



Shevington and District Community Association

Registered Charity No. 513784



Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26th November 2024

Welcome and introductions

Elaine welcomed everyone to the meeting and handed round a tin of Celebrations following the news on the 16th of November that CA has been awarded The King's Award For Voluntary Service.

Present

Elaine Ellams; Lorna Ellis; Laura Koskinas; Kathy Lamb; Paul Liptrot; Shirley Lusher; Jim Maloney; Carole Miles; Sheila Milnes; Andrew Moakes; Izzy Morris; Gill Rigby; Sarah Stephenson; Marlaine Whitham

Apologies

Mike Crosby; Helen Hurst; Pam Powell; Ira Whiteley; John Whiteley

Minutes of the October meeting

Proposed by Jim, seconded by Gill, they were signed as a true record.

Finances

Jim had made a Brighter Borough application on behalf of CA for the amount agreed by our three district councillors' to add to a reserved fund, managed by CA specifically and solely for monitoring and managing lifesaving equipment and activities within the ward. The application was successful and the money is in the bank. Outgoings have included the reduced sum for batteries and pad replacement for the first three defibs organized by Damian, paid to the Air Ambulance charity. They are located at Shevington Methodist Church, Crooke and The Forresters at Shevington Moor, the new wheelchair, and room hire fees. The Parish Rooms are booked for a fundraising Quiz Night on 31st January. A quote from someone at the meeting worth recording and so true; " We are not a talking shop; we do things."

Jim reminded everyone that he plans to stand down as treasurer at the AGM in February. He will give every assistance to whoever takes over.

Councillors' report

No one was able to attend the meeting



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Parish Council report

Elaine led a minutes silence at our meeting in memory of the clerk to PC, Krystyna Pilkington following her sudden death last week .Her funeral will take place at St Bernadette's on Tuesday 10th December at 10.30am. All are welcome to attend.

John's report from the meeting on 30th October :-

October 30 the Full Council. We approved the appointment of Ms Sarah Stephenson, Mr Mark Tomlinson and Mr Philip Valentine as co-opted members of the Policy & General Purposes Committee.

It was reported that the organisation, Friends of Shevington Memorial Park, had closed. The balance of its funds were transferred to the Parish Council's accounts to be ring-fenced for the Memorial Park project.

Arrangements for Remembrance Sunday were confirmed.

The regular donation of £600 for the maintenance of St Anne's churchyard was approved. Although St Anne's is an Anglican church, its graveyard is for all members of the parish, whether of the Christian faith, any other faith, or no faith at all.

November 6th Policy and General Purposes Committee. The planting of a tree in memory of Dr John Surman on the grassed area opposite the Hospice Shop was discussed; also the planting of a tree to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Garden Club.

The Allotment Policy and the Tenancy agreement for allotments do not coincide. It was decided to change the wording of the Tenancy Agreement so that it reflected that of the policy.

There was a discussion about Christmas tree decorations at the Woodhook Road open space. Friends of Stockley Park have offered to help with this.

November 6th Finance Committee. It was decided to replace the three Platinum Jubilee trees which have died. There was a discussion about allotment rents from April 2025.

Crooke Village Residents Association have submitted an application for a grant to assist with flood defences in Crooke Village.

The Full Council meeting for November 27th has been cancelled.

There will be a Full Council meeting on Wednesday, 4th December, for elected councillors only (it's a confidential meeting), to chart the way forward.



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Additional Updates

Izzy said Memories is cancelled until further notice, together with the EWM carol singing and a concert Tony had planned. Tony and family will spend time with his wife Lynne, who is terminally ill. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Kathy said a class from Millbrook school will come to the Methodist building in the morning, on 18th December.

Carol singing with St Anne's in front of the shops from 11am on Saturday 7th December followed by mince pies at the Methodists. A Circuit Nativity at the Methodists at 2.30 pm on 8th December. Christingle making at Messy Church on Saturday 14th December, 3 -5pm. A Christingle service on Sunday 15th.

Carole said the Methodist Fair last Saturday raised £350 despite a very wet day.

Gill said Light for Life outside the Hospice in Hindley on Sunday 1st December. There will be a service outside.

Sarah said they do a weekly walk and talk session on a Friday morning from Stockley Park Appley Bridge 10am to 11am everyone is welcome.

She is also starting a ladies walking group from January, to be held once a week on a Tuesday evening 6-30 to 7-30pm. Locations will be varied, from the Charnley Arms, Standish Leisure Centre and Appley Bridge, depending on uptake etc. The 4 bird boxes are due to be put up, hopefully this weekend, ready for the birds to roost in over winter and as potential nesting boxes for spring. They are hoping to get the new raised beds filled over the next week.. Because of vandalism of a picnic bench, they are waiting the results of a funding application for two new picnic benches, also from Supporting Communities' fund.

Marlaine said Techmates will be on 6th and 20th December during Methodist coffee morning. The Football and rugby club are supporting the Bricks, 'Help Fill a Plate' appeal and the building on Vicarage Lane will be open from 10 -12 on Saturday to accept donations. There will also be a stall at Standish Christmas Markets. She also noted that the digital screen in the library porch is up and running. Well done to John for his perseverance.

Andrew said the next Garden Club meeting on Monday 9th December will include a Jacob's Join, a quiz and christmas wreathes etc by Chris & Jill



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Hodge for sale.

Shirley said names were being taken for the March computer course. Details at the library.

AOB

There was none

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Date and time of next meeting Tuesday 28th January 2025

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