

Issues Raised at LJC for Market Drayton and Rural Parishes 2008-09

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<p>The following were suggested as agenda items: Proposed Inner Ring Road, Parking, Speeding, Affordable housing, Imported problems from out of county, Community Hospitals, Lack of Social Services in North East, Business prospects in Market Drayton, Preservation and Protection of Remaining few old buildings, especially Cotbell, Cleaning of verges outside the town, update on the introduction of new council, report on identified housing needs and strategies.</p>	14/01/09		Agenda Items	To be monitored	Agenda items noted. Most of which have been discussed.
<p>It was asked if the Agenda could be included with the invitation letter.</p>	20/05/08	<p>Laura Rowley, Director of Resources, Shropshire Council</p>	Agendas	Concluded	<p>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 Martin Stevens (01743 252722) 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.</p>
<p>With no time scales for when people will get broadband, what can kids do ie homework?</p>	14/01/09	<p>Kevin Malone, Head of IT, Shropshire Council</p>	Broadband	To be monitored	<p>14.7.09 The government have still yet to provide specific details as to how they will provide "universal access to Broadband". The Guardian newspaper recently printed an article with the following extracts "Every household in Britain should be guaranteed access to broadband by 2012 probably at a speed of 2Mb per second, the government said today in its Digital Britain report. Broadband connections should be available to all under a "Universal Service Commitment" similar to BT's obligation to make fixed line telephone services available to everyone. However, the government has yet to decide how this will be funded and does not appear to commit any public funds to securing this goal, although Ofcom admitted that the BBC's £130m a year digital switchover surplus" could be put to this end in its public service broadcasting report last week."</p>

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The government announced that they will upgrade the infrastructure . Will this not impact on rural areas?	14/01/09	Kevin Malone, Head of IT, Shropshire Council	Broadband	Ongoing	July 2009. Further detail was given from the Guardian report - no plans have been provided yet.
The trouble with rural broadband are BT telephone lines.	14/01/09	Kevin Malone, Head of IT, Shropshire Council	Broadband	For information	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.
A suggestion was made 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!	14/01/09	Kevin Malone, Head of IT, Shropshire Council	Broadband	For information	Comment noted.
With regard to the Broadband report, what was the outcome?	14/01/09	Kevin Malone, Head of IT, Shropshire Council	Broadband	Concluded	Kevin provided a copy of the report at the Cheswardine meeting.
A report on Switch on Shropshire was requested	24/09/08	Kevin Malone, Head of IT, Shropshire Council	Broadband	Concluded	A report was presented to the meeting in Cheswardine.
Are the budget assumptions based on the closure of schools?	14/01/09	Malcolm Pate, Leader of the Council	Budget	Concluded	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.
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.	24/09/08	Laura Rowley, Director of Resource, Shropshire Council	Capital	Concluded	Details of this expenditure were provided to the Committee on 2nd July 2009.

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With regard to car parking charges, In the main, this has been a very good thing. In future, will charges be the same across the whole County?	25/03/09	Laura Rowley, Director of Resources, Shropshire Council	Car parking	To be monitored	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.
Could the meter be turned round to make it more accessible in Frogmore Road?	25/03/09	Zoe Mortimer, Engineering and Contracts Compliance Officer, Shropshire Council	Car parking	Concluded	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 to go onto the perimeter road.
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?	25/03/09	Doug Hoskins, Shropshire Council	Car parking	Concluded	More suitable signage will be put in place to reflect this. The priority is the car parks with ticket machines.
Signage also needs to be improved to confirm that there is no charge for blue badge holders as this is not clear.	25/03/09	Phil Crossland, Shropshire Council	Car parking	Concluded	New signs will also reflect this.
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.	14/01/09	Bob Ellis, Highways Manager, Shropshire Council	Car parking	To be monitored	A review of car parking and charges will be taking place across Shropshire over the next year (09/10). This should solve some of the problems raised.
Market Drayton is the only town in North Shropshire that pays parking fees in car parks. Will this be rolled out to other towns?	14/01/09	Bob Ellis, Highways Manager, Shropshire Council	Car parking	To be monitored	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.

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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.	14/01/09	Karen Calder	Car parking	To be monitored	The new authority will develop a strategy on a one to one basis. Bob Ellis added - 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.
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.	14/01/09	Phil Crossland, Assistant Director Highways	Car parking	To be monitored	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.
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.	14/01/09		Car parking	To be monitored	A review of car parking and charges will be taking place across Shropshire over the next year (09/10). This should solve some of the problems raised.
There have been illegal tickets issued. Gentleman will send information for Laura to look into.	14/01/09	Bob Ellis, Highways Manager, Shropshire Council	Car parking	Concluded	The Ajudicator 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. 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. 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 it is intended to provide clearer signs in the near future.

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A query was raised concerning the amount spent on Parkright.	14/01/09	Laura Rowley, Director of Resources, Shropshire Council	Car parking	Concluded	Laura confirmed that the Council are not spending more on Parkright than being collected on income from car parking charges.
The issue of parking was raised and in particular free parking on bank holidays.	24/09/08	Phil Crossland, Assistant Director Highways	Car Parking	Concluded	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.
Geoff introduced <b>Community Involvement in Care and Health</b> – 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 wards that 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.	14/01/09	Karen Calder, Chair of the LJC	Care and Health	For information	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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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?	14/01/09	Geoff Hopkins	Care and Health	Concluded	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.
What is the current position with regard to the Community Speedwatch Scheme?	14/01/09	PC Mick Sturland	Community Speedwatch	To be monitored	An update was given with regard to Community Speedwatch. 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.
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.	14/01/09	Laura Rowley, Director of Resources, Shropshire Council	Council tax	Concluded	The police have implemented a 14.9% increase.
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.	20/05/08	Kath Robinson, Shropshire Council	Disabled - Activities for children	To be monitored	This is the view of many people but others want their children integrated into mainstream organisations. We have been looking at how best to get the information across through the Children's Information Service.

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<p>There is only one social club for the disabled 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.</p>	20/05/08	Kathryn Edwards, Asistant Director Social Care and Safeguards, Shropshire Council	Disabled - Social Club	To be Monitored	12.8.09 We are examining such provision under the Short Breaks project work. A coordinator will be appointed for short breaks for disabled children. It is intended that the postholder will address such opportunities further as part of his/her role.
<p>Mike Hill notified the group of the need for funding/support for a presentation/display, gallery for fine art, literature, small inventions of a useful interest nature. See <a href="http://www.madeinshropshire.co.uk">www.madeinshropshire.co.uk</a>. 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.</p>	24/09/08		Display for Fine Art	Information only	Information noted.
<p>It is an offence to leave dog litter. People need to know that they will be prosecuted. Enforcement needs to take place.</p>	25/03/09	Tim Sneddon, Head of Environmental Maintenance, Shropshire Council	Dog mess	To be Monitored	12.8.09 There is a draft enforcement strategy that now needs to be considered by Management Team and Members. That will bring into line the Dog Control Order offences across the council area. Until that is approved we can still enforce the powers we each had as district and boroughs prior to April this year. We are also in the process of recruiting additional enforcement staff and there will be two dedicated to the former NSDC area. This is in addition to the existing Street Scene staff, three or four of whom will be trained and authorised to issue fixed penalty notices. Once the new policy is approved we will be going through the formal process of amending orders as necessary and having a major publicity drive to ensure everyone is aware of what is expected of them to remain compliant and what the penalties are if they don't.

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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 infant and pre-schools.	25/03/09	Tim Sneddon, Head of Environmental Maintenance, Shropshire Council	Dog mess	Concluded	The path near the school has been visited by officers and an additional dog waste bin was 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.
Why aren't there any dog bins? Doesn't seem fair to the responsible dog owners who have to carry the bags around with them as they are not supposed to put them in the ordinary bins.	14/01/09	Tim Sneddon, Head of Environmental Maintenance, Shropshire Council	Dog mess	Concluded. Enforcement Strategy will be dealt with under another item.	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. A draft Enforcement Strategy is being put together. 12.8.09
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?	14/01/09	Phil Crossland	Dutton Street	Pending	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.
Local meeting dates to be made available on the Parish Council websites – who can provide links to the local meetings website on the Shropshire County Council site.	20/05/08		Events	Concluded	Justine Wase provided details to Stephn Clifford. Anyone else who needs details to contact Justine on 01742 252045.
With regard to free swimming, is it practical for children and the elderly because of the limited pools in Shropshire and the distance they have to travel.	14/01/09	George Candler	Free swimming	Concluded	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 po

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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	14/01/09	George Candler, Assistant Director Learning and Culture, Shropshire Council	Free swimming	Concluded	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.
Will free swimming arrangements also include low income families such as those in receipt of certain benefits.	14/01/09	George Candler, Assistant Director Learning and Culture, Shropshire Council	Free swimming	Concluded	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.
Can there be a crossing over to the Gingerbread man?	25/03/09	Martin Allard, Shropshire Council	Highways	Concluded	There is no footway approaching this location and it is felt that the splitter island does provide adequate crossing provision at this location.
There are so many roads that need to be repaired in North Shropshire. £4m could be better spent.	14/01/09	Malcolm Pate, Leader of the Council	Highways	To be monitored	We have a programme of repairs in Shropshire.
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?	14/01/09	Malcolm Pate, Leader of the Council	Inner Relief Road	Ongoing	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. Bob Ellis also went on to say that there is a large amount of public support for the relief road and something we haven't been able to afford before.

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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 in it.	14/01/09	Bob Ellis, Highways Manager, Shropshire Council	Inner Relief Road	Ongoing	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.
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 avo	14/01/09	Martin Allard Head of Strategic Highways and Traffic	Inner Relief Road	Ongoing	

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<p>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.</p>	<p>14/01/09</p>	<p>Laura Rowley</p>	<p>Inner Relief Road</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>With regard to Tern Valley and Ellesmere, the proposals relate to the development of serviced employment land at Tern Valley and Ellesmere Business Parks (for B1 B2 and B8 uses) .The total cost of the two scheme is £7.26 m for acquisition and provision of roads and infrastructure. An application was made in September 08 to AWM for £2.5m towards this cost.</p> <p>The proposals entail the development of 10 ha of employment land (5.5 ha at Tern Valley and 5.36 ha at Ellesmere )A site has also been allocated for the development of a Rural Enterprise Centre of around 18,000 sq ft of offices and workshops for small and start up businesses .This forms part of the network of centres being developed by Evans Easyspace in conjunction with AWM.(others have been developed at Shrewsbury and Ludlow )</p> <p>Due to current economic climate AWM is undertaking a review of its budgets and funding may not be secure .It was proposed that a joint approach be undertaken with AWM funding the provision of infrastructure at Tern Valley and land acquisition at Ellesmere.</p> <p>If there is a cut in funds then the Council will implement Tern Valley and will develop Ellesmere as funds permit .</p> <p>A decision on AWM funding is likely the end of June and tender packs for road and infrastructure works will be going out in the near future with a start on site in Sept /October .Development plots should be available early next year .</p>

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<p>I am in favour of the inner relief road. It is not just a 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 of housing and private development. The more we get, the bigger the market for 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.</p>	14/01/09	Martin Allard, Head of Strategic Highways and Traffic	Inner Relief Road	Ongoing	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.
<p>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.</p>	14/01/09	Bob Ellis, Highways Manager, Shropshire Council	Inner Relief Road	Ongoing	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.
<p>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.</p>	14/01/09	Bob Ellis, Highways Manager, Shropshire Council	Inner Relief Road	Ongoing	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.
<p>Councillors have fought for the 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.</p>	14/01/09	Martin Allard, Head of Strategic Highways and Traffic	Inner Relief Road	Ongoing	

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We would like to see a police presence at Inspector level at all parish council meetings.	20/05/08	Inspector Wagstaff	Inspector Presence	Concluded	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.
There is an issue with litter by the bench on the A529. This area of road is never cleaned.	25/03/09	Tim Sneddon, Head of Environmental Maintenance, Shropshire Council	Litter	Concluded	This road is picked up 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 4 week of the programme and normally done on a Wednesday. Victoria Ashmore further responded on 24.6.09 that there have been no further complaints.
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.	14/01/09	Victoria Ashmore, Streetscene Manager, Shropshire Council	Maintenance of Library area	To be monitored	I am aware that various departments have been contacted regarding the issues and are in the process of arranging site visits to look at the area and discuss the options.
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.	24/09/08	Victoria Ashmore, Streetscene Manager, Shropshire Council	Maintenance of Library area	To be monitored	The bedding area outside the library has been tidied up. The areas at Towers Lawn are due to be done next week w/c 29/06/09.
Update on the maintenance of Market Drayton.	24/09/08	Karen Calder, Chair, LJC	Maintenance of Market Drayton	Update to be provided	Committee Members, Karen Calder (Chair), David Minnerly, 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.

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Are there any plans for the ownership/promotion of Market Drayton market which is currently owned by North Shropshire District Council	25/03/09	Nigel Ford, Head of Estates, Shropshire Council	Market	To be monitored	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 in in the autumn with a completion before Christmas. 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.
A new police station is needed in Market Drayton	20/05/08	Inspector Wagstaff	Market Drayton Police Station	To be monitored	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. I will be meeting the architects again on 1.7.08 after which it is my intention to liaise with the Market Drayton Advertiser with an update. Expected build 2010. (SW – 13.6.08)
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.	14/01/09	Bob Ellis, Highways Manager, Shropshire Council	Medical Centre	Concluded	The proposal is much like the original plans.

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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 1/3rd 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.	24/09/08		Medical Centre Access	Concluded	Access to be the medical centre has now been improved and is working successfully with no further issues.
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	20/05/08	Di Beasley, Older People & Disability Area Manager	Mencap - new building	Update to be provided	Di Beasley will investigate this matter
I refer to elderly people as mentioned in your presentation but don't see anything to deal with the 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?	14/01/09	Malcolm Pate, Leader of the Council	Older People	Concluded	There is £100m of expenditure in the capital programme next year which will be put forward. We will want to look at the capital programme to take things forward as you suggest. Regarding the elderly, we have not increased any costs on the elderly. Consessionary 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.

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<p>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.</p>	<p>14/01/09</p>		<p>Parking</p>	<p>To be monitored</p>	<p>2.8.09 A full review of Parkright has been undertaken, the result of which has led to a reduction in the level of enforcement across the County and the adoption of a more tolerant approach which was considered to be proportional to the needs of Shropshire. As of the 1 April 2009 parking enforcement is undertaken by Shropshire Council Officers. Shropshire Council are currently developing a Shropshire Parking Strategy which will look at both on and off street parking capacity and demand. The review will also consider the extent and level of parking charges throughout Shropshire, however, it is not envisaged that parking charges will be removed from Market Drayton or any other town.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>24/09/08</p>	<p>Phil Crossland, Assistant Director Highways</p>	<p>Parking</p>	<p>To be monitored</p>	<p>2.8.09 A full review of Parkright has been undertaken, the result of which has led to a reduction in the level of enforcement across the County and the adoption of a more tolerant approach which was considered to be proportional to the needs of Shropshire. As of the 1 April 2009 parking enforcement is undertaken by Shropshire Council Officers. Shropshire Council are currently developing a Shropshire Parking Strategy which will look at both on and off street parking capacity and demand. The review will also consider the extent and level of parking charges throughout Shropshire, however, it is not envisaged that parking charges will be removed from Market Drayton or any other town.</p>

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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.	20/05/08	Phil Crossland, Assistant Director Highways and Transportation	Parkright	To be monitored	12.8.09 A full review of Parkright has been undertaken, the result of which has led to a reduction in the level of enforcement across the County and the adoption of a more tolerant approach which was considered to be proportional to the needs of Shropshire. As of the 1 April 2009 parking enforcement is undertaken by Shropshire Council Officers. Shropshire Council are currently developing a Shropshire Parking Strategy which will look at both on and off street parking capacity and demand. The review will also consider the extent and level of parking charges throughout Shropshire, however, it is not envisaged that parking charges will be removed from Market Drayton or any other town.
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.	20/05/08	Laura Rowley, Director of Resources, Shropshire Council	Parkright	To be monitored	12.8.09 A full review of Parkright has been undertaken, the result of which has led to a reduction in the level of enforcement across the County and the adoption of a more tolerant approach which was considered to be proportional to the needs of Shropshire. As of the 1 April 2009 parking enforcement is undertaken by Shropshire Council Officers. Shropshire Council are currently developing a Shropshire Parking Strategy which will look at both on and off street parking capacity and demand. The review will also consider the extent and level of parking charges throughout Shropshire, however, it is not envisaged that parking charges will be removed from Market Drayton or any other town
We need some recommendations in the report as to how people can shop and the town can flourish.	20/05/08	Karen Calder, Chair, LJC	Parkright	To be monitored	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
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?	20/05/08	Jo Lancaster, North Shropshire District Council	Parkright	Concluded	This was reported back to the Committee.

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Will Parkright be enforced on Carnival Day – this bank holiday? Urgent advertising is needed to ensure that people are aware.	20/05/08	Jo Lancaster, North Shropshire District Council	Parkright	Concluded	Yes, parking will be enforced on Bank Holiday Monday. Jo will provide information. Existing groups will advertise the fact.
An Action Group is needed which represents interests in rural parishes. This could then be thinned down into focus groups with volunteers.	20/05/08	Karen Calder, Chair, LJC	Partnerships	For information	
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.	24/09/08	Chris Edwards, Shropshire Council	Ragwort	To be monitored	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.
Could we not have immediate help to fill the empty shops and offer a rates free period to allow new businesses to start up.	14/01/09	Phil Weir, Revenues Manager, Shropshire Council	Rates	Concluded	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. For details tel 0345 678 9003 or email <a href="mailto:business.rates@shropshire.gov.uk">business.rates@shropshire.gov.uk</a> .
Why does the Council not recycle plastics?	20/05/08	Laura Rowley, Director of Resources, Shropshire Council	Recycling	To be monitored	Laura advised that there are sites available to dispose of plastics. The SCC and the districts have contracted with Veolia and there will be a significant increase in the coming years. There is a bring bank for plastics at Morrisons Supermarket in Market Drayton. A report went to Shropshire Waste Partnership Joint Committee on Monday 16th June on all service improvements planned in the short term including plastics. The introduction of plastic collection will commence in the financial 2009/10 and will roll out to all areas over a period of 12 months.

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<p>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 private landlord, including the premises that I lease.</p>	<p>14/01/09</p>	<p>Nick Taylor, Assistant Director Strategy and Development</p>	<p>Regeneration</p>	<p>To be monitored</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. Whilst the Council cannot prevent the economic recession, it is taking steps to mitigate its effects and is putting an action plan into place. Planning and Economic Development polices are aimed at encouraging market town development and regeneration. There is help and advice available to businesses through Invest in Shropshire Tel 01743 252274. <a href="http://www.investinshropshire.com">www.investinshropshire.com</a> and Business Link West Midlands 0845 113 1234 <a href="http://www.businesslinkwm.co.uk">www.businesslinkwm.co.uk</a>. The Northern Shropshire Partnership is supporting a Market Town Forum, made up of representtives 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. The Partnership is supported by the Council's new Community Working team.</p>
<p>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>14/01/09</p>	<p>Bob Ellis, Highways Manager, Shropshire Council</p>	<p>Regeneration</p>	<p>Concluded</p>	<p>There is an identified Community Regneration Officer with responisbility for the Market Drayton area, Lucy Roberts, and she will provide the liaison role between issues on the ground and Council support services. Lucy can be contacted on Tel. 01939 238449 or <a href="mailto:lucy.roberts@shropshire.gov.uk">lucy.roberts@shropshire.gov.uk</a></p>

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Is there something that can be achieved with the empty Woolworths store in the High Street?	14/01/09	Nick Taylor, Assistant Director Strategy and Development	Regeneration	Concluded	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. 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.
The are empty commercial properties (many in disrepair) . Why are the owners charged with full rates? Property owners (residential as well as the commercial) should be required to keep their premises tidy and clean. The local Civic Society should get involved, the members could conduct the property survey. How many of the ancient buildings are classified rating.	24/09/08		Regeneration	To be monitored	This has been answered fully at a subsequent meeting.
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.	20/05/08	Jo Lancaster, North Shropshire District Council	Regeneration	To be monitored	NSDC has powers for dangerous structures but the legislation is extremely complicated and the buildings would need to be deemed as having impending danger.
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?	20/05/08	Jo Lancaster, North Shropshire District Council	Regeneration	Ongoing. Discussed further at subsequent meetings.	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. 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.

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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.	20/05/08	Jo Lancaster, North Shropshire District Council	Regeneration	Concluded	The problems with Badger Court is being resolved. A CPO is a last resort.
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.	20/05/08	Laura Rowley, Director of Resources, Shropshire Council	Regeneration	Concluded	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. Lucy can be contacted on Tel. 01939 238449 or lucy.roberts@shropshire.gov.uk
How many young people have been involved in the countryside activities?	24/09/08		Rural Activities	Concluded	This information was provided at the next Committee meeting. The first activities involved 134 young people.
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.	14/01/09	Bob Ellis, Highways Manager, Shropshire Council	Smithfield Road	Concluded	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).
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? Suggestion to use the local press as many mothers are at home and need to have easy access to information.	20/05/08		Speech Therapists	To be monitored	
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.	25/03/09	Bob Ellis, Senior Highways Manager	Speeding	Concluded	Traffic calming is in place within the estate but the estate does not qualify for a 20 mph limit under the current policy.

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Marie asked if there had been any further consideration to the A529 from Market Drayton being set at 30 mph.	25/03/09	Bob Ellis, Highways Manager, Shropshire Council	Speeding	Concluded	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.
The 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.	14/01/09	Tim Sneddon, Head of Environmental Maintenance, Shropshire Council	Street Cleaning	Update to be provided	Karen Calder has spoken to Mrs Brisker.
Mechanical cleaning needs to be done more regularly. This is done once a week. There are cigarette ends everywhere.	14/01/09	Victoria Ashmore, Streetscene Manager, Shropshire Council	Street Cleaning	To be monitored	18.8.09 Shropshire Council is reviewing the whole sweeper fleet at the moment. We are investigating the possibility of getting more mechanical sweeping equipment, including smaller pavement sweepers.
Stafford Street and Queen Street also need looking at which are not on the list. Can we look towards regular street cleaning.	14/01/09	Tim Sneddon, Head of Environmental Maintenance, Shropshire Council	Street Cleaning	To be monitored	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.

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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.	14/01/09	Tim Sneddon, Head of Environmental Maintenance, Shropshire Council	Street Cleaning	Concluded	Tim thanked Roger for his comments.
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?	24/09/08	Victoria Ashmore, Streetscene Manager, Shropshire Council	Street Cleaning	To be monitored	There are two positions in the structure for Education and Enforcement Officers. They are based centrally, but cover the whole of Shropshire. They will help co-ordinate 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.
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?	24/09/08	Tim Sneddon, Shropshire Council	Street Cleaning	To be monitored	A report was prepared by Tim Sneddon
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.	20/05/08	Tim Sneddon	Street Cleaning	Concluded	Tim Sneddon provided a full report on this at a subsequent meeting.
Is litter collected on Saturday and Sundays? There often seems to be litter left over.	20/05/08	Jo Lancaster, North Shropshire District Council	Street Cleaning	Concluded	A report was provided by Tim Sneddon
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.	25/03/09	Laura Rowley, Director of Resources, Shropshire Council	Structures	Concluded	This information was provided at the Committee meeting on 2nd July 2009.

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Concern was expressed that the trees should not 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.	24/09/08		Trees at Queen Street Car park	Concluded	This has been noted.
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: Shropshire Autograss Association, North Shropshire 01948 663415. Shropshire and Telford Autograss Racing 01952 529671	20/05/08	Justine Wase, Resources Admin Officer, Shropshire Council	Youth Activities	Concluded	Details were passed to Tony Clay
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.	14/01/09		Youth Shelter	Concluded	Comment noted.
A brand and identify is needed to get the message across about events such as these meetings. Need to advertise on Radio Shropshire or Market Drayton Advertiser?	20/05/08			Concluded	There is a website available for the Local Joint Committee meetings through the Shropshire Council <a href="http://www.shropshire.gov.uk">www.shropshire.gov.uk</a> - local meetings. Email <a href="mailto:marketdrayton.localmeeting@shropshire.gov.uk">marketdrayton.localmeeting@shropshire.gov.uk</a> with any relevant links or activities that you would like to be included. All meetings are advertised through the local press,