



Committee and Date  
Shifnal and Sheriffhales  
Local Joint Committee

13 July 2010

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**NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SHIFNAL AND SHERIFFHALES LOCAL  
JOINT COMMITTEE HELD ON AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 4 MAY 2010 AT  
SHIFNAL VILLAGE HALL, ASTON STREET, SHIFNAL.**

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**Committee Members Present:**

**Shropshire Council**

Gordon Tonkinson  
Stuart West

**Shifnal Town Council**

Les Jones  
Eileen Briscoe

**Sheriffhales Parish Council**

Janet Jones

**West Mercia Police:**

Sgt Richard Bailey

There were approximately 19 members of the public present at the meeting.

**45.      Election of Chairman**

- 45.1    **RESOLVED:** That Stuart West be elected Chairman for the ensuing  
municipal year.

**ACTION**

46. <b>Appointment of Vice-Chairman</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
46.1 <b>RESOLVED:</b> That Gordon Tonkinson be appointed Vice-Chairman for the ensuing municipal year.	
47. <b>Apologies for absence</b>	
47.1 Apologies for absence were received from Rebecca Johnson.	
48. <b>Declarations of Interest</b>	
48.1 None were declared.	
49. <b>Notes of last meeting</b>	
49.1 The notes of the meeting held on 23 March 2010 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.	
50. <b>Feedback</b>	
50.1 The Chairman took the meeting through the Comments, Issues and Comments form and indicated that Brian Bennett was in attendance and would be addressing the meeting later. He also said that the provision of care for the elderly in the Shifnal area would be included on the agenda for a future meeting when an officer from Shropshire Council would be invited to attend.	
50.2 Gordon Tonkinson said that no further information was available about the Shifnal Medical Practice but that a decision was expected in the autumn. He said that representations must be made to input into that decision.	
51. <b>Local Policing Update</b>	
51.1 Sergeant Richard Bailey said that the crime figures for the last year were down on the previous year. He also said that the number of burglaries in the area had reduced but said that people with rural premises need to remain vigilant. He also warned that people should not leave any valuable items on show in cars. He said that people leave Satellite Navigation (Sat Nav) equipment and laptop computers in cars. He warned against leaving Sat Nav holders on show as this advertises that there is a Sat Nav in the vehicle.	
51.2 Sgt. Bailey added that he had responded to the report of glass on the play area and also to dog fouling. He said that the Community Enforcement Officer had been to the area to engage and educate.	
51.3 In response to a question regarding vandalism and under age drinking by youths, Sgt Bailey said that a Community Support Officer is active in the area and is aware of the issues.	

- 51.4 A further issue was raised about Wheatfield Park and anti-social behaviour and it was suggested that CCTV could be installed. Eileen Briscoe commented that the cost of installation would be in the region of £20,000.

## **52. Shifnal and Priorslee Medical Practice**

- 52.1 It was confirmed that the petition that had been handed in at a previous meeting had been presented to the appropriate people.

## **53. Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service**

- 53.1 The Chairman introduced Station Manager Neil Grove from Telford Central of Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service to the meeting.
- 53.2 Neil Grove said that as an organisation they do lots of work within the Telford area and have identified the Local Joint Committees as a way of providing benefits to local people and the Fire and Rescue Service.
- 53.3 He said that as this was the initial meeting he would attend that he planned only to introduce himself and say what he would do at future meetings. He said that he will provide updates on what they are doing in the area

## **54. Area Highways**

- 54.1 Brian Bennett, Highways Manager South East, Shropshire Council attended the meeting and gave details of the repairs and cost of the repairs that had been carried out on the roads in the South East of the County. He added that potholes were categorised and given a timescale for repair. He said that the Highways Authority has a duty to ensure that roads are safe.
- 54.2 Brian Bennett said that there were a number of schemes planned to repair a number of roads in the area including Church Street, Shifnal. In response to a question, he said that the work to Church Street would be carried out during the school summer holidays and that it would be necessary during the works to remove the traffic order to allow 2 way traffic.
- 54.3 There were a number of questions to Brian Bennett about the quality of the repairs, the process of recycling and reusing the old road surface and other technical details relating to the quality of the finished road surface which would prolong its life.
- 54.4 A question was asked about the pot holes in the approach road to the Aston Street car park from Aston Street.

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54.5	A further question was asked about footpaths Brian Bennett confirmed that there was not a programme of repairs but that regular checks were undertaken and action taken as necessary.	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>55</b>	<b>Local Joint Committee Grant 2009/2010 Decision Report</b>	
55.1	The report was received and considered and it was decided as follows:  RESOLVED:  1. That the budget allocations as set out in the report be confirmed.  2. That Wheatfield Rec Play Day be awarded a grant of £250 subject to Shifnal Town Council giving approval for the use of the land for the play day.	Kerry Rogers
<b>56.</b>	<b>Public Question Time/Future Agenda Items</b>	
56.1	An issue was raised about the youth shelter and the problems of broken glass, litter and dog fouling in the area. It was suggested that a litter bin should be provided which may be used if one is provided.	
56.2	Eileen Briscoe said that she would raise the question of the provision of a litter bin with Shifnal Town Council	Eileen Briscoe
56.3	Eileen Briscoe asked that further publicity be given to the meetings of the LJC. It was suggested that the new Shifnal Newsletter could be used to publicise future meetings.	Kerry Rogers
56.4	It was suggested that the Shifnal page which currently appears in the Bridgnorth Journal should be removed and added to the Telford Journal as this is a free paper circulated to most properties in Shifnal.	Kerry Rogers
56.5	The Site Allocations and Management of Development consultation document was circulated at the meeting. This gives local residents an opportunity to consider and give views on issues and options for the Development Plan Document.	
56.6	It was suggested that in relation to the new medical practice that Matrix Medical be invited to attend a future meeting.	VB

<b>57. Confirmation of Date of next meeting and Deadline for Grant Applications</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<p>57.1 It was noted that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The next meeting will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 13 July 2010 at Shifnal Village Hall, Aston Street, Shifnal</li><li>2. The deadline for grant applications will be Wednesday 9 June 2010</li></ol>	All LJC

**Signed.....**  
**Chairman**

**Date: 13 July 2010**