



Committee and Date
Much Wenlock and Shipton
Local Joint Committee
18 July 2012

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**NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUCH WENLOCK AND SHIPTON LOCAL
JOINT COMMITTEE HELD ON AT 7.00PM ON WEDNESDAY 16 NOVEMBER
2011 AT SHIPTON VILLAGE HALL, SHIPTON, MUCH WENLOCK.**

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Committee Members Present:

Shropshire Council

Jean Jones
Milner Whiteman

Much Wenlock Town Council

Eric Humphries
Tim Marsh

Easthope, Shipton and Stanton Long Parish Council

Bob Seaward
Philip Wadlow

There were approximately 30 members of the public present at the meeting.

13. Chairman's Introductions

- 13.1 The Chairman welcomed everyone to Shipton and introduced each of the members of the committee.

14. Declarations of Interest

- 14.1 The following prejudicial declarations of interest were made:

14.1	Member	Interest
	Eric Humphries	Grant application – Much Wenlock Christmas Lights
		Member of the Christmas lights committee

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Jean Jones	Grant application – The Edge Arts Centre	Governor at William Brooks School
Tim Marsh	Grant application – Much Wenlock Christmas Lights	Member of the Christmas lights committee
Bob Seaward	Grant application – Easthope Jubilee flagpole	Lives close to the flagpole
Philip Wadlow	Grant application – Shipton Village Hall	Member of Shipton Village Hall Management Committee
Milner Whiteman	Grant application – Much Wenlock Christmas Lights	Member of the Christmas lights committee
	Grant application – The Edge Arts Centre	Governor at William Brooks School

15. Notes of last meeting

- 15.1 The notes of the meeting held on 20 July 2011 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

16. Traffic Issues – Farley Road/Shinerton Street, Much Wenlock

- 16.1 Concern was expressed by a number of speakers concerning the speed at which some traffic travels at along Farley Road and Shinerton Street. Some of those vehicles are heavy vehicles and the streets are narrow.
- 16.2 A speaker urged Shropshire Council to bring in a reduced speed limit on the road of 50mph. He said that the Council had agreed to reduce the speed limit from 60 mph but had not yet introduced the new limit.
- 16.3 Further speakers said that the design of the road was a concern. There are hidden entrances and exits onto the road. They also said that there was a particular problem of speeding motorcyclists during the summer months.
- 16.4 Examples of other areas in the County were also given suggesting that 50 mph is too high a speed limit and that 40 mph and 30 mph speed limits were seen as being more appropriate.

- 16.5 In response, Alice Dilly, Principal Engineer Road Safety at Shropshire Council said that all proposals for speed limit changes go to statutory consultation and that the Police had responded saying that they did not support the reduction as it falls outside the Department of Transport's guidance. She added that speed limits can be introduced where the Police object to the change.
- 16.6 Another speaker expressed concern about the use of a double white line down the middle of the road until the traffic reached his property where a dotted line had been painted on the road allowing overtaking in the vicinity of his property.
- 16.7 Sgt Bailey said that he had looked at this particular stretch of road and if you were to overtake that section of the road is where drivers would do so. He also said that he was aware of the issue regarding motorcycles.
- 16.7 In response to a point raised, Alice Dilly said that she would look into the issue with regard to the place that the school bus drops children off on their way home from school to see if a safer location can be found.
- 16.8 Chris Edwards, Area Director Shropshire Council said that the issues raised had been ongoing for some time. He said that action had been taken including painting double white lines and speed counts to overcome the problems. He also said that bollards had also been installed to prevent vehicles from driving on the pavement. He said that Shropshire Council was experiencing severe financial constraints and that it would continue to have a dialog with the Town Council and local people to see what can be done, but could not promise anything.
- 17. Current Policing Issues – Partners and Communities Together (PACT)**
- 17.1 PC Stuart Lippitt said that speed enforcement was being undertaken in areas where it was safe to do so. He said that there had been an attempted theft of fuel the previous evening. He said that he was also trying to get Rural Watch back up to speed.
- 17.2 PC Lippitt said that a new telephone number had been set up for non-emergency issues. He said that the number is 101 and that all calls cost 15p. He said that the 0300 333 3000 number would continue to be available so that people can contact a particular Police Officer.

18. Parliamentary Boundary Review

- 18.1 The Chairman said that there had been a meeting in Ludlow last week at which views on the review were put to the Boundary Commission for England. He said that Much Wenlock Town Council had expressed its wish that Much Wenlock remain as part of the Ludlow Parliamentary Constituency. He said that Telford and Wrekin Council had made a submission to the meeting in Ludlow. He urged people to make their views known to the Boundary Commission by 5 December 2011.

19. Budget 2012/13

- 19.1 The Chairman said that a Finance Officer was not available to attend the meeting but that anyone who has a question should submit it to either the Committee Officer, Community Action Officer or directly to the Finance Team.

20. 2011/12 Finance Report, including update on funding requests for consideration

- 20.1 Representatives from each of the organisations applying for grants were given the opportunity to address the committee regarding their application.

20.2 RESOLVED:

- (a) That the level of grant awarded in relation to the applications received be as follows:

Project	Grant Awarded
A Much Wenlock Bowling Club – Safety work to the Bowling Club Green area	£2,000
B Much Wenlock Christmas Lights – Replacement of all overhead lights with new energy saving LED system	£2,000
C Shipton Village Hall – Purchase of new stage curtains	£1,000
D William Penny Brookes Foundation – Creation of a sculpture trail public art project	£1,500 subject to match funding from the Arts Council

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| E | Easthope Jubilee Flag Pole – replacement of the flagpole in the centre of the village | £424 | |
| F | M21 Live Art Event – support the residency of a group of Shropshire based performers at M21 Live Art Event | | That the application be rejected on the grounds that the committee give preference to local clubs/projects. |
| G | The Edge Arts Centre – Replacement of the grand piano | £1,500 | |
| H | NHS Foundation Trust – Global Village Proposal | | That the application be rejected on the grounds that the committee give preference to local clubs/projects. |

21. Public Question Time/Identification of Future Agenda Items

- 21.1 In response to a question, the Chairman said that he would take up with Much Wenlock Town Council the problems caused by vehicles parking on both sides of Shineton Street and making difficult to pass oncoming traffic. It was also suggested that a speed limit of 20 mph could be imposed on the road. It was also suggested that warning signs or bollards could be used in an attempt to resolve the issues.
- 21.2 Tim Marsh said that he said that he had been monitoring the situation for sometime and that he would raise the issue at a Much Wenlock Town Council meeting.
- 21.3 The representative from the M21 Live Art Event said that he was disappointed that a grant had not been awarded and complained that it was a countywide event.
- 21.4 Martin Bennett, Cabinet Member Shropshire Council with responsibility for local working said that although there were 28 LJC's each acted autonomously with regard to grant applications and would not want to say to LJC's this is what you must do.

21.5 It was agreed that the following items be suggested for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting of the committee:

- Pollution on Harley Brook
- Broadband Project

22. Grant Application Information.

It was noted that a Local Joint Committee Application form and guidance is available on the Council's website www.shropshire.gov.uk or by contacting Kerry Rogers, Community Action Officer on 01746 713110.

Signed:
Chairman

Date: