



Committee and Date  
The Five Perry Parishes  
Local Joint Committee  
  
28 September 2009  
7.00pm

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## NOTE OF THE FIVE PERRY PARISHES LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 7 JULY 2009

7.00pm – 9.00pm

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### **Present:**

#### Members of the Committee:

Aggie Caesar-Homden	Shropshire Council
Steve Charmley	Shropshire Council
Trevor Benyon	Baschurch Parish Council
Frank Beech	Hordley Parish Council
Ros Slowley	Ruyton-XI-Towns Parish Council
Pat Mabe	West Felton Parish Council
Greg Hickman	Whittington Parish Council

#### Officers:

Andy Goldsmith	Assistant Director, Public Protection (Lead Officer)
Bobby Mulheir	Head of Customer Services (Support Officer)
Trish Grantham	Community Regeneration Officer
Siôn Stedman	Committee Officer
Sgt Julian Hinds	Local Police Officer
CSO Lizz Walmsley	Local Community Support Officer

**There were approximately 20 members of the public in attendance**

### **Welcome by the Lead Officer**

The Lead Officer welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave an explanation of the geographical area covered by the Local Joint Committee. It was noted that questions/issues for future consideration and feedback forms would be available throughout the meeting for members of the public to complete.

### **1. Election of Chairman**

1.1 There was one nomination for the position of Chairman. Following a vote, it was **RESOLVED:** that Steve Charmley (Shropshire Council) be duly elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

### **2. Apologies**

2.1 There were no apologies for absence.

### **ACTION**

### **3. Appointment of Vice-Chairman**

- 3.1 There was one nomination for the position of Vice-Chairman. Following a vote, it was **RESOLVED**: that Trevor Benyon (Baschurch Parish Council) be duly elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

### **4. Declarations of Interest**

- 4.1 There were no declarations of interest.

### **5. Chairman's Statement Purpose and Powers of the Meeting**

- 5.1 The Chairman explained that attendance sheets had been circulated and invited members of the public to provide their contact information to enable them to be informed about future meetings. He went on to explain the format of the meeting and the main items on the agenda, which included an opportunity to raise issues with the local Police team.
- 5.2 The Lead Officer explained the purpose and powers of the Local Joint Committee, drawing particular attention to its scrutiny function and the delegated budget at its disposal. He went on to explain the roles of the officers supporting the Committee's administration, decision making and community engagement.
- 5.3 In response to a question from a member of the public the Lead Officer spoke on the pilot Local Joint Committees, explaining that there were now 28 committees covering all of the Shropshire Council area and to one of which each parish had been assigned. It was noted that the Committee would meet four times a year and that opportunity would be given for people to raise issues of concern about services or problems within their communities.
- 5.4 The Lead Officer explained that the Local Joint Committee was a legally constituted, decision-making body comprising of the local Shropshire Councillors and representatives from each of the parish councils within the area. It was noted that the Committee was able to scrutinise local service delivery and to call Shropshire Council's lead members or senior managers to attend meetings and explain decisions affecting the locality. Public organisations such as the Primary Care Trust and other service providers could also be invited to meetings to provide information.

### **6. Updates from Community Safety and West Mercia Police**

- 6.1 The Chairman introduced Sgt Julian Hinds and CSO Lizz Walmsley. Sgt Hinds spoke on the anticipated role of the Police in Local Joint Committee working and stressed the importance of consultation with agencies best placed to resolve common objectives that went beyond the remit of the Police alone.

### **7. Local Joint Committee Budget**

- 7.1 The Lead Officer gave a summary of arrangements for the Local

Joint Committee's delegated budget. It was noted that the budget allocation for 2009/10 was £28,000. The Lead Officer explained that the budget could be used to support local community and voluntary activity, the implementation of Parish and Neighbourhood Plans and local service delivery enhancements. He went on to explain the financial procedures and answered a number of queries about the budget.

7.2 The Lead Officer requested that members of the public contact the Community Regeneration Officer for full details of how to apply for funding and guidance on completing application forms.

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7.3 In response to a question from a member of the public the Lead Officer explained that the Community Regeneration Officer would help to maximise local engagement in the work of the Local Joint Committee, support members of the Committee to bring forward matters of interest or concern, and help to ensure that strong links were made with community based groups, organisations and activities. The Support Officer added that suggested topics for discussion had been drawn from themes identified in local Parish and Neighbourhood Plans.

## **8. Key Issues for the Local Joint Committee**

8.1 Members of the public divided into four groups to discuss the topics of Community Facilities, Environmental Issues, Traffic Issues and Youth Facilities.

8.2 Key points raised by the Community Facilities discussion group:

- Ruyton-XI-Towns: lack of a DDA-compliant village hall/public venue; school not used as a community venue outside of school hours, though a number of groups would be interested to use it; school also running out of space. Supporting community organisations would in turn mean that the village hall would be supported through revenues.
- Baschurch: village hall in need of refurbishment; main source of revenue lost with the end of the pre-school; noted that a grant application had been made to the Community Council.
- Whittington: Community Centre not available during the daytime, as used by children's groups; other local halls in constant use; Senior Citizens Hall needs improvements to be brought up to standard.
- West Felton: interested in creating a bowling green and allotments.
- Potential funding/support sources identified included Awards for All, the LJC budget, Grassroots Grants, parish council support, fundraising events, Advantage West Midlands support, village hall grants from the Community Council, National Lottery funding, the cooperation of housing developers, application of Section 106 planning powers, the support of local businesses, volunteers for do-it-yourself projects, the Community Cashback Fund and unclaimed bank accounts, compulsory purchase orders, the support of benefactors and greater use of publicly-owned land.

8.3 Key points raised by the Environmental Issues discussion group:

- Whittington: potential location of new cemetery site and extension of existing cemetery.
- Ruyton-XI-Towns: speeding on Church Street; unsuitable vehicles diverting to avoid VOSA checkpoints; distance necessary to travel to reach a medical surgery; drop-off points at St John Baptist School; damage to Platt Bridge.
- The Lead Officer spoke on the potential for more active enforcement of speed limits and suggested the possibility of lorry bans or time restrictions on when vehicles could use specified routes. Questions relating to the possibility of Ruyton-XI-Towns having a drop-in medical surgery and a weight restriction being applied to Platt Bridge were also answered.

8.4 Key points raised by the Traffic Issues discussion group:

- Whittington: potential parking/traffic problems resulting from expansion of Park Hall stadium; crossing dangers on Station Road; lack of parking at Senior Citizens Hall; potential for a lay-by to be introduced at the bus stop next to the level crossing.
- West Felton: traffic noise from A5; HGV traffic issues.
- Baschurch: speeding problems and HGV traffic issues.
- Hordley: speeding problems and HGV traffic issues.
- Sgt Julian Hinds commented that a toolkit of solutions was required to combat speeding. It was noted that Community Speed Watch was scheduled to be reinstated later in 2009.
- The Lead Officer spoke on satellite navigation systems and potential solutions to the dangers caused by unsuitable vehicles on rural roads.
- Frank Beech spoke on the liaison group that met with ABP on a regular basis to discuss HGV traffic and invited a representative from West Felton Parish Council to join the group.

8.5 Key points raised by the Youth Facilities discussion group:

- Whittington: would like a skate park or dirt jumps.
- Baschurch: would like a youth shelter. The achievements of the local drama group and its potential funding sources were noted.
- Greg Hickman spoke on the possibility of a mobile skate park being made available in Whittington for a trial period to gauge demand.

8.6 The Chairman thanked all present for their participation, explaining that the issues raised would be collated and taken forward for the Committee's consideration and action.

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**9. Date of Next Meeting**

9.1 It was noted that the next meeting would be held at 7.00pm on Monday 28 September 2009 at Hordley and Bagley Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.00pm.

**Signed .....** (Chairman)

**Date .....**