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TO ALL ELECTORS OF SHEVINGTON PARISH

PARISH COUNCIL

POLICY COMMITTEE

MEETING

THURSDAY 5 MAY 2016 ~ 7.00 P.M.
ST ANNE'S PARISH CENTRE

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies** – *to receive and accept apologies for absence.*
- 2. Declaration of Interests** – *to receive any declarations of interest (prejudicial or otherwise) 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 Policy Committee Meeting (4 February 2016)** – *to consider, agree and approve the signature of the previously circulated Minutes by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.* (enclosed)
- 4. Village Issues** – *to receive reports from Committee members and Council officers - for information only.*
- 5. Grant Funding for Memorial Park and the Woodland** – *for consideration and agreement*
As agreed at the last Committee meeting, Mr B Lomas has carried out some research into funding streams for both the Shevington Memorial Park and the woodland projects. He has put forward the following as a preliminary report:
"If the process is to go ahead, a clear plan has to be swiftly arrived at. Then, it is suggested that the Parish Council should step back and receive feedback from those involved at different stages. Once the project is defined the Parish Council can only provide answers to specific questions; it would be counter productive to have long discussions and change ideas. A clarity of focus will be needed and complete faith in those completing the process. As with these things, success is not always the outcome.

Under the Heritage Lottery Fund there are several subsections.
There are two of particular interest:

1) Parks for People fund not-for-profit organisations for projects between £100k and £5 million.

At the time of application the project must be defined, should not have started and be complete within five years. The aim is to conserve the existing heritage and parks are named. The Parish Council will be expected to contribute between 5 and 10%.

DRAINAGE is specifically mentioned.

There is a project enquiry service with a 1000 word maximum single sheet outline opportunity to test the water.

It is important that we know exactly what we want to do.

2) Secondly, there is the Landscape Partnership that will fund projects of between £100k and £3 million which relate to landscapes and natural heritage, the aim being to improve, expand and connect threatened habitats. This is open to a similar outline as above and is suitable for the land recently purchased.

In addition there are a plethora of small bodies e.g. Biffa, Grimples Green Giants, Europa Nostra, that may be approached.

There is no doubt that the money is available but it would be an extensive task to furnish the information and inspiration will be needed.

This is the caution: a commitment of considerable time would be required and maybe up to twelve months to prepare a final bid (there are several rounds) with a very clear vision of the end product.”

Members are invited to consider this and any further reports on the subject from Mr Lomas and agree the best way forward.

6. Bus Service Changes - update

To receive a verbal update from Mr B King about recent bus service changes.

7. May Newsletter – for approval (to follow)

To review the contents of the May newsletter and approve it for publication.

8. Judgement of Court of Appeal on Relevant Policies for the Supply of Housing
– *for information* (enclosed)

Members are invited to receive and not Mr B King’s report.

9. Consultation on Starter Homes – for discussion and agreement (enclosed)

Members are invited to consider and agree responses to this consultation.

10. Financial Aid Applications – to receive

11. Planning Applications – for consideration and for comment

- **LCC 08/13/0140: The installation and operation of a 5MW bio-liquid to power generation facility. Railway Pad, Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge**

To receive a verbal update on ABCAGE’s meeting with LCC and the current status of the above planning consent.

12. Dates of Next Meetings: 26 May (Annual Meeting of the Council followed by the Ordinary Meeting of the Council); 2 June (General Purposes & Finance Committee)

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