



# POLICY & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

**WEDNESDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2024 ~ 7:00 P.M.**  
**THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT VICARAGE LANE FIELDS**

If you are attending, you are welcome to observe Covid-19 guidelines, if you wish.

## 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 17 May 2023. 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. **Village Issues – for information**  
To receive reports relating to the legitimate business of the Council from Committee members and Council officers (Committee members are asked to advise the Clerk in advance of any reports – including the subject matter they wish to make.)
4. **Minutes of the Last Policy & General Purposes Committee Meeting (4 September 2024)**  
- to consider, agree and approve the signature of the previously circulated Minutes by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting (enclosed).
5. **Remembrance Sunday Arrangements - Update - for information**  
Since the October Council meeting:
  - Most people laying wreaths on behalf of local organisations have confirmed their attendance.
  - Shevington Vale Community Primary School have confirmed that they will be holding a short service around the WWI tree at Stockley Open Space on Monday, 11 November at 10:45am. Cllr Mike Grimes will lay a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council during this service in the event that Cllr Jess Diggle is not able to be there.Further updates will be provided verbally during the meeting.
6. **Tree IMO Dr John Surman – for agreement**

The Clerk was asked earlier this year to look into the possibility of planting a tree in memory of Dr John Surman (founder of both Shevington Surgery and Wigan & Leigh Hospice) in the grassed area to the right of 'The Dispensary'. Wigan Council have recently informed us that they were responsible for felling the tree that was growing there that had been damaged by vandals. They have been instructed by the Trees & Woodlands Officer to plant a replacement tree.

Members are invited to consider the following:

- Should the Parish Council seek permission from Wigan Council to plant a replacement tree at that location in memory of Dr John Surman? If so, what type of tree would be appropriate?
- The tree would be located in an area where there are other structures with connections to Dr Surman: 'The Dispensary' is located in the building which once housed the original Shevington Surgery and Wigan & Leigh Hospice shop is across the road from the grassed area. So that residents and visitors are aware of the reason behind planting the tree at this location, would it be appropriate to arrange for an information board to also be installed at this location? We would need to seek permission from Wigan Council to do this.

*Members are invited to consider the above and agree the best way forward.*

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

**7. Shevington Garden Club 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tree – for approval**

Shevington Garden would like to plant a cherry tree in Memorial Park to commemorate their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They would like to plant it near the area previously occupied by one of the trees that fell during Storm Pia. It would act as a replacement for this tree. They have asked for permission to do this.

*Members are invited to approve the request.*

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

**8. Platinum Jubilee Trees – for agreement (to follow)**

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

**9. Review of Allotments Policy & Tenancy Agreement**

*- for discussion and agreement (to follow)*

The Allotment Policy currently in use and the 2024 Tenancy Agreement are currently in the process of being amended to correct the disparity between the two documents. The first drafts of both new documents will be circulated to members shortly.

*Members are invited to review the amended documents and agree the best way forward.*

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

**10. Consultation on Holcroft Moss Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document**

The Planning & Housing Team at the Greater Manchester Combined Authority have written to the Parish Council regarding the Holcroft Moss Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs), which will apply across the whole of the Places for Everyone Plan (PfE) area and is being jointly prepared by the nine PfE Plan Authorities (Bolton, Bury, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Tameside, Trafford and Wigan).

The PfE Plan is the "parent" development plan document (DPD) for this SPD. The SPD does not introduce new policy or affect the location or amount of new development proposed. Instead, it seeks to assist in ensuring that appropriate mechanisms are in place to mitigate adverse impacts from qualifying developments on protected habitat and species. In this case it aims to mitigate impacts on Holcroft Moss in Warrington arising from any developments which generate significant additional traffic along the M62 and sets out the financial contributions that may be payable through S106 agreements when planning decisions are made. The SPD will, however, be used as a material consideration, to inform Development Management decisions within the PfE Plan area.

Criterion 17 of Policy JP-C8 within PfE ensures that any new development does not have an adverse impact on the protected habitats and species of Holcroft Moss, which is within the Manchester Mosses Special Area of Conservation (SAC). The Holcroft Moss Planning Obligations SPD seeks to provide further guidance on how criterion 17 of Policy JP-C8 of the PfE Plan will be implemented.

Draft Holcroft Moss Planning Obligations SPD Documentation

The following documents are published for consultation from 1 November until 23:59 on 12 December 2024:

- Consultation Draft Holcroft Moss Planning Obligations Joint SPD (PDF, 0.3MB)

- Consultation Draft Holcroft Moss Planning Obligations Joint SPD - Estimated Project Costs and Required Contributions (PDF, 0.2MB)

All the documentation for this SPD consultation can be found at:

[Greater Manchester Combined Authority Joint Supplementary Planning Documents Webpage](#)

The draft SPD has been subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) screenings. The screenings conclude that further assessment is not necessary. An Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) has also been published and this concludes that the draft SPD will not have a significant adverse impact on people sharing any of the characteristics protected under the Equality Act 2010.

To submit comments:

Our comments can be submitted online at: <https://www.gmconsult.org/>

Alternatively, we can submit our comments via email

to: [spdconsultation@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk](mailto:spdconsultation@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk)

*Members are invited to review the information on the GMCA website and agree the best way forward with regard to the Parish Council submitting comments.*

**11. Planning Applications – to consider for comment**

At the time that this agenda was prepared there were no new applications to bring to the Committee's attention.

**12. Dates of Next Meetings:** 27 November (Council);  
4 December (P&GP and Finance Committees)

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Clerk to the Parish Council