr B King will expand on this verbally at the meeting.

9. Achievement Awards – for agreement

Nominations are invited for an Achievement Award. They have to be with the Community Association by 17 October. Individuals who have already received an award are not eligible for a second one.

Members are invited to consider nominating suitable individuals and may wish to move into closed session for this part of the meeting.

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

10. Bus Service Changes – for information

Bus service changes are announced in October. Nothing has been published as yet, but, should there any changes have been published, Mr B King will provide a report on the evening.

11. Welly Walk – for consideration

At the meeting last Thursday for 'Save Shevington Federation', the group decided to hold an event before the next cabinet meeting. They would like to hold a 'Welly Walk' around the Memorial Park on Sunday, 9 October at 11am and are seeking permission to do this. They are expecting perhaps 100 people to attend and will make arrangements to have public liability insurance.

Members are invited to approve the activity.

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

12. Planning Applications – to consider for comment

- **A/16/83050/FULL: The Co-operative, Gathurst Lane, Shevington – to erect lean-to secure storage unit in external yard**

The proposed unit is small and is not likely to have a detrimental impact on users of the car park, as it will be tucked away between the rear of the store and the fence of the house next door. Members are invited to note the application.

- 13. Dates of Next Meetings:** 27 October (Council);
3 November (Policy & General Purposes Committee)

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