

**Committee and Date**

Bayston Hill Local
Joint Committee

Thurs 19 April 2012

7.00 p.m.

Item No

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Public

**NOTES OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS STEMMING FROM THE MEETING
HELD ON 6 OCTOBER 2011 AT OAKMEADOW CE PRIMARY SCHOOL,
BAYSTON HILL**

7.00 – 9.00 p.m.

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Committee Members Present:

Shropshire Council

Mr Ted Clarke

Mrs Liz Parsons

Mr Jon Tandy

Bayston Hill Parish Council

Mrs Hazel Jones

Mr James Moraghan

Mr Alan Parkhurst

Shropshire Council Officers present:

Lucy Roberts, Community Action Officer

Anne Cousins, Committee Officer

West Mercia Police

PC Ray Foster

CSO Mark Barnes

There were approximately 70 members of the public present at the meeting.

ACTION

1. Apologies and Substitutions

Apologies were received on behalf of Dr James Hindson, Bayston Hill Parish Council. Mrs Hazel Jones substituted for him.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Notes

RESOLVED: That the notes of the last meeting, held on 16 May 2011, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. PACT (Partners and Communities Together)

- 4.1 PC Ray Foster led a discussion on current policing issues. He reported a reduction in crime in Bayston Hill, partly as a result of police action to deal with scrap metal dealers.
- 4.2 PC Foster also reported police were targeting drug-taking youths in the area. Other police action had involved dealing with burglaries of sheds and a recent double fatal road traffic collision on the A49.
- 4.3 A member of the public warned that a man was going around door-to-door trying to sell medical equipment. Although he said he was from the NHS, this was not the case. An article about this would be appearing in next month's Villager magazine.
- 4.4 Another resident raised the issue of speeding by the library, because it had not improved following the installation of the Vehicle Activated Signs. PC Foster confirmed the police were still addressing speeding issues.
- 4.5 In response to a question, PC Foster clarified the position about parking on pavements. Since parking had been decriminalised in 2007, it was the responsibility of Shropshire Council Enforcement Officers. The police only took action if a pavement was totally obstructed by a parked vehicle.

5. Amendment to LJC Constitution

- 5.1 This report, which had been agreed by Shropshire Council in June 2011, proposed an amendment to the Local Joint Committee Constitution to give Community Action Officers delegated authority, in consultation with the Local Joint Committee Chair (or Vice Chair in their absence) to determine urgent and time-sensitive matters.
- 5.2 **RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

6. LJC Budget – Spend to Date and Priority Setting	ACTION
6.1 Lucy Roberts, Community Action Officer, reported the Local Joint Committee had £9,209 left in its budget. She reminded residents that it had been agreed at the last meeting to spend £3,564 on laptops for a community ICT project. She was pleased to report that these had now been purchased and arrangements were in hand to set up an after-school club and other community-wide activities.	
6.2 The Community Action Officer invited those present to work together for 10 minutes on the parish plan review, copies of which were on each table. The results would help Members to identify the priorities for spending its remaining budget.	
6.3 RESOLVED: That the Local Joint Committee prioritises its remaining funding for 2011/12 to support initiatives and services which help develop community-based and led projects highlighted as community priorities in the updated parish plan 2010 and its action plan.	LJC Members/ Community Action Officer
7. Public Question Time	
7.1 The Chairman read out a question which he had received, concerning the state of disrepair of the former Fox pub and the overgrown grass verges on the opposite side of the A49. The questioner wanted to know if anything could be done to improve these eyesores, which gave a bad impression of Bayston Hill to anyone travelling through on the A49.	
7.2 The Chairman explained the former pub was private property, currently up for sale. As it was a secure site and not a health hazard, there was a limit to what influence the council had. He reported he had contacted the planning officers but at the present time there was no interest from any potential purchasers. He was aware of previous interest from a developer interested in building houses on the site, but that had not come to anything. With regard to the grass verges, the Chairman explained this was a Highways Agency matter, but discussions were underway about a possible transfer of responsibility to the Parish Council.	Highways Agency/ Parish Council
7.3 It was suggested one option would be for the Highways Agency to put a compulsory purchase order on the Fox and the grass verges in order to create a roundabout. The Chairman said this had been proposed ten years ago, but had never happened because of the cost to the public purse. He felt it unlikely such a decision would be taken in the current economic climate.	

		ACTION
7.4	A question was asked about the future use of the former Oakland Primary School, now that the new school was fully open. The Chairman reassured those present that Shropshire Council was well aware of the importance of this issue for Bayston Hill residents, but no decision had yet been taken about the future of the building.	Chairman/ Committee Officer
7.5	There was a discussion about the on-going problems with the bus service between Bayston Hill and Shrewsbury. The evening and Sunday services had ceased, and were unlikely to be reinstated. The route had changed again, bringing back into use the bus stop by the Beeches pub, but resulting in less buses going from the Parade to the Lyth Hill Road/Crossroads area of the village. The Chairman reminded residents the 544 service covered this part of the village.	
7.6	A comment was made that using the bus stop at the Beeches again meant it was even more important to ensure parents did not park on the nearby zebra crossing when collecting children from school. Several comments were made about the unreliability of the service, which, it was suggested, could be due to hold-ups in the Harlescott part of the route. The Chairman suggested inviting an Arriva representative to a future meeting to discuss all these issues.	
7.7	A complaint was made about the Long Meadow play area toilets, which never seemed to be open, and this made it very difficult for young children to use the play facilities. The Chairman confirmed this was a Parish Council matter which would be investigated.	
8.	Tour around Oakmeadow CE Primary School Mr Huw Roberts, Head Teacher of Oakmeadow CE Primary, and his staff then invited all present to come on a tour around the newly-opened school and see for themselves the facilities available.	Bayston Hill Parish Council

Signed.....Chairman

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