

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Electors of Shevington Parish
Held Wednesday 15 March 2023
7:00pm The Community Centre at Vicarage Lane Fields**

Present: Cllr William McKnight (Chairman), Cllrs John Whiteley, Michael Grimes and Christopher Horridge
Eleven members of the public

Clerk to the Parish Council: Mrs Krystyna Pilkington

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting of the Parish.

1. Apologies

Cllrs Mike Crosby, Ira Whiteley and John Ball
Louise Leyland of Shevington Village Kitchen

2. Minutes of the Last Annual Parish Meeting

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting for 2022 had been published on the Parish Council's website and had been circulated to those present.

Resolved: The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 16 March 2022 were accepted and approved as a true and correct record.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

4. Clerk's Report

The Clerk report, which had been circulated to those present and would be available to download from the website, was received. The report provided an overview of the work carried out by the Parish Council during the past year.
See Appendix A.

Resolved: The Clerk's Report was accepted by the Annual Parish Meeting.

5. Chairman's Report

The Chairman's report was received. It would be published on the website and circulated to Council members after the meeting. *See Appendix B.*

Resolved: The Chairman's Report was accepted by the Annual Parish Meeting.

6. Presentation of Community Awards

Community Service Awards were presented to the following:

Louise Leyland & the Staff of Shevington Village Kitchen

“For working hard and going beyond the call of duty to help the community both during the Covid lockdown, when they checked on the vulnerable, and since.”

Louise Leyland could not be present, but two of the staff of Shevington Village Kitchen accepted the award on behalf of Ms Leyland and their colleagues.

Elaine Roper

“For being a true champion of the local community in Appley Bridge and playing a massive part in shaping the Village into what it is today. Without her influence the community would be a shadow of what it is!”

Shevington in Bloom

“For the vision and courage they have displayed in bringing improvements to the centre of Shevington Village, their work with local schools and their commitment to maintaining the displays that give so much pleasure to all.”

7. Matters Introduced by Members of the Public

Memorial to Dr Surman

Dr John Surman, who set up and was Head of the GP practice in Shevington was also the GP who was instrumental in setting up Wigan & Leigh Hospice forty years ago this year. A resident asked if there was some way that he could be remembered in Shevington. Several ideas were discussed. It was agreed that perhaps the new street leading to the new Extra Care facility in Miles Lane could be named after him. This would be very apt as the street would be next door to the current GP surgery. The Clerk was asked to contact the development's Project Manager about this.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone and closed the meeting at 7:20 pm.

Chairman