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Shifnal and Sheriffhales
Local Joint Committee

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**NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SHIFNAL AND SHERIFFHALES LOCAL
JOINT COMMITTEE HELD ON AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 5 OCTOBER 2010 AT
SHIFNAL VILLAGE HALL, ASTON STREET, SHIFNAL.**

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Committee Members Present:

Shropshire Council

Gordon Tonkinson
Stuart West

Shifnal Town Council

Eileen Briscoe

Sheriffhales Parish Council

Janet Jones

There were approximately 40 members of the public present at the meeting.

14. Chairman's Introductions

14.1 The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

15. Apologies for Absence

15.1 Apologies for absence were received from Jane Blackstock and
Rebecca Johnson.

ACTION

16. Declarations of Interest

16.1 None were declared.

17. Notes of last meeting

17.1 The notes of the meeting held on 13 July 2010 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

18. Comments, Questions and Suggestions from the meeting held on 13 July 2010

18.1 A resident said in relation to comment number 8 about the storage of tyres that the 30 September deadline for their removal had passed but they remained on the site. The chairman agreed that this would be taken up with the Environment Agency and the Planning Department.

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19. Local Policing Update

19.1 PC Nick Allbutt said that a further volunteer was now available to assist with the counter service at Shifnal Police Station. He said that this would mean that they would be able to advertise when the Station would be open.

19.2 PC Allbutt said that with Halloween approaching, various notices and posters would be available for residents would did not want trick or treaters.

19.3 A resident said that there had been a problem with parked cars in The Grove in that they were parked in the way on a Thursday when refuse vehicles needed to get access. PC Allbutt said that he would have a look at the situation.

19.4 Another resident said that youths throwing stones from the railway station was a danger and that this had occurred at various times. PC Allbutt said that he would pass the information to British Transport Police who are responsible for the railways.

19.5 A resident asked about Speed Watch and PC Allbutt said that there would be some speed checks undertaken. A member said that the Leader of Council was keen to see Speed Watch operating in the County. It was also commented that a scheme operates in Staffordshire.

20. Presentation by Chief Fire Officer – Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service

20.1 The Chairman introduced Paul Raymond the Chief Fire Officer to

the meeting.

- 20.2 Paul Raymond gave details about the provision of the Fire Service in Shifnal and in Shropshire and said that the total budget for 2010/11 was £21m. He said that 62% of that budget was raised from Council Tax payers with the remaining 38% funded by a government grant. He said that the cost per household per week of the Fire Service was £2.61 per week.
- 20.3 Paul Raymond said that it was predicted that £3m would be cut from budgets over the next 3 years. He said that this would be a challenge. He said that they had already amongst other things, frozen staff recruitment and cancelled or renegotiated contracts.
- 20.4 The Chief Fire Officer said that it would take longer for specialist appliances to reach an incident and that vehicles would not be replaced as often and would be older.
- 20.5 A resident asked whether any of the Ministry of Defence (MOD) fire appliances could be used to help. Paul Raymond said that the MOD has cut the number of appliances it has and does not hold a lot of equipment. He added that specialist equipment had an expected life of around 20 years.
- 20.6 Paul Raymond said in response to a question that the Fire Service does receive a lot of hoax calls but the Fire Centre in Shrewsbury manage the calls and if calls are made from a mobile phone block the use of that number.
- 20.7 The Chief Fire Officer said in reply to a question that the Fire Service does work with other fire services in Europe and around the world. He added that they were able to get some advice on how to tackle the rubber crumb fire in Wem recently from colleagues in Canada.
- 20.8 A further issue related to a question asked earlier regarding the parking of cars in The Grove and how the Fire Service dealt with cars parked that were blocking the route of a fire appliance. In response, the Chief Fire Officer said that extreme measures would be taken including tipping a car on its side if required.
- 20.9 The Chairman thanked Paul Raymond for his presentation and answering questions.
- 21. Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service**
- 21.1 Due to the attendance by the Chief Fire Officer, the update from the Fire Service was deferred to the next meeting.

	ACTION
22. Grant Update Report	
22.1 RESOLVED:	KR/NE
1. That the budget allocations as set out in the report be confirmed as follows:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Shifnal Bowling Club – grant awarded £1,000 b. Shifnal Senior Citizens Club – grant awarded £500.00 c. Shifnal and Albrighton Youth for Christ – grant awarded £1,000.00 d. Shifnal and Albrighton Youth for Christ – grant awarded £1,000.00 	
2. That the following applications be deferred for further information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Shifnal Village Hall b. Reminiscences Project- A living history 	
23. Innovating Mobile Library Services	
23.1 It was noted that copies of the briefing note – Innovating Mobile Library services was circulated at the meeting.	
24. Parking Strategy	
24.1 The Chairman introduced Samantha Tharme, Principal Transport Planner, Shropshire Council. She had circulated at the meeting Parking Strategy proposals for Shifnal.	
24.2 Samantha Tharme said that the Council has a different approach to the way it operates its car parks. She said that there are 7 market towns where parking charges applied and that there are 9 market towns where no charges are made. She said that in theory Shifnal was one of those where charges did apply but with the Town Council covering the cost.	
24.3 The Principal Transport Planner said that there were 3 reasons for making charges on car parks. Firstly, to help provide short stay car parks in town centres. Secondly, to raise money to maintain and police the car parks and thirdly, to raise additional funds towards providing other services. She said that £4m a year is raised in this way.	
24.4 Samantha Tharme said that there were no proposals to charge for on-street parking. She said that the proposals would be considered by Cabinet before being considered by Council in December. She added that she will be having discussions with Shifnal Town Council	

later this month regarding the agreement for them to pay for the cost of off-street car parking Shifnal.

- 24.5 In answer to a question, the Principal Transport Planner said that the cost of each ticket machine would be around £3,000 and that enforcement would cost around 5% of the total income.
- 24.5 A businessman in the Town said that there was a detrimental effect on the Town when Bridgnorth District Council had brought in charges on the car parks in Shifnal. He said that since there has been free parking that the Town has progressed. He said that he was worried that re-introducing charges would cause a decline in Shifnal again. He also questioned how the charge to the Town Council was calculated. He asked what proof there was to justify what the Town Council was being asked to pay.
- 24.6 Samantha Tharme said that the agreement with Shifnal Town Council was open to discussion. She added that the Town Council has the same option open to it and that the points made are understood.
- 24.7 Several other residents complained about the cost to the Town Council, the condition of the surface of the car park and the long coach bays that are provided but rarely used. There was also a suggestion that the charges on the car park could be pro rata so that if the charge were 70p for an hour and you paid £1 that you would receive an extra 30p worth of time.
- 24.8 A member of the committee suggested that the Town Council should take over the running of the car parks in Shifnal. He added that there are a number of people who journey to Shifnal to park to avoid having to pay a £4.50 charge to park in Telford.
- 24.9 Another business owner said that her employees are annoyed at the suggestion of parking charges being made in Shifnal. Another person said that one business suffered a 30% loss of revenue when car parking charges were imposed previously.

25. Public Question Time/Future Agenda Items

- 25.1 The following items were suggested for inclusion on the agenda for future meetings:
- a. Information regarding the changes to route of the Priorslee bus service.
 - b. Information regarding speed limits being reduced to 20mph outside Shifnal's two Primary Schools.
 - c. Market Towns Revitalisation Programme

25.2	A copy of a briefing paper regarding the Market Towns Revitalisation Programme was circulated at the meeting for information. A resident expressed concern about the short timescale for the submission of bids. Another asked why Shifnal was included with Church Stretton for parking. Val Beint said that she would clarify how Market Towns were identified to be part of the programme.	ACTION VB
26.	Confirmation of Date of next meeting and Deadline for Grant Applications	
26.1	<p>It was noted that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The next meeting will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 1 February 2011 at Shifnal Village Hall, Aston Street, Shifnal 2. The deadline for grant applications will be Tuesday 4 January 2011. 	All LJC

Signed.....
Chairman

Date: 1 February 2011