

**COMMENTS, QUESTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS from 28 September 2010 meeting****Albrighton Area Local Joint Committee**

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1	A question was asked regarding work undertaken by Severn Trent Water in Woodland Close who have installed two new drains but have removed rear gullies. The questioner said that it was important that the gullies were reinstated as they were installed to prevent flooding. Alice Dilly said that she would confirm whether these gullies would be reinstated.	Alice Dilly (Principal Engineer)	Gully types have been changed at Shropshire Council cost to reduce future damage and potential claims.
2	An issue was raised regarding the zigzag lines that had been painted on Newhouse Lane and had then been covered up. Alice Dilly said that she thought that a traffic order was required and would enquire as to when this might be in place and when the zigzag lines could be reapplied.	Alice Dilly (Principal Engineer)	Carriageway surface dressing works brought forward in programme to erase existing lines and provide new surface prior to new zigzag lines being laid. The lengths of zigzag lines were amended to comply with the new Traffic Regulation Order which prevents stopping at any time on the markings. This Traffic Regulation Order will be enforceable by Shropshire Parking Services.
3	A further issue was raised about the poor quality of some of the road surface in High Street, Albrighton. It was indicated that Brian Bennett had carried out a survey of the road and the potholes some months ago but that the road surface remained in a very poor condition. Alice Dilly said that she would enquire about this and would report back. It was also reported that Albrighton Parish Council had a budget for this and had given authority for their Clerk to request that the works proceed.	Alice Dilly (Principal Engineer)	High Street was resurfaced in October. Wolverley Court was resurfaced at the same time with Parish Council funding.

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4	In response to a question regarding the use of spray paint on roads in the area, Alice Dilly said that she would find out who is responsible for its removal.	Alice Dilly (Principal Engineer)	All the paint that is used by Shropshire Council and Public Utilities should be biodegradable and will therefore fade over time.
5	A further questioner referred back to the comments, questions and suggestions that were answered at the March meeting. He said that the vegetation that was supposed to have been removed from street lights in Cross Road/Elm Road had not been removed although the reply said that it was to have been carried out within a few days of the meeting. Alice Dilly said that she would follow this up.	Alice Dilly (Principal Engineer)	The weed spraying works were completed however the overhanging foliage that is referred to cannot be completed until a programme of works for Albrighton and Shifnal can be issued to contractors for pricing.  We are reviewing the ways in which this type of work can be carried out more speedily and cost effectively in the future.
6	Another person said that at a previous meeting it had been agreed that further investigations would be carried out to assess the feasibility of increasing parking provision in Albrighton. He expressed his concern that no progress appeared to have been made. The Chairman said that although the Local Joint Committee had said that it wanted to see this work undertaken, that did not mean that the work would be carried out. He added that car parking is an important issue for Albrighton and that clarification is required of where the request is at present.	MM	There are no plans in the foreseeable future for Shropshire Council staff to carry out a survey of parking facilities needs in the Albrighton area. That said the LJC could, if it so agreed, commission a survey from either a local group or an independent consultant to carry out such a survey.  If a local group were to be commissioned then council staff would be available to help them plan their work and advise on the format that such a survey should follow.  However it should be noted that there is very little chance of any council investment funds being available over the next few years to carry out any further work - such as providing a new car park - should a survey suggest this might be required.
7	Another resident said that previously reported weed growth in Station Road at its junction with the A41 had not been cleared and that a similar problem existed across the A41 from this junction.	Alice Dilly (Principal Engineer)	This works will be programmed to be completed early in the New Year

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8	Another issue raised at a previous meeting was raised again. The issue concerned the difficulties in parking in Ashgrove and an update was requested.	Andrea McWilliams Community Regeneration Officer	Although the situation was well known to be a problem for residents in the area, unfortunately, the housing service had confirmed that there was very little chance of Council funds being available over the next few years to carry out improvement works to the access road and car parking area at Ashgrove.
9	A resident said that those who open and close the skateboard park are volunteers and that if a volunteer is on holiday that this can be a problem. Rob Mills, the Southern Area Manager (Planning Department Representative) said that he would check to see if there had been any breach of the conditions of the planning permission.	Rob Mills Southern Area Manager	The planning permission is subject to conditions which limit the hours of operation. These conditions however can only be enforced against the landowner, effectively Shropshire. An informal arrangement exists between local volunteers which is being re-examined. Other problems associated with the design of the park have been identified by residents and these are being discussed with appropriate officers of the Council.
10	Other residents complained that applications were not always on the website when they should be and that copies of the applications and plans had not been available at Westgate either. Ian Kilby said that he was aware that in some instances letters had been sent out before the applications had been scanned but thought the issue had been resolved. He said he would check this with the validation team. He also said that there was also an issue with the DX postal service between Shirehall and Westgate which needed to be resolved.	Ian Kilby Head of Development Management	It is the council's practice that all applications and correspondence received associated with applications be scanned and made available to view via the online planning register, "public access". The consultation letters are only issued when an application is validated there may in a small number of cases be a delay of up to 24hours for the scanned documents to be published to the web site. All planning offices have facilities to view the online register. The Council is also moving towards an electronic file, the process is being piloted throughout November and this would ultimately eliminate any delay currently arising from post/DX services.
11	Concern was expressed by a number of speakers with regard to the development that had occurred opposite The Horns of Boningale. There were concerns that more development was taking place. Rob Mills said that he would check this out.	Rob Mills Southern Area Manager	This development appears to accord with the approved plans. In view of local concern site is being monitored but officers would appreciate an early alert if anyone notices anything untoward.

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12	It was suggested that information regarding the planning process including how long people have to make representations and contact telephone numbers for Planning Officers be provided for the Albrighton Parish Magazine.	Rob Mills Southern Area Manager	Contact details being forwarded to Parish Council by Janice Baybutt technical supervisor
13	Residents also asked for more information about The Croft Clinic. It appeared to be dispensing drugs and according to the Chairman was not known to The Primary Care Trust. There was general confusion as to what the premises were being used for. The planning officer was asked to investigate and report back on any change of use of the premises.	1. Rob Mills Southern Area Manager  2. Trish Campbell Joint Head of Medicines Management	1. A planning application is being made for a change of use.  2. Croft Medical has registered with the GPC as a private internet pharmacy; it is not an NHS pharmacy and is not dispensing NHS prescriptions. It has opened accounts with several wholesalers and can therefore legally buy medicines, and has a wholesale dealers licence and can therefore legally supply medicines.  There is no indication that they are doing anything illegal, but it has proved confusing for the local people in Albrighton as deliveries to Croft Medical have gone to the Albrighton Medical Practice in error, and patients have thought they could take their NHS prescriptions there.

Items requested on 28 September 2010 for consideration at future meetings:

Housing Repairs – There are several items on the agenda for the meeting on 25 January 2011 and time would not permit there to be proper consideration of this subject. It will remain as an item for consideration at a future meeting.

Update on future use of RAF Cosford – No further information available, but the issue will be included on the agenda when appropriate.