



**TO ALL ELECTORS OF SHEVINGTON PARISH**

# **PC GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING**

**THURSDAY 3 MARCH 2016 - 7 P.M.  
SHEVINGTON LIBRARY**

## **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 28 June 2012 and amended on 25 October 2012. 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. **Minutes of the Last General Purposes Committee Meeting (3 December 2015)**  
- to consider, agree and approve the signature of the previously circulated Minutes by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting. (enclosed)
4. **Village Issues** - *for information only* (enclosed)  
To receive reports relating to the legitimate business of the Council from Committee members and Council officers (Councillors are asked to advise the Clerk in advance of any reports – including the subject matter - they wish to make.)  
Enclosed is a report from Mr B King about the forthcoming temporary closure of a section of Appley Lane.
5. **Map of Parish in the Newsletter & on the Website** – *for discussion and agreement*  
This item was referred by the Council to this Committee following a request from a resident that the Parish Council should consider producing and publishing a detailed map of the ward boundaries in the Parish. Mr B King will present a short verbal report on 'Parish Online' – a mapping tool for parish councils. 'Parish Online' is a low-cost online mapping application designed to make using digital mapping easy for Councils.  
'Parish Online' includes a large number of built-in map layers and enables the user to search detailed property records as well as annotating and saving map information such as the locations of Council assets. The tools included are easy-to-use and give the flexibility to produce anything from a simple boundary map to a full neighbourhood plan.  
The product

- Contains a wide range of up-to-date mapping datasets, including the most detailed and up-to-date Ordnance Survey mapping available for the whole of Great Britain. Any Council with a valid [PSMA](#) number can view this mapping.
- Enables the user to search by address, street, postcode and coordinates.
- Enables the user to measure distance and area in a range of units.
- Enables the user to print maps to PDF or Image format at any scale.
- Enables the user to create and edit his/her own map layers.
- Enables the user to extract address information for mailing lists

[Signing up to Parish Online](#) is easy. Once registered, the user will receive a username and password by email and can then simply log in to start mapping straight away.

The product is advertised as 'helping Parish Councils make smart decisions using digital maps. It is an easy-to-use online service with unlimited accessibility from any computer. No software download is necessary and the product will provide all the mapping the Parish needs, including Ordnance Survey maps. It could be used to build neighbourhood plans and assess planning applications, enabling the Council to collaborate with District and County Councils.

To purchase usage, which lasts a year, there is an annual fee for Shevington plus a set up fee.

The product would be useful for producing the map requested by the resident and also for producing a map of the footpaths for the leaflet the Council agreed in principle to produce last year.

Members are invited to consider the suggestion and agree as to whether such a map should be prepared and included a) on the newsletter and b) on the website and to recommend to the Council that they should invest in a year's licence for 'Parish Online'.

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

**6. LCC Subsidised Bus Services - Consultation – for discussion and agreement**  
(enclosed)

Mr B King will present a report, which is enclosed together with a response from TfGM to his enquiries about the position in relation to services jointly subsidised by them and LCC. Members are invited to discuss and agree a response to the consultation.

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

**7. Loss of Rail Service to Manchester Airport via Piccadilly**  
– for discussion and agreement (enclosed)

Mr B King will present a report. Members are invited to agree a strategy for supporting OPSTA's campaign over this issue.

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

**8. Condition of Footpath from Woodnook Road to Newgate Avenue, Appley Bridge**  
– for agreement

Mr B King will present a short verbal report on the condition of this footpath and progress so far with respect to making arrangements for its repair. Members are invited to consider and agree the best way forward.

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

**9. The Parish Plan Review Questionnaire – for discussion and agreement** (to follow)

Mr B King, in his capacity as Chair of the Parish Plan Review Committee, will present the rationale behind the layout of the questionnaire. The Committee are invited to approve the leaflet and come to an agreement about its launch at the Annual Parish Meeting on 17 March. The Committee are invited to agree the deadline for the consultation – six weeks after the delivery of the leaflet to all homes is Saturday, 7 May.

**10. March Newsletter – for approval** (to follow)

The proof copy of the newsletter is still in the process of being set up and will follow during the week. Members are invited to approve it for publication.

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

**11. Plaque IMO Robert Inward Randall – for agreement**

Robert Inward Randall began his working life training to be a cobbler for Mike Hesketh at Appley Bridge, but left in 1908 to join the Police force in Liverpool. The Liverpool Police strike of 1919 caused him to leave the force and return to his former trade. He was elected to the Parish Council in 1922. In 1924 he was appointed to the position of Clerk and he resigned in 1946 after serving a period of twenty-four years. Robert (Bob) Randall was, in addition, the Parish representative on Wigan Rural District Council for 21 years and was many time its Chairman. When Shevington Hall was for sale, following the death of the owner, he worked passionately to retain the land for the community, but with limited

success. The area the Council did eventually acquire is now what we know as Memorial Park, having been purchased in 1974 from Wigan Rural District Council, by Shevington Parish Council, the residue becoming the site for the building of St. Bernadette's School. Bob Randall became a household name and both Randall Avenue and Inward Drive were named after him. Randall's Corner is named after him because the grass verges once belonged to him – he left them to the local community and they are now maintained by Wigan Council and Appley Bridge in Bloom, who introduced and look after the flower displays.

It has been suggested that perhaps a plaque to commemorate Bob Randall should be installed at Randall's Corner. No costings or designs are available at this time, but members are invited to consider this suggestion and approve the idea in principle.

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

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

None for consideration at the time of going to print.

**13. Dates of Next Meetings:** 17 March (Annual Parish Meeting); 31 March (Council).

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Clerk to the Parish Council