

Shevington Parish Council

Clerk's Report to the Council Meeting of 28 April 2021

Crooke Park Bin

Wigan Council have replaced the bin they removed from the entrance to Launs Wood and will cover the cost of emptying it. Accordingly, I have altered the Litter Collection SLA so that it no longer includes this bin.

Paved Footpath Repairs in Memorial Park

Work on repairing the paved footpaths in the park began on the morning of Monday, 26 April.

Memorial Park Drainage

Following on from the narrative to the item relating to this on this month's Council meeting agenda: the consultants have informed me that they have succeeded in making contact with the Trees & Woodlands Officer and have sent him a draft sketch of proposed alterations to the drainage plan.

Forest Fold Allotment Matters

At the meeting of the Working Party with representatives of the FFTA Committee in March a request was made by the FFTA to move the notice board in the lower car park to the upper car park. Concern was later raised at an FFTA Committee meeting that followed that this would make the board less accessible for the tenants of the raise beds. It was, therefore, decided that the noticeboard should be left in its present location and that they would use a lean-to noticeboard at the top of the site. The Committee have apologised for any time I have spent seeking approval for the change of location.

Because of increasingly onerous family commitments, Shaun Boyle has decided to step down as Chair of the FFTA Committee. The role has been taken on by Mike Dickinson (formerly the Vice Chair) and Ian Lewin has been installed as Vice Chair. I am in the process of establishing whether Shaun is continuing to manage the waiting list.

All plot rents for 2021/22 were received before the deadline of 10 April 2021.

The Pest Control Contract with the LA has been activated. The cost quoted was £318, which fell within the parameters agreed by the Council at the end of March.

The skip was delivered in mid-April, as arranged. Loading by tenants was supervised by the FFTA. Unfortunately, there were more items to be jettisoned by the tenants than room in the skip for them. Consequently, there is still a collection of items neatly parked along one side of the car park. Arrangements will need to be made to have these removed.

Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

LALC have written to let us know that *"The nomination window for the 2022 Queen's Award for Voluntary Service (QAVS) is now open with a closing date of 15 September 2022 and the local panel would really appreciate your help in encouraging local organisations to seek nomination. Last year, despite Covid over 25 charity and community groups from across Lancashire were nominated with the winners announced this June. Whilst 25 nominations is an increase on previous years, there are still some areas of the County Palatine where we'd welcome more nominations from. A link to the QAVS website and nomination form is available here [Queen's Award for Voluntary Service \(culture.gov.uk\)](https://www.culture.gov.uk/queen-s-award-for-voluntary-service). Groups can be any community organisation of 3 or more people and do not need to be registered charities."* A leaflet giving further details is attached.

LALC Training Survey

Cllr Bill McKnight completed the survey and it has been submitted to LALC.

Bowling Green Matters

Three of the teams have either begun or will soon begin using the green on a regular basis. I have received several enquiries from individuals about casual play arrangements and have explained that the Council decided to defer fully opening the green until all restrictions had been lifted.

CCTV for the Memorial Park Play Area

The Street Lighting Department at the LA have advised that the lamp standards in Church Lane are suitable for carrying a CCTV camera. Enquiries are being made with Central Watch as to whether one of them is in a location which would provide adequate compliant coverage of the play area.

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