

Shevington Parish Council
Clerk's Report to the Meeting of the Council – 29 March 2023

Litter Bins

An enquiry sent to the LA about the bin missing from the entrance to Crooke Park by Cllr Mike Crosby has resulted in a reply from Streetscene to Cllr Crosby. Streetscene have stated that their operatives have not removed the bin. In the meantime dog poo bags are still being left at the site of the former bin. They are not being removed from this site by Wigan Council operatives, despite having been asked to do so. As it is Wigan Council's park, someone should be rostered to collect litter from the area. They continue to be removed by community-spirited residents.

The order for litter bins approved by the Finance Committee has been placed with Broxap. They are due to arrive in mid-April and will be fitted by John Parker.

Forest Fold Plot Rents

The 2023-24 plot rents are due by 10 April. So far 51% of the plot rents have been received. A gentle reminder has been circulated.

Leak in Toilet Block at Forest Fold

The Caretaker reported a leak in the toilets when he switched the water on at the end of last week. He had to switch the water off again. In view of this there is no water supply to the raised bed allotments and the Bowling Club pavilion. The leak is being dealt with by the plumber. The Bowling Club have been informed.

Treeworks at Memorial Park

The treeworks along the northern boundary of the park have recently been completed.

March Newsletter

The March edition of the newsletter is due to begin circulation shortly.

Climbing Wall in Memorial Park

Playspaces have had to remove the small climbing wall from the grass bank in Memorial Park. The missing/damaged footsteps were flagged up on the insurance inspection. When the Repairs team went to investigate the problem they discovered that most of the wood was rotten and the wood underneath the top boards closest to the ground was beyond repair. The officer who manages the SLA thinks this is due to the wood being directly in contact with the ground.

Parking Issues at Vicarage Lane

A couple of weeks ago I received several letters of complaint from residents of the Taylor Wimpey Estate about the volume of weekend parking along Vicarage Lane. That particular weekend was quite busy at VLF because the football season has not finished and the rugby season had started.

The marshalls on duty found themselves over-stretched with the number of spectators' vehicles visiting the site, because all of the pitches were in use on a rota basis for the better part of the day. The car park has been extended in one direction and so is bigger than before, but parking spaces are still at a premium.

The committees of the sports clubs met later that week and re-scheduled and re-located some of their matches. Consequently, there were very few issues last weekend.

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East Quarry

The Council's representation with regard to the most recent application submitted by Maybrook Investments has been lodged and has been acknowledged.

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