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	Shawbury Village Hall on 25th March 2009		
136	Lucy raised an issue from the Fairfield Residents Association who have asked for a 20 mph speed limit into the estate. There is now a great concern for children due to the speeding cars.	Bob Ellis/ Phil Crossland Shropshire Council	Traffic calming is in place within the estate but the estate does not qualify for a 20 mph limit under the current policy.
135	Marie asked if there had been any further consideration to the A529 from Market Drayton being set at 30 mph.	Bob Ellis Shropshire Council	Bob advised that this will be looked at as part of the 2010/11 A & B roads review. Subsequent to the meeting, Andy Wilde from Traffic and Highway Engineering advised that a request was received and a response sent in December which explained that this did not meet the criteria and therefore could not be included in the programme. It was also felt that this section of the A529 through Pell Wall is very rural in character with the properties set well back and not visible from the road. Therefore it does not appear to be an urbanised environment. An extension to the existing 40mph limit through Woodseaves would make the limit very long and unlikely to be well respected. This road will be considered in the rural 'A' and 'B' roads review.
134	Are there any plans for the ownership/promotion of Market Drayton market which is currently owned by North Shropshire District Council?	Nigel Ford Shropshire Council	Whilst contractors and consultants are in place for the indoor market redevelopment we are still to some extent in the hands of Transco in providing a new gas supply. Best estimated start date at present is in the autumn with a completion before Christmas.

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			The Markets in Wem, Ellesmere and Market Drayton are not promoted individually but are part of an advert to promote all of the markets in North Shropshire. We are currently looking at other forms of advertising such as leaflets, postcards etc at various drop off points in order to get the message out about shopping locally.
133	Is there any feedback regarding the Loyalty Card Scheme which the Local Joint Committee contributed to some time ago?	Victoria Rees Shop Local	Please see the Progress report for 2 nd July 2009 for this information.
132	There is an issue with litter by the bench on the A529. This area of road is never cleaned,	Tim Sneddon Victoria Ashmore Shropshire Council	This road is picked on a 6 week cycle by our contractor Enterprise. Since the meeting officers have visited and there was no real litter problem there. It is on week 4 of the programme and normally done on a Wednesday. The above still applies and no further complaints have been received. 23.6.09
131	There is a real problem with dog litter. Should this be picked up as part of the street cleansing?	Tim Sneddon	There are over 250 bins in North Shropshire and we try to make it easy for people to clean up after their dogs. Dog litter should be picked up as part of street cleansing.
130	It is an offence to leave dog litter. People need to know that they will be prosecuted. Enforcement needs to take place.	Tim Sneddon	In the new Shropshire structure there is a specialist Environmental Enforcement Team who will be coordinating enforcement action throughout the county. At the moment an Enforcement Strategy is being developed for approval by the new Members after 4th June. Once accepted this will the

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			basis for consistent and proportionate environmental enforcement. It is hoped that there will be considerably more education and enforcement particularly around dog mess which is raised at most meetings.
129	There is a path between the infant school and the town park which is full of dog mess. This path is used by children from the infant and pre-schools.	Tim Sneddon	The path near the school has been visited by officers and an additional dog waste was been provided 3 weeks ago, so there is now one at each end of the path. This is cleansed by the street sweepers every 5 weeks.
128	Can a new structure be set up on the Shropshire Council website to indicate the bodies and partnerships such as these that the Council liaises with to show what they do.	Laura Rowley	Information will be provide on the new Council at the meeting on 2 nd July
127	The access to the Medical Centre in Market Drayton is working extremely well and the traffic movement is fantastic.	Bob Ellis	Thanks for the positive feedback. We are pleased that it is working well albeit it has taken a little time to get there.
126	Car Parking Charges In the main this has been a very good thing. In future, will charges be the same across the whole County?	Laura Rowley	At present other than a small inflationary increase, charges will remain the same. There will be a review of carparks during 2009. Charges will not be the same across the whole county. Charges will be adapted depending on the circumstances of villages/towns.
125	Could the meter be turned round to make it more accessible in Frogmore Road?	Doug Hoskins Parking and Transport Officer Zoe Mortimer	Doug Hoskins and Zoe Mortimer have visited the site and the meters will stay where they are but gaps will be made in the wall to access each of the meters to avoid having go onto the perimeter road.

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		Engineer and Contracts Compliance Officer	
124	There are some free car parks in Market Drayton. However, people are parking in the streets as they are unaware they are free. Can the signs be improved?	Doug Hoskins	More suitable signage will be put in place to reflect this. The priority is the carparks with ticket machines.
123	Signage also needs to be improved to confirm that there is no charge for blue badge holders as this is not clear.	Phil Crossland	New signs will also reflect this.
122	Can there be a crossing over to the Gingerbread man?	Martin Allard	There is no footway approaching this location and it is felt that the splitter island does provide adequate crossing provision at this location.
	Cheswardine Parish Hall on 14th January 2009		
	Questions re Budget Consultation		
121	Are the budget assumptions based on the closure of schools?	Malcolm Pate	We have not taken account of school closures in the budget. A decision will be in the hands of the new council once the Independent Policy Commission has made options available. Laura Rowley added that there are proposals for school amalgamation and money has been set aside to facilitate school amalgamations.
120	I refer to elderly people as mentioned in your presentation but don't see anything to deal with the	Malcolm Pate	There is £100m of expenditure in the capital programme next year which will be put forward. We will want to look at

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	expansion of services for elderly people. You say you will not increase capital spending but bearing in mind the dire financial situation, should we not have new initiatives to deal with the present financial system and invigorate the local economy. Is waiting a good idea?		<p>the capital programme to take things forward as you suggest. Regarding the elderly, we have not increased any costs on the elderly.</p> <p>Concessionary fares show the investment in older people. We are very keen to ensure we look after the elderly and vulnerable people in Shropshire and we are keeping council tax as low as possible to help achieve this.</p>
119	<p>With regard to free swimming, Is it practical for children and the elderly because of the limited swimming pools in Shropshire and the distance they have to travel.</p> <p>Will anything be taken out of the school's budgets to help cover the cost of the 'free' under 18's swimming. Schools currently have to make arrangements themselves for swimming and cover the cost of both swimming and transportation out of their budgets</p> <p>Will free swimming arrangements also include low income families such as those in receipt of certain benefits.</p>	George Candler	<p>Shropshire has 8 pools that it directly runs plus it provides financial support for a further 2. These are in many of the market towns across the county and whilst there may be some distance issues, Shropshire is actually well served in relation to its population for swimming facilities.</p> <p>The free under 18's swimming is directly aimed at public use and not schools use therefore schools will continue to pay for the use of the pool for exclusive use at discounted rates.</p> <p>Free swimming is only available for those under 18 or over 60 years of age. Shropshire Council does provide a free Passport to Leisure card which is available for those in financial hardship. This entitles the card holder to 50% off admission prices.</p>

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118	Why when we are in a credit crunch is it necessary to spend £1m on an inner relief road in Market Drayton. What prompts such attention? The proposal has been on the table for 15 years. Market Drayton needs more doing to it than a relief road. £1m will not look at the cost of completing it. What is the urgency?	Malcolm Pate Bob Ellis, Shropshire County Council	It is more than £1m. North Shropshire was going to invest its capital receipts in the CAT but didn't. So, we pledged that communities in North Shropshire could decide what they wanted to do with this money. Senior members of North Shropshire have consulted with their communities about how best to spend these capital receipts. We were told this was what the people of North Shropshire wanted to spend this money on. Nevertheless, this is your opportunity to express an option. There will be a presentation to the July LJC of the proposed scheme. There is a large amount of public support for the relief road, something we haven't been able to afford before
117	We have not been consulted. There is a ring road at the moment which is adequate and more things need to be done. This will take people out of the town not to it.	Bob Ellis	When preliminary design/options have been prepared, a comprehensive consultation exercise will be carried out to obtain the views of the community prior to progressing the final phase of the inner relief road. A presentation on the proposed scheme will be made to the July Local Joint Committee.
116	There are so many roads that need to be repaired in North Shropshire. £4m could be better spent.	Malcolm Pate	We have a programme of repairs in Shropshire. Which is funded separately.

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115	Councillors have fought for inner road for years. There has never been any finance available. You have to be forward thinking. It will open up land for community housing. It is an essential part of Market Drayton. Lorries need to get into town to avoid accidents. We should think to the future. We should get on with it and build it .	Martin Allard	When preliminary design/options have been prepared, a comprehensive consultation exercise will be carried out to obtain the views of the community prior to progressing the final phase of the inner relief road.
114	I am a supporter of the ring road, but we need to look at circumstances. It might be better spent elsewhere. Tern Valley Business Park and Ellesmere has been ongoing for 2 or 3 years. AWM have not put money into it as hoped. This is the right time to be thinking about business.	James Walton	An update with regard to Tern Valley will be provided at the next meeting in September 2009.
113	I am in favour if the inner relief road. It is not just problem of traffic. There is definitely a traffic need but also part of the economic development of the town. It will open up an area for housing and private development. The more we get the bigger the market for the economy in shops. The key to this development has always been the ring road. This is about opening up the development and moving traffic through the town safely. People still get lost and go up on the pavements. This is a strategic development. Despite all the problems we will be facing we still need to think ahead.	Martin Allard	When preliminary design/options have been prepared, a comprehensive consultation exercise will be carried out to obtain the views of the community prior to progressing the final phase of the inner relief road.

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112	<p>Regeneration of Market Drayton Whilst I welcome money being spent on Market Drayton, I feel there is a need to regenerate our town centre, the problem being a lot of empty shops are owned by private landlord, including the premises that I lease. With this in mind, could we not have immediate help to fill the empty shops and offer a rates free period to allow new businesses to start up. Is there something that could be achieved with the empty Woolworths store in the High Street? It would be nice if we could have a liason officer who works closely with businesses in Market Drayton and provides immediate help and assistance when faced by day to day problems ie. Environmental, rates etc, local problems, policing (immediate action rather than having to wait at times more than 6 months).</p>	<p>Nick Taylor Assistant Director, Strategy and Development Shropshire Council</p>	<p>The regeneration of market towns is a significant issue and identified as a priority in the Shropshire Business Board Business Plan, which has been adopted by the Council.</p> <p>Whilst the Council cannot prevent the economic recession it is taking steps to mitigate its effects and is putting an action plan into place.</p> <p>Planning and Economic Development polices are aimed at encouraging market town development and regeneration.</p> <p>There is help and advice available to businesses through Invest in Shropshire telephone 01743 252274 www.investinshropshire.com and Business Link West Midlands 0845 113 1234 www.businesslinkwm.co.uk</p> <p>The National Non-Domestic Rate is a central government tax collected by Local Authorities. The Council therefore has no discretion whether to charge the rate or not. However, the government has recently announced a scheme of business rate deferral where businesses will be able to defer payment of 60% of the increase in their 2009/10 business rate bill until 2010/11 and 2011/12. The Council has recently sent information of this scheme to all non-domestic ratepayers.</p>

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111			<p>In some cases empty premises may be eligible for a Redundant Building Grant for the conversion or refurbishment of redundant buildings (i.e. unused or unusable in their current state) to bring them back into productive business use, or to enhance their current business use. Further details Tel: 01432 383616</p> <p>An initiative is being investigated whereby empty shop units could be used for beneficial purposes by local community organisations for a temporary period which would also brighten-up the units and the centre.</p> <p>The Council's Economic Development Service works with the North Area Partnership economic group but individual enquiries are best directed via the Invest in Shropshire contact.</p> <p>The Northern Shropshire Partnership is supporting a Market Towns Forum, made up of representatives from each of the towns in northern Shropshire and they are producing an Action Plan to seek to address some of the issues and concerns you raise. The Partnership is supported by the Council's new Community Working team.</p> <p>There is an identified Community Regeneration Officer with responsibility for the Market Drayton area, Lucy Roberts, and she will provide the liaison role between issues on the ground and Council support services, contact on tel: 01939 238449 or lucy.roberts@shropshire.gov.uk.</p>

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110	The inner ring road is very welcome. Should we look at the whole structure of roads in Market Drayton. Since Raven House has been built there is a significant amount of traffic that comes across. People don't bother with the crossings but wonder across the road. Nothing has happened in Walkmill Road. There will be a lot of areas that the inner ring road will have effect on.	Bob Ellis/ Martin Allard	The effects on the remaining highway network within Market Drayton will be considered as part of the feasibility study and scheme design for the final stage of the inner relief road.
109	I would appreciate further discussion on the impact of the proposed inner relief road. The impact on businesses does not appear to be sufficiently understood.		The effects on the remaining highway network within Market Drayton will be considered as part of the feasibility study and scheme design for the final stage of the inner relief road.
108	I am thrilled to see council tax is being kept down. What do the police intend to put on council tax this year? I have been listening to the radio which is quite frightening.	Laura Rowley	The police have implemented a 14.9% increase.

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107	There have been illegal tickets issued. Mr Yardley will send information for Laura to look into.	Bob Ellis and Caroline Reid to respond	<p>The Adjudicator found the Parking Charge Notice to be at fault on only one occasion. Measures were then taken to correct the anomaly. All Shropshire Council Parking Charge Notices are correct.</p> <p>The error on the ticket did not mean that it was invalid but it was capable of being challenged at appeal, therefore there is no requirement for the Council to refund any monies already paid.</p> <p>There are signs on both Frogmore Road and Queen Street Car Parks saying that "charges are not applicable to motorcycles or vehicles displaying a valid Disabled Persons Badge" although I understand that it is intended to provide clearer signage in the near future.</p>
106	A query was raised concerning the amount spent on Parkright.		Laura confirmed that the Council are not spending more on Parkright than being collected on income from car parking charges.
105	Market Drayton is the only town in North Shropshire that pays parking fees in car parks. Will this be rolled out to other towns?	Bob Ellis	At present other than a small inflationary increase, charges will remain the same. There will be a review of car parks during 2009. Charges will not be the same across the whole county. Charges will be adapted depending on the circumstances of villages/towns.

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104	I would like to push the question about the change in the system you use. Use a system that doesn't lead to penalty but charges for the amount of time people spend in car parks and pay as they leave.	Phil Crossland	Pay on exit car parks will be considered as part of the Countywide review of car parking during 2009. However, whilst the principle of pay on exit car parks is supported each car park needs to be considered on its merits. Not all car parks are suitable for this approach and it depends on a number of factors. Eg physical layout, security, the availability of staff to deal mechanical problems on site, cost/benefit etc.
103	I was the district councillor that went round looking at car parks and charges. The conclusion was that it would be a good idea to do a trial. Shropshire county will have trouble if they introduce a county wide car parking scheme. The Town Council should have an input on how parking charges apply.	Karen Calder Bob Ellis	The new authority will develop a strategy on a case by case basis. You have a situation where the town council owns the car parks ie Oswestry so the strategy will vary in different areas, I will take the comment back.
102	One thing that has shocked me tonight, I attended several meetings with regard to Parkright. A parkright representative informed a meeting that the council made no revenue from their work.		The role of Parking Services is to be included in the Enforcement Strategy referred to at 137 above.
101	Parking in our towns is destroying many businesses. Having had my own business for 13 years, I have seen such a lack of trade and passing trade. Parkright parking needs to go to save our town.		A review of car parking and charges will be taking place across Shropshire over the next year. This should solve some of the problems raised.
100	Why is there not a consistent approach to car parking charges across North Shropshire towns ie Wem, Newport, Whitchurch, Market Drayton). To encourage people into the town – 1 hour then increase the charges beyond this.		A review of car parking and charges will be taking place across Shropshire over the next year. This should solve some of the problems raised.

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99	You have local regeneration as a policy but using tax payers money to fund Parkright you are supporting the opposite due to the affect this is having on our town centres.		
98	Geoff introduced Community Involvement in Care and Health – CinCH and left a leaflet. You will know there is a drive by the government who are keen to get public involvement in the NHS. They have now introduced organisations called Links locally in Shropshire to gain a community involvement in care and health. This is an opportunity for the public to have their say on care and health. The Strategy for Shropshire is that we are recognising that rather than address countywide that experiences in Ludlow will be different from those in Shawbury for example. We would like to see people coming forward who have an interest in care and health, We could form groups within the 27 areas the new Unitary are identifying, groups like this. Would be nice if every 2 months we could discuss care and health together with council services. Would be good if this kind of organisation was mirrored by a group that expresses their views on care and health. The new Unitary can then summon anyone before them and ask questions. This is an opportunity for people like us to get involved locally not just in political arena but in care and health. There is very little accountability for care and health although a huge amount has been spent. Visits to the hospitals will be made to ensure they are in accordance with the schedules.	Karen Calder	Karen Calder suggested parish councils take it to their meetings to advertise. Karen would like to include this as a regular item to be included in due course

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97	When Links was first talked about I recall some reps from the PPI body said the money the new organisation was having would be the same and not enough to do what is required. The new body will have more powers and will be able to do more PPI. What is the additional funding? What will be available?	Geoff Hopkins	Each area has had a host organisation to encourage. The budget is approximately £16,000 based on population. Nothing in particular for rural areas. Looking into becoming a charity to gain research funding.
96	Medical Centre With regard to the medical centre, the original plans included the re-alignment of roads. The Practice manager thought it was not happening now but just road markings.	Bob Ellis	The proposal is much like the original plans.
95	Roads, footpaths, Cleanliness There are no footpaths on the Smithfield Road which needs looking at. I have been told that the residents don't want footpaths which is why there are none. There are 25 residents that go out at dangerous drives at Pell Wall and this needs looking at. A lot of people walk along Smithfield road to the medical centre and it is dangerous. The situation has changed. There is a heavy pedestrian flow now.	Bob Ellis Divisional Surveyor Shropshire County Council	Consultation has previously taken place on Smithfield Road with residents, however, there are no accidents and speeds are low. This would, therefore, be a low priority. The safety issues should be addressed when the rural A and B speed limit review takes place in the next year. (09/10)
94	A suggestion has been brought forward to demolish the Adderley Road bridge. Most of the traffic comes into town from the Adderley Road over the bridge. I don't feel it is justified and would rather see money spent on the bridge.		

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93	The new council has a lot of work to be done to invigorate Market Drayton to what it was 20 years ago. We need to look at the long term.		
92	Street Cleaning I welcome the report on Street Cleaning and glad we will see some progress. Very positive report and can see work is going to be done. Thank you Tim.		
91	From a town council point of view there is a particular issue regarding the area by the library, magistrate court and open public space. This area is crying out for re-development and significant changes. The town council have agreed to instigate a site visit to look at the whole area. Tim mentions this area briefly but you only refer to the slabs around the library.	Tim Sneddon	The new unitary will move towards the environmental maintenance service. The intention is to look at it as a whole.
90	Stafford Street and Queen Street also need looking at which are not on the list. Can we look towards regular street cleaning.	Tim Sneddon	We looked at these. There are some issues with chewing gum by the fish and chip shops. We will be getting specialist gum treatment in. There are street sweepers that clean on a daily basis. Market Drayton is the largest of the towns and street sweepers have more to do than in Ellesmere and Wem which is why we are trying to increase their hours. The town centre is cleaned every day..
89	Mechanical cleaning needs to be done more regularly. This is done once a week. There are cigarette ends everywhere.	Tim Sneddon Principal Environmenta l Health Officer North Shropshire District Council	This has become a real issue since the smoking bans which we are trying to address. Wem and Ellesmere have mechanical sweeping every 2 weeks.

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88	The High Street is not being done. There is chewing gum outside the sweet shop and night club.		Tim will take these comments away. We will re-visit this at the March meeting to see if there have been any improvements.
87	Why aren't there any dog bins. Doesn't seem fair to the responsible dog owners who have to carry the bags round with them as they are not supposed to put them in the ordinary bins.	Tim Sneddon	Parish Councils can put an application in and Tim can provide one. Towns are different as people don't want them outside their shops. In rural areas, bins are more appropriate. The new Unitary authority will be looking at enforcement of dog litter.
86	Street Cleaning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drains outside Buttercross Tea room are full with waste. It has never been cleaned in the 2 years I have been there. • Glass and broken bottles are always around after Friday and Saturday night. • Where is Mr Sneddon based and could he offer to walk around with myself to review the town. 	Tim Sneddon	To respond please.

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85	The County Council attended a meeting with the Home Office and the residents some time ago at which there was a commitment made to supply funding from the Council to replace existing faulty lighting at Dutton Street, Stoke on Tern. What is the current position?	Phil Crossland	I have contacted my former lighting engineer and he has confirmed that at the 2007 meeting he agreed that the County Council would Design a suitable scheme and supervise its installation and then subsequently adopt the street lighting if the residents could reach agreement on funding this and get all of the residents to contribute to a scheme (circa £700 per household if there are 72 properties). We have not, as far as I can find out had any further communication from residents indicating that they would wish to pursue this option.
	Questions regarding Broadband report		
84	With regard to paragraph 20 what was the outcome?	Kevin Malone Head of IT Shropshire County Council	Kevin provided a copy of the report at the meeting held at Cheswardine.
83	The trouble with rural broadband are BT telephone lines.		If you have individual issues please send them to us and we can collate them and send them as a bundle. The Issue is that the technology used was not designed for this purpose but for voice mail.

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82	With no time scales for when people will get broadband, what can kids do ie homework?	Kevin Malone	An organisation called Broadband Stakeholder group estimated that the cost of replacing the telephone network would cost £28.5 billion. The west midlands cost was £3.1billion. Communities can come together to look at working with the council to provide a wireless provider which will serve that area. BT say every exchange is enabled so it is hard to know which is effected. Adderley and Norton in Hales are effected and often part of a village or one side of street. The more evidence we can provide that there is a problem then we can put more and more pressure on AWM and BT or see if there is a business model to put something in that community.
81	Suggestion to advertise to those people who can't get broadband to encourage them to come forward. 3 years ago the government donated £480m to put parts of Kenya on broadband. Don't remember anything for Shropshire!		
80	The government announced that they will upgrade the infrastructure . Will this not impact on rural areas?	Kevin Malone	Yes there has been an announcement to that effect but no detail about the plans.

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	Update on Community Speedwatch		
79	There are two issues why this was put on hold - Legal issues and health and safety of the volunteers. There have been some published cases of people having to deal with angry people and their safety is at stake. Draft guidelines have been done and the national guidelines will be published at the end of this month and we are waiting to see if ours marry up with them. Will be looking at type of guns used and volunteers will have to work in pairs with safety a priority. No doubt there will be approval to go ahead but it needs some structured guidelines.	PC Mick Sturland	
78	We are getting a new youth shelter. Any parish that wants a youth shelter, the old one is available. Jack Wilson, Parish clerk will be able to help.		

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77	<p>Suggested Agenda Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed Inner ring road • Parking again in Market Drayton • Speeding down the A529 – discrimination favouring Woodeaves at the expense of Pell wall where most accidents and death have occurred. • Housing – improved not affordable, meaning cheap • Imported problems from out of county • Community Hospital • Lack of Social services in the north East. • Business prospects in Market Drayton • Preservation and protection of remaining few old buildings especially the Cotbell • Cleaning of verges outside the town • Update on the introduction of the new council • Report on identified housing needs within this area and what strategies are in place to address this need. 		Laura to update the Committee on the new Council at the next meeting.

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	Woore Victory Hall on 24th September 2008		
76	Does the County Council still have responsibility for the removal of ragwort from the verges? If so, they are not fulfilling their role as the appearance of this noxious weed has seen a huge increase – even appearing on the beautifully landscaped sites of the Hodnet bypass.	Chris Edwards SCC	Ragwort is now a countrywide problem. Unfortunately the County Council does not have the resources to mount a comprehensive eradication campaign. Our policy therefore continues to be carrying out localised treatment where significant infestations are evident and where there is a significant risk to livestock.
75	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empty commercial properties (many in disrepair) Why are the owners not charged with full rates? • Property owners (residential as well as commercial should be required to keep their premises tidy and clean • Involvement of the Local Civic Society whose members could conduct the property survey • Is there a Conservation Officer for the town? • How many of the ancient buildings have a classified rating? 		This has been dealt with earlier under under Regeneration of Market Drayton

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74	Whilst litter collection is essential, Market Drayton town centre suffers from daily dropping of fast food containers/cans/plastic bottles. Is there an officer in any council responsible for campaigning to encourage people not to drop litter? Could we have a publicity campaign? Why do Community Support officers not fine people for dropping litter in the “hot spots” ie town square/outside Wilkinsons/by Queen Street car park?	Victoria Ashmore Shropshire Council	There are two positions in the structure for Education & Enforcement Officers. They are based centrally, but cover the whole of Shropshire. They will help coordinate Shropshire wide and locally targeted campaigns, including Market Drayton. Shropshire Council is also working closely with Keep Britain Tidy who will give support to our campaigns. Enforcement is an important part of tackling this type of problem. Council officers work closely with the local Police including the Community Support Officers to target the people responsible.
73	Funding/support for a presentation/display, gallery for fine art, literature, small inventions of a useful interest nature. See www.madeinshropshire.co.uk . Useful for small businesses, artists, photographers, engineers, scientists and designers to have a “shop window”. Events to be held in the market towns and run for 2 to 4 weeks at a time. Mike Hill can supply names and phone numbers. Taste of the Town would be an excellent source of information and advice.		
72	On behalf of the Patient Participation Group, Jeff asked what further development had been made with regard to the access to Market Drayton Medical Practice. Phil Crossland confirmed that Matrix have agreed to fund 1/3 rd of the scheme and Morrisons are dealing with the matter at the Health and Safety office in Bradford and yet to respond. Phil agreed to bring a further report to the committee when any progress has been made.	Phil Crossland	The access to the medical centre has now been resolved and is working well.

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71	The borders to Towers Lawn are in need of replanting. The outside of the library has been neglected. Karen Calder suggested that the Local Joint Committee could agree a budget for this work if someone put in a proposal. Jo Humphreys suggested that the work force at the Young Offenders Institute could do the work.		The bedding area outside the library has been tidied up. The areas at Towers Lawn are due to be done next week w/c 29/6/09.
70	Are there any developments on Community Speedwatch?	Inspector Sarah Wagstaffe	Inspector Wagstaffe advised that a few minor adjustments are needed before it can go ahead.
69	Concern was expressed that the trees should <u>not</u> be felled at the Queen Street Car park as suggested in the response from Jo Lancaster. The removal of the trees would make the area desolate.		
68	How many young people have been involved in the countryside activities?	Taste of the Town Company	This has been reported in the Progress report.
67	The deterioration of roads, walkways and pathways in Salisbury Road, Dalelands, Hungry Lane, Bartons Road and Old Dalelands area in general. What are the County Council's plans? A report was requested with regard to the inspection of footpaths and other public areas.		Tim Sneddon of NSDC will prepare a report on the Street Scene in Market Drayton

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66	The Implementation Executive will be considering how to allocate the £7m which would have gone to the Community Asset Trust. As Chair, Karen Calder will write to the Implementation Executive with a proposal to complete the inner ring road.	Laura Rowley/ Karen Calder	Appendix B gives details of this.
65	The issue of parking was raised and in particular free parking on bank holidays.	Phil Crossland	Phil advised that Counsels' advice has been sought with regard to an exemption on bank holidays. It would be illegal for restrictions for bank holidays to be put in place under the current system. In order for exemptions to take place, all the signs would have to be replaced to include the exemption on bank holidays. Presently, the Council can only instruct Parkright as to the priorities as to whether they should visit on every bank holiday.
64	It was also advised that Wellington market provides free parking for the first 2 hours. In order to regenerate business it was asked if this could be looked at.	Phil Crossland	A pay on exit system would be needed for this to work which are not currently in place. They will be considered for the future.
63	A report was requested on Switch on Shropshire.	Kevin Malone/ Flavia Cheshire	A report on Broadband and in particular in the Adderley area was presented to the meeting in Cheswardine.

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62	Update on the maintenance of Market Drayton.	Karen Calder Tim Sneddon North Shropshire District Council	Committee Members, Karen Calder (Chair), David Minnery, Roy Aldcroft and Tim Sneddon from North Shropshire District Council paid a visit to Market Drayton to look at areas for which NSDC are responsible. Fencing has been identified for replacement and also areas for more manageable landscaping.
	Market Drayton on 20th May 2008		
61	There is only one social club for people with disabilities in North Shropshire and this only has adult members at the moment. We would like help to get the social club running for children with learning disabilities. We have a building but it is empty 5 days of the week.	Kath Edwards	The Head of Service for Disabled Children has followed this matter up and is exploring opportunities to develop services.
60	Mencap need a new building. There is a cabin available but it needs refurbishment to bring it up to standards. A building is needed for adults and children with a place for children to run around and get fresh air. A grant for Mencap is needed for the whole of North Shropshire.	Di Beasley	Di Beasley will investigate this matter.

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59	<p>There is a national shortage of speech and language therapists. Would it not be a good idea to do an advertising campaign such as that which has been done for dentists, maternity staff, teachers and nurses?</p> <p>There needs to be more planning to set up services for children with disabilities. There is no provision in this county and it is difficult for anyone to get anywhere. The mainstream services are difficult for these children as they are vulnerable and at risk.</p>	Kath Robinson	<p>This is the view of many people but others want their children integrated into mainstream organisations.</p> <p>We have been looking at how best to get the information across through the Children's Information Service.</p>
58	Suggestion to use the local press as many mothers are at home and need to have easy access to information.	Laura Rowley	SCC will speak to the press office

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57	There are several buildings within the town that are run down and not being used and the town is generally in a poor state. This was raised at a previous meeting. What is the result?	Jo Lancaster NSDC	<p>Agenda item for 24th September at Woore Maintenance of Buildings in Market Drayton</p> <p>Jo responded at the meeting that the number of vacant properties is not something that NSDC can control. The District Council is looking at Cheshire Street which they have some powers over. NSDC has a strict regime across all towns in North Shropshire to ensure cleanliness and they are currently monitoring the situation to ensure the job is being done efficiently. The smoking ban has caused an increase of litter problems. Equipment has now been made available to combat this.</p> <p>Jo asked for a list of buildings to be sent to her which she will look into and report back to the next meeting. However, Jo commented that many are privately owned and out of their control.</p> <p>Karen made the point that the Town Council can also play a part in talking to the owners of the privately owned buildings and asking if they can carry out repairs, explaining the effect it is having on the town.</p>
56	Can owners be brought to task for the state of buildings? There are tiles about to fall off and an accident is waiting to happen.	Jo Lancaster	NSDC has powers for dangerous structures but the legislation is extremely complicated and the buildings would need to be deemed as having impending danger. Jo will await the list and look at specific buildings.

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55	The buildings that need to be looked at are Badger Court, Market Drayton electrical shop. These are a blot on the landscape. Can NSDC not look into compulsory purchase powers for these properties? The threat of a CPO may energise the owner to do something about it.		The problems with Badger Court is being resolved. A CPO is a last resort. This will be looked into further
54	I have been in the town for 11 years. There is a huge issue with the car parking charges and Parkright. A petition has been drawn up with 3,700 signatures supporting free parking in Market Drayton which would attract customers back to Market Drayton. A public meeting has taken place and proposals to improve the situation will be presented to NSDC in due course. The current situation is killing trade in the town and many shops have closed and more are about to do so.	Phil Crossland	A full review of the operation of ParkRight is currently ongoing. A wide-ranging Stakeholder Consultation has been undertaken to identify appropriate priorities for enforcement and the level of service which should be provided across Shropshire. The issue of parking charges will be discussed with NSDC who are currently responsible for off street car parks. The new unitary council for Shropshire will also have to develop a county-wide parking strategy for both on and off street parking in due course.
53	Update on Access to the Medical Centre		Matrix, the owners of the health centre have indicated that they would be willing to fund one-third of a scheme in partnership with SCC and Matrix. This is currently being considered by Morrisons Health & Safety division in Bradford, and a response is awaited.
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51	There have been 46 business closed since Park Right started. People have stopped browsing in shops and coming into Market Drayton for a cup of tea for fear of being charged £70 if they are 5 minutes over. A barrier system would be more suitable. Park Right's approach is destroying the town.	Laura Rowley SCC and Jo Lancaster NSDC	A full review of the operation of ParkRight is currently ongoing.
50	The parking charges and Park Right were brought to Market Drayton as a pilot scheme. How has this now become permanent? Why was there not a public meeting?	Jo Lancaster NSDC	I will report back with the process that the Council went through and how the decision was made.
49	We need some recommendations in the report as to how people can shop and the town can flourish.	Karen Calder	It would be difficult to make recommendations at this stage. We need to look at the facts and then this can be put to the new Unitary to progress.
48	Will Park Right be enforced on Carnival Day – this bank holiday? Urgent advertising is needed to ensure that people are aware.	Jo Lancaster	Yes, parking will be enforced on Bank Holiday Monday. Jo will provide information. Existing groups will advertise the fact.
47	Is litter collected on Saturday and Sundays? There often seems to be litter left over.	Jo Lancaster	Jo to advise please.
46	What is happening about chewing gum removal? Is there equipment for this? The paving is bad in the car park in Queen Street and so is the covered walkway from Cheshire Street to the market. When will something be done? It is totally neglected and it is a big concern for the town.	Jo Lancaster NSDC	NSDC are actively doing work on the underpass. Proposals will go to councillors next month for further improvements.

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45	The Market Drayton Economic Forum no longer exists due to lack of funding and Market Drayton has now lost its voice. The Town Council/Chamber of Trade/Civic Society/Older People Forum need to meet with officers. There is a need to bring together issues in order to bring the town forward.	Laura Rowley	The new Unitary will provide a number of Regeneration Officers who will help to fulfil this role.
44	A regeneration officer is needed for this locality. A brand and identity is needed to get the message across about events such as these meetings. Advertise on Radio Shropshire? Market Drayton Advertiser?	Justine Wase SCC	There is a website available for the Local Joint Committee meetings through the Shropshire County Council www.shropshire.gov.uk – local meetings Contact Justine Wase on Justine.wase@shropshire-cc.gov.uk or 01743 252026 if there are any relevant links or activities that you would like to include.
43	A Regeneration officer needs to be replicated in rural parishes. Particular issues are litter and fly tipping.	Laura Rowley	The new Unitary will provide a number of Regeneration Officers who will fulfil this role.
42	An Action Group is needed which represents interests in rural parishes. This could then be thinned down into focus groups with volunteers.	Karen Calder	The focus groups could be made up from this group.

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39	<p>Chris Smith asked if Tony Clay, the youth officer who spoke at the Woore meeting in September could make contact with the Autograss (motor sport association) with a view to using their facilities for 12-16 year olds. The details are as follows:</p> <p>Shropshire Autograss Association North Shropshire Venue: Hinton Hall, off A49, Whitchurch, Shropshire. Contact: Ernie or Pat Ashley: 01948 663415</p> <p>www.nsautograss.cjb.net</p> <p>Shropshire & Telford Autograss Racing Venue: Leasowes Farm, Crudgington, Telford, Shropshire. Contact: John Shorter: 01952 529671 www.starautograss.co.uk</p>	Tony Clay	Information has been passed to Tony Clay.

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38	It was asked if the Agenda could be included with the invitation letter.	Laura Rowley SCC	The agenda is not generally completed when the letters go out as the County Council aims to send the invitation letters a few weeks before the meeting to allow people get the date in their diaries. However, if anyone would like an agenda they can contact Justine Wase or Martin Stevens for a copy of the agenda which will be ready a week before the meeting. The letter of invitation and the advertising does highlight the key agenda items. Martin.stevens@shropshire-cc.gov.uk Tel: 01743 252722 Justine.wase@shropshire-cc.gov.uk Tel: 01743 252026
37	A new police station is needed in Market Drayton	Inspector Sarah Wagstaff	There will be a new police station in Market Drayton. I have now seen some basic plans and confirm that the new police station will be built on the grounds at the front of the current police station. There are 7 graves that will need to be sensitively moved to a cemetery in Wem. A further, more detailed survey is being done in order to establish if there are any more graves. I have asked for a plan of the outside of the new building to be made available to be displayed in the front counter at Market Drayton. Expected build 2010. (SW – 13.6.08)
36	Please can we have an update on Community Speedwatch.	Inspector Sarah Wagstaff	This has been reported on in the Progress report. The matter is still pending.

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35	We would like to see a police presence at Inspector level at all parish council meetings.	Inspector Sarah Wagstaff	I am trying to get to meetings personally when I can but it is not always possible. I do give out my email and mobile numbers so that people can get in touch with me.