

Shevington Parish Council
Clerk's Report to the Meeting of the Council – 28 February 2024

Storm Pia Tree Damage

The treeworks arranged to deal with the aftermath of Storm Pia in the Memorial Garden have been carried out. The original price quoted and approved by the Council did not include stump grinding. This was because of the uncertainty surrounding the root from the large oak tree and whether and how much of it would fall back into the hole created when the tree was uprooted. In the end it did not fall back in, so the stump grinding became a much bigger job.

The quote of £450 from Stumpbusters for stump grinding the very large root and stump and the two smaller ones in the Memorial Garden was approved under delegated authority. The price quoted also included the grinding of the two stumps remaining from the decayed wood carvings further up the park. The total for the work came to less than the quotes provided by the other contractors. Had the large root fallen back into the hole, all the stumps would have been quite small and the cost of stump grinding would have been significantly less.

M&Y, Miles Lane Development & Crooke Village Projects

The project manager for the Extra Care development at Miles Lane has replied to our invitation to attend a meeting of the Parish Council to provide another update. He has agreed to try to make arrangements for M&Y's site manager to attend as well. I have provided him with suggested dates and am awaiting his reply. The invitation included a chaser with regard to help from M&Y for Crooke Village projects. M&Y are dealing with the CVRA directly.

Voluntary Work Carried out by Members of Shevington Village Bowling Green

Work on the painting of the Bowling Club pavilion has begun, but has not yet been completed. Three sessions have so far been held with pupils of Millbrook Community Primary School so that they could work on the artwork. More are planned after the half term break.

Potholes in Forest Fold

The potholes in the roadway at Forest Fold were repaired in the final months of 2023.

New Shed for Raised Bed Allotments

Research into suitable sheds and their fitting is currently being carried out.

Shevington Parish Council Petition

I have this week been contacted by a local reporter who has heard that there is a petition going around about the precept and the Parish Council. The reporter wished to speak to someone from the Parish Council about the benefits of having a parish council so that she could put both sides of the argument in an argument. Following consultation with the Chairman and a couple of other councillors, I signposted her in the direction of information carried on our websites and on Wigan Council's website and advised her that no one was available to do this.

Places for Everyone Joint Development Plan

The Planning & Housing Team at the Greater Manchester Combined Authority have written:

“In accordance with regulation 25 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, we are writing to notify you that the Planning Inspectors' recommendations in respect of the Places for Everyone Joint Development Plan Document (PfE) have been published and are available to view.

The Inspectors' report on the examination of the PfE, in which they set out their recommendations, was received on 14 February 2024. The Inspectors conclude that all legal requirements have been met and that with the recommended main modifications set out in the Appendix of their report, the Places for Everyone Joint Development Plan Document for Bolton, Bury, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford,

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Tameside, Trafford and Wigan satisfies the requirements referred to in Section 20(5)(a) of the 2004 Act and is sound.

In accordance with regulations 25 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, the Inspectors' report and main modifications appendix have been published on the GMCA's website, on behalf of the nine PFE authorities: <https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/what-we-do/planning-and-housing/places-for-everyone/>

These documents will also be available to view at various locations across the plan area.

The next step is for all nine PFE Councils to consider the Inspectors' recommendation and to consider the adoption of the Plan. Currently it is anticipated that these Council meetings will be held between 28 February and 20 March 2024. Full details of the Council meetings will be available on the relevant Council website in due course.

Should you require any further information at this stage, please contact the planning and housing team at the GMCA via email at planningandhousing@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk. If you do not have access to emails, please leave a message for the Planning and Housing Team at the GMCA on 0161 778 7000 and a member of the team will return your call.

'Thank You' Letters

We have received 'Thank You' emails / letters from the following for our grants and donations:

- Shevington Recreation Ground Trustees
- Shevington Fete
- Shevington Village Bowling Club
- Woodlands Animal Sanctuary
- Wigan & Leigh Hospice
- The British Heart Foundation
- St Anne's PCC

Annual Show Trophies

Some of the old trophies once awarded at Shevington Garden Club's Annual Show are now on display in Shevington Library.

New Spring Show

The Chairman was invited to present the prizes at the new Spring Show. Unfortunately, he is not available to do this, so the Vice Chairman has agreed to take his place.

March Newsletter

Deliveries are due to begin on 28 February.

K.M.P. 21.02.24