

## **Appendix B**

### **Shevington Parish Council Chairman's Report to the Annual Parish Meeting 20 March 2024**

It is my proud duty to deliver the Chairman's Report once again to the Annual Parish Meeting.

Last year I had to apologise for the poor quality of the public address system at our Memorial Service. I am glad to report this was rectified and the 2023 Service was carried out with no further sound problems.

I would like to thank our Clerk for ensuring the function of the Parish Council runs smoothly. We are extremely fortunate to have Krystyna who carries out her duties in a professional manner and also for her dedication to the Parish.

We have some excellent staff and our thanks go to these people: our Caretaker, Tony, who, along with Jane and James, ensures the functioning and workings of the Parish Council are undertaken seamlessly.

As Chairman I must thank my fellow councillors for their time and hard work. The Parish Council could not function without the dedication of our councillors. Last year I thanked John Whiteley for his work with our Parish youth – once again my thanks for his work at our village Youth Club. Thanks once again to you all.

Thanks must also be given to our Ward councillors for their dedication to our Parish.

We also have dedicated groups of volunteers that work to enhance our village with their work: the 'in Bloom' groups and the Friends of both the Memorial and Stockley parks. The Parish Council's thanks go out to these marvellous people.

The Parish Council is helped in its functions by a marvellous group of Co-opted Committee members and group representatives – thanks to you all. I must also thank the volunteers that ensured the Village Fete would be an annual event and also the Gardening Club for their work.

Special thanks go to Mike Grimes for his hard work in ensuring that the Parish finances are closely monitored – thanks, Mike.

We are also actively pursuing funding streams to enable us to carry out the important project to resolve our Memorial Park drainage problems. This project remains a priority for the Parish and, hopefully, will be resolved.

Cllr Bill McKnight  
Chairman – Shevington Parish Council