

**NOTE OF ACTIONS AND DECISIONS FROM THE MEETING OF THE
BURNELL AND SEVERN VALLEY LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE HELD ON
14 OCTOBER 2013 AT DORRINGTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM**

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1. PRESENT

Mrs C Wild (Chairman), Mr T Barker (Vice-Chairman), Mr G Ball, Mr V Morgan, Mr T Roberts, Mr B Higgins, Mr B. Wood, Mr B. Nelson, Mr I Lawrence, Mr M. Corrie, Mr R. Purslow, Mrs S Lloyd, Mr T Perkins

There were approximately 3 members of the public at the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Mr C. Wildblood offered his apologies

3. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 24th June were reviewed and recorded as accurate. Mrs C Wild Signed the previous minutes.

5. POLICE UPDATE

The Chairman welcomed PC Dave Harte to the meeting. PC Harte circulated copies of the Rural South and Bayston Hill Local Policing Newsletter which was circulated by email to many residents and asked local Parish Council representatives to ask their Clerks to contact him with their email address to ensure the monthly newsletter was forwarded to them.

PS Shepherd reported that as of October 2013 the new Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNT) areas had been incorporated and that Policing teams were now working to these areas. Each SNT has a response unit that can deal with emergencies 24/7. If this response unit is called on an emergency, cover will be provided by another response unit.

PC Harte stated he is currently down to only one CSO for the area he covers due to staff illness. The changes have meant Police Officers will deal with crime only, and that community matters will be the sole responsibility of the CSO's.

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asked local Parish Council representatives to ask their Clerks to contact him with their email address to ensure the monthly newsletter was forwarded to them.

PC Harte indicated that there has been a spike in the amount of burglaries and theft recently and urged all residents to safeguard against this type of crime, especially in the rural areas by locking doors, sheds, windows and guarding your property with anti-theft measures such as security lights and alarms.

PC Harte also revealed that whilst Distraction Burglary in the area has occurred, whilst not a major issue, the effects of such a crime can leave a lasting legacy in rural communities. PC Harte again spoke about the need to protect our own belongings and support our vulnerable neighbours where possible.

Advice was provided to residents on protecting their property, and more information could be found on the police website or by calling the local policing team or Trading Standards should anyone suspect rogue traders operating in the area.

Concern was raised by the public around Horse Theft; however, PC Harte reassured the public that he had not come across any crime of this nature, but that they are monitoring the spate of platted horses' mains recently.

The Chairman thanked PC Harte for the updates.

6. FUNDING APPLICATIONS

The Committee considered the report of the Community Enablement Officer setting out details of the applications for funding received since the previous meeting. He confirmed that the Committee's remaining budget for the current year was £15,893

After discussion the Committee voted separately on each application. Tim Roberts took no part in the voting for the Cound War Memorial project. Longnor Village Hall application was withdrawn due to administration error.

RESOLVED :

That the following funding applications be approved:

	Applicant	Project	Grant
a	Cound War Memorial	To renovate the Cound War Memorial as it is currently in a poor condition and the names and other details have become unclear, and in some instances they are illegible.	£792.00
b.	Pitchford Village Hall	Re-distribute funds from a previous grant to put towards a Community ICT	£300

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		Grant application.	
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9. UPDATE ON CONNECTING SHROPHIRE BROADBAND PROJECT

Councillor Claire Wild welcomed Chris Taylor, Project Manager, Shropshire Council. Chris Taylor gave a presentation regarding the current state of the project.

Chris Taylor updated the meeting on several key points about the project:

- End March - £24.64m contract signed with BT
- Shropshire Council is number 9 out of 44 projects
- 72,000 premises in programme area
- Programme aims to provide access to:
 - Basic broadband for all (at least 2mbps) in programme area
 - As much fibre based broadband as possible
- 142,000 premises in Shropshire
- When added to commercial broadband roll-out projections:
 - 93% fibre based broadband
 - 87% superfast broadband (at least 24mbps)
- The programme has nine phases and each phase will take over 12 months to deploy – rolling programme.
- Late October an announcement will be made about some of those communities who will be in phase one of the programme.

Members of the public raised concerns over amount of information being distributed by BT/Council. The response was that a lot of data is owned by BT and as its BT’s intellectual property the local authority are unable to release further details at this point due to data protection of commercial sensitive data.

Members of the public expressed concern that rural areas would again miss out whilst urban areas would get even faster speeds than they currently get. The response was that the local authority is trying to get the rest return on the investment for the whole of Shropshire. For those areas who perhaps fall outside of the program area, Shropshire Council will be bidding on their behalf for the ‘Rural Community Broadband Fund’. This £20 million fund from DEFRA is competitive and will require Shropshire Council to show how much public support is behind this bid in order to be successful.

Member of the public asked a question around using Microwaves as a solution to some issues. The response was that whilst all manner of solutions have been investigated, at this present time, microwaves was not the answer.

Members of the public raised concerns about who the 7% will be who do not get broadband. The response was that the project management team do not yet know which these areas will be. BT has undertaken a huge network mapping exercise which will finish by April. This could help define some more areas, but at this stage, only phase one will be announced in October.

Members of the public raised concerns over the broadband project running out of funding, especially as it gets to phase nine. The response was that the

project has a sophisticated finance cashing model that will be heavily scrutinised throughout the project and therefore this should not occur. It is also fair to say that within two years technology.

Chris Taylor thanked everyone for the questions and will take some feedback back to the project team.

10. QUESTION TIME / HAVE YOUR SAY

Member of the public Mike Bradbury gave the LJC an update on the Royal Observer Corps and the memorial for the Dorrington Post. If anybody was interested in getting involved they can contact Mike via the Community Enablement Officer David Fairclough.

Mr B. Nelson noted that e-mail support for Parish Council clerks has not been discussed as had been promised at an earlier meeting. He would like this to be on the agenda at the next LJC meeting.

Cllr Claire Wild read a letter sent from Shropshire Fire & Rescue services with regards to a public meeting to discuss the potential changes to the fire service. The date of this meeting is 25th November in Telford and requested as many LJC members and members of the public attend as possible.

Cllr Tim Barker mentioned the 'Pinchpoint scheme' works on the A5 islands at Churncote and Woodcote. This work will start in November and will continue for several weeks. Some work will be carried out in the evenings, with some closures likely.

13. FUTURE MEETINGS

It was reported that the next meetings would be held on 10th March 2014 at Pitchford Village Hall.

Chairman:

Date:

(7.30pm to 9:15pm)