

**COMMENTS, QUESTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS from 12 July 2010 meeting**

**Albrighton Area Local Joint Committee**

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1	<p>In reply to a question regarding an issue that had been raised at previous meetings the Chairman said that it is highly unlikely that the missing footpath in Elm Road would be carried out, but would be added to the list of works to be carried out. In addition, the Lead Officer said that there are various projects will have been highlighted and that this would remain as a pressing item. He also said that he would seek an assurance from the Director of Environment that this project will be added to the list.</p>	<p>Jason Hughes Principal Engineer Traffic</p>	<p>Our consultants have completed some initial work on the design. The estimated cost to complete the design and install a new footway (including removal of a section on the opposite side of the carriageway) is in the region of £20,000.</p> <p>Currently no budget is available to complete the design or to undertake the works, however, the scheme will be prioritised and added to the list of possible future schemes if/when funding becomes available.</p>
2	<p>Another resident complained that although there had been responses to the questions that had been raised regarding the skateboard park that there were issues of concern. She added that the skateboard park is not supposed to be open on Sundays but it is was and that it is also left unlocked on other occasions when it should be closed. She also said that despite the comments that had been made by the Head of Service Integrated Youth Support Service there was still a problem with litter, which people from the Civic Society had collected.</p>	<p>(a) Martin Stephens, Head of Service Integrated Youth Support Service</p> <p>(b) Local Joint Committee members</p>	<p>There certainly have been some times when the gate was not locked and I have apologised to the resident who called me. There was also another resident complaining that the park was not open on Sundays when they thought it should be. I have spoken to the Head Teacher at the school about the fence and the possible rat problem. Both, it seems are no longer a problem. The fence was broken when they were climbing in on Sundays as the gate was locked! This is clearly a sensitive area and I am happy to come along to subsequent meetings. I would also like to bring along the coordinator of the volunteers as well.</p> <p>In terms of the litter, the Parish Council have arranged for the bin to be emptied and they have now added it to the Council's list of public bins to be emptied regularly.</p> <p>(b) The members of the Local Joint Committee have</p>

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			asked that the Youth Service arrange a public meeting with local residents concerning the skateboard park so that the issues can be discussed with a view to them being resolved to the satisfaction of all concerned.
3	A questioner referred back to a previous meeting where it had been reported that a tree in Cross Road was obscuring a street light. He said that although this had been reported and arrangements had been made for their inspection, works to cut back the vegetation had not taken place.	Jason Hughes Principal Engineer Traffic	Issue with ivy obscuring lamp column passed to maintenance Division on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2010. Chased up on the 30 <sup>th</sup> July 2010, confirmed it will be added to programme of works to be cut back.
4	It was also reported that a stretch of road in the vicinity of Elm Road/Cross Road had recently been resurfaced and the white lines reinstated before an anti-skid surface was added that covered up the newly painted lines meaning that they had to be repainted. The questioner asked what the cost was of this additional work.	Jason Hughes Principal Engineer Traffic	An unavoidable delay in the surface dressing left us with no choice but to install the correct markings if only for a short period to avoid any safety implications. The additional works estimated at £1000.
5	A resident said that the traders in Albrighton were suffering because of the lack of suitable parking. He said that there were 8 empty shops and that a Bank had closed and that parking was a key issue. He reminded those present that a suggestion to overcome the problems had been discussed at a previous meeting. He asked if Shropshire Council would pursue this idea.	Jason Hughes Principal Engineer Traffic	As far as the on-street parking in Albrighton is concerned, we feel that optimum use is already made of the road space. However, we would be prepared to review conditions to improve turn-over of spaces if the Parish Council so wish. Care must be taken not to obstruct through traffic on High Street.
6	A resident said that she had noticed that there were a considerable number of weeds under the railway bridge and had noted that these had been left for several months.	Jason Hughes Principal Engineer Traffic	Confirmed with Division on the 30 <sup>th</sup> July 2010, they are unaware of any weed issues under bridges in the area. If there is a specific bridge in question can the details be passed on to enable weed removal to be carried out.

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7	It was also reported by a resident about the very poor condition of the road surface in part of High Street. The particular stretch of road referred to was in the vicinity of the junction of High Street with Shaw Lane.	Jason Hughes Principal Engineer Traffic	Resurfacing works between Shaw Lane to Albrighton have been programmed and should be completed by the end of the year.
8	The person that had earlier raised the issue of the duplication of correspondence said that on completion of the job he was asked to complete a questionnaire and he was curious as to why it was necessary for there to be a question about gender.	Sue Adams Head of Landlord Services	We need to ensure that we give 'fair service' to all of our tenants. In order to do this we monitor how satisfied people are with the service and, particularly whether some groups of our tenants are less satisfied with the service than others. This includes the age, gender etc of our tenants. If there are significant differences as to how satisfied some groups are with the service than others then we would take action to find out why they are less satisfied and address those issues.
9	A resident who rented a garage from the Council said that the roof of their garage leaked and that garages had not been maintained properly and suggested that the roofs should be painted with bitumen to solve the problem.	Angela Douglas Asset Manager - Housing	As part of the service improvement plan for Landlord Services we are carrying out a review of all our garage stock - so my team is visiting all the sites as a general overview and I have asked them to carry out an inspection of this garage when they are at Pitchford Road.  My inspector visited the tenant on 16th August - he confirmed that he is not aware of any works required to the roof of his garage.
10	Comments were also made about the use of High Street by goods vehicles and it was suggested that if Shifnal can have a weight and time limit placed on some of its roads could Albrighton do likewise.	Jason Hughes Principal Engineer Traffic	At the Parish Council request a detailed survey of HGV movements was carried out in June 2006. This indicated that only 2% of the traffic passing through High Street was categorised as a HGV and the majority for delivering purposes. The figures for Shifnal show that double the amount of HGV's, 4% travel through on the A464. It is not considered 2% to be excessive and have no plans for measures to reduce HGV's through Albrighton in the foreseeable future.