

Shevington Parish Council
Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting
Held at the Community Centre, Vicarage Lane Fields
On Wednesday 30 April 2025 at 6.30 pm

Present:

Cllr William R McKnight (Chairman of the Parish Council)
Cllrs Horridge, McKnight, Crosby, Bridge, Whitely, Thompson, Brown, Grimes.
Members of the public and representatives of local community groups

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from **Cllr Jess Diggle**.

2. Minutes of the Last Annual Parish Meeting

The minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting were considered.

Resolved: That the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting be approved as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr C Horridge

Seconded: Cllr J Whiteley

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising raised for discussion.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman gave his report on the work and challenges of the past year.

In his statement, the Chairman reflected on the sudden loss of the Council's long-serving Clerk, **Mrs Krystyna Pilkington**, in November 2024, describing this as a great sadness for the parish and noting that she had been much more than the Council's Clerk. He paid tribute to the support given by **Cllr Helen Thompson** in helping ensure the basic functions of the Council had continued following Krystyna's death and thanked all those involved in the process of appointing a new Clerk. He also referred to progress being made towards moving forward with plans for the **Memorial Gardens**, acknowledged the invaluable finance knowledge provided by **Mike Grimes**, and thanked the Council's caretaking and voluntary support network, including **Tony, Jane**, the In Bloom volunteers, co-opted members, and fellow councillors for their support during his years as Chairman.

The Chairman's report was received.

5. Presentation of Posthumous Award / Certificate of Appreciation

The Chairman referred to the late **Mrs Krystyna Pilkington**, noting that she had not only served as Clerk but had also been a friend, a respected figure in the parish, and a significant source of knowledge and continuity for the Council and wider community. He noted that this had been borne out by the many messages received following her passing.

A **Certificate of Appreciation for Services to the Parish** was presented to **Mr John Pilkington**, in recognition of Krystyna's long and devoted service to Shevington Parish Council and the wider parish.

6. Matters Introduced by Members of the Public / Community Updates

Updates were received from local community groups and organisations.

Representatives of **Shevington Fete** reported that the group had received the **King's Award for Voluntary Service**. It was noted that the award would be displayed at various locations around the community. Plans were also underway for this year's fete and related arrangements were progressing.

Members of the meeting welcomed the update and congratulated those involved on the recognition received.

7. Presentation of Community Awards

Community recognition was noted as part of the meeting, including the presentation referred to above in respect of the late Mrs Krystyna Pilkington.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all present for attending.

Meeting closed at: 19:00