

Shevington Parish Council
Clerk's Report to the Council Meeting of 28 April 2016

Refurbishment of Ladies Toilet

Recent work on the refurbishment of the Ladies toilet at the bowling green has been completed. The next phase of the refurbishment will involve work on the floor-covering, which has yet to be priced up.

Parish Plan Review Questionnaire

The deadline for responses is 7 May. After that responses will be analysed and a report will be prepared for the General Purposes Committee meeting in June.

Rat Poison Issue on the Allotments

This issue was investigated the day after it was reported to the Policy Committee and I have spoken to Pest Control about it. They have apologised for the spillage of rat poison, if it was their responsibility, and have assured me that only a very small animal would be harmed by the poison: an animal has to ingest 40% of its body weight before it will die as a result of it.

When I visited the next day, the only rat poison visible on the ground was a small amount under a post leaning against the fence. This fitted in with one of the photographs. The poison visible on the other photographs was exposed to the air and had been dissolved into the ground by the rain.

I raised several issues, which they have agreed to address, with Pest Control:

- The bait boxes are very light and can be easily opened – pest control have agreed to replace them with something more secure and sturdy;
- About 50% of the boxes did not have warning stickers on them – they do not hold them in stock, but have agreed to have more printed so that they can be attached to our boxes;
- Judging by the amount of rat poison in them, the boxes had clearly recently been replenished, but there was no indication on the notice board that Pest Control had visited – the operative will in future leave a note on the notice board and let Cllr Chris Horridge know when he/she arrives, so that any issues can be raised there and then.

Missing Bench in Memorial Park

The bench the Council selected has been ordered. The cost of delivery to Shevington will be £49 approximately. The company does not fit them in this area, so we will have to identify a fitter.

Availability of Parish Council Documents in Hard Copy

A file of documents is in the process of being compiled and should be in the library once they have all been signed – hopefully, by the end of next week.

Precept and Council Tax Support Grant

The precept was paid into the Council's account on 1 April. Wigan Council have also passed over this year's Council Tax Support Grant. We have received £11,155, which has been placed in the 'Precept Buffer Reserve'.

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