

**NOTE OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE FIVE PERRY
PARISHES LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19 OCTOBER 2010**
7.00pm – 8.15pm

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Present:

Members of the Committee:

Steve Charmley	Shropshire Council
Frank Beech	Hordley Parish Council
Carole Coles	West Felton Parish Council
Greg Hickman	Whittington Parish Council
Ros Slowley	Ruyton-XI-Towns Parish Council

Officers:

Bobby Mulheir	Head of Customer Services (Lead Officer)
Carol Fox	Health & Safety Manager (Support Officer)
Trish Grantham	Community Regeneration Officer
Tim Ward	Committee Officer
Matt Johnson	Senior Public Transport Officer
PC Simon Clarke	Local Police Officer

There were approximately 25 members of the public in attendance

	ACTION
In the absence of Cllr Caesar-Homden it was agreed that Cllr Charmley would take the chair	
1. Apologies for Absence	
1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Aggie Caesar-Homden (Shropshire Council) and Cllr David Curtis (West Felton Parish Council)	
2. Substitutions	
2.1 Cllr Carole Coles substituted for Cllr David Curtis	
3. Declarations of Interest	
3.1 Cllr Charmley declared an interest in the application from Whittington Parish Council as a member of the Parish Council	
Cllr Hickman declared an interest in the application from Whittington Parish Council as a member of the Parish Council	

4. Note of the Previous Meeting

- 4.1 **AGREED:** that the note of the meeting held on 20 July 2010 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

It was agreed the police report would be considered next as PC Dale was on duty and would need to leave early

5. Partners and Communities Together

- 5.1 PC Dale gave an update on issues in the area. He informed the meeting that speeding continued to be an issue in Baschurch and that there had been an accident involving a teenage girl. He informed the meeting that the investigation was ongoing and that the driver of the car had been identified and would be interviewed. PC Dale informed the meeting that there was a continuing issue with large tractors using the narrow lanes around West Felton and there had been instances of damage to cars in Ruyton XI Towns which were currently being investigated.
- 5.2 Cllr Slowley commented that there was a continuing problem with cars parking on the pavements during the auctions. PC Dale agreed to speak to the organisers.
- 5.3 A member of the public asked what was being done to address the problems of speeding, and commented that drivers needing educating not to speed on rural roads. PC Dale informed him that speed enforcement was being undertaken in a number of areas.
- 5.4 The Chair thanked PC Dale for his report.

6. Rural Transport

- 6.1 The meeting received a presentation from Matt Johnson, Senior Public Transport Officer at Shropshire Council. He outlined the services the Council offered and updated the meeting on further developments with the Shropshirelink service. He then outlined the services offered by the voluntary car scheme and went on to outline the current budget strategy and how this was likely to affect public transport. He then took questions: -
- Q During the evaluation of Park and Ride has it been calculated how much income is derived from parking charges in the town and the cost of Parkright administering parking?
- Mr Johnson agreed to ascertain the figures
- Q The Voluntary Car Scheme in Baschurch is losing volunteers as the amount paid per mile does not cover the actual cost, yet there is a saving included in the budget – how will this be achieved?
- Currently volunteers are paid 40 pence per mile which will not change. This is made up of 20 pence paid by the passenger and 20 pence paid by the Council. In order to make savings the amount paid by the passenger will rise and the council's

contribution will go down accordingly.

- Q The bus service from Ruyton currently terminates at the bus station. Would it be possible for it to continue into the north of Shrewsbury to make it easier for people to use to get to work?

The bus timetable in Shrewsbury is currently being revamped and whilst it would not be possible to stay on the same bus to get to the north of town it should be easier change at the bus station.

- Q Why can't the service between Ruyton & Baschurch run later in the evening? Also why can't smaller busses be used?

The size of the bus used is determined by the peak use and if you changed bus size to fit with use during the day it would mean having to have 2 busses for each route which would be uneconomical. There is a cost to running later services which demands a larger subsidy from the council which makes them uneconomic.

- Q There has been a problem with some students at the sixth form college being disciplined for being late as their bus has been late. Can anything been done

Shouldn't happen – may be able to tweak the timetable.

- Q Following the publication of the Scott-Wilson study will the possibility of reopening Baschurch Railway Station be looked at again

Cannot answer this but will pass on your query to the Rail Officer who may be able to reply.

7. Local Joint Committee Budget

- 7.1 A report advising members of application for funding from the Local Joint Committee budget had been circulated. It was noted that the following applications had been received: -

- Oswestry Martial Arts Centre for £2000.00 towards the installation of changing rooms and showers.
- Whittington Senior Citizens Club for £420.00 towards the Christmas Lunch for 40 and the Christmas tea for young people and members
- Ruyton X1 Towns Village Hall Committee for £1,800 for funding for new tables.
- Whittington Parish Council for £1440.00 towards improving the path to the Garden of Remembrance.
- The Preventative Services Team - Boccia mini-league for

£795.00 for the roll out of a pilot project within the Five Perry Parishes.

- West Felton Parish Council for £2,303 for the purchase of a portable hearing loop, for use at parish council meetings, and to be available to other parish councils in the area.
- West Felton Parish with Houghton PCC for £3,000 for resurfacing of the area surrounding the Church.
- Baschurch Allotment Association for £5,000 for the provision of badger proof fencing at Baschurch allotments.

7.2 It was **RESOLVED**: - that the Five Perry Parishes Local Joint Committee allocate funding for the following amounts to the following organisations and their projects:

£2000.00 to Oswestry Martial Arts Centre towards the installation of changing rooms and showers.

£420.00 to Whittington Senior Citizens Club towards the Christmas Lunch for 40 and the Christmas tea for young people and members

£1,200 to Ruyton X1 Towns Village Hall Committee for funding for new tables.

£1440.00 to Whittington Parish Council towards improving the path to the Garden of Remembrance.

£795.00 to The Preventative Services Team - Boccia mini-league for the roll out of a pilot project within the Five Perry Parishes.

7.3 It was **RESOLVED** that the Five Perry Parishes Local Joint Committee do not fund the following applications for the reasons set out in the report

West Felton Parish Council for £2,303 for the purchase of a portable hearing loop, for use at parish council meetings, and to be available to other parish councils in the area.

West Felton Parish with Houghton PCC for £3,000 for resurfacing of the area surrounding the Church.

7.4 It was **RESOLVED** that the Five Perry Parishes Local Joint Committee defer the decision on the application from Baschurch Allotment Association to the next meeting in order that the status and length of the lease can be ascertained.

7.5 A member of the public expressed concern at the transparency of the funding decision making process and suggested that the committee were guilty of predetermination having made decisions at the planning meetings. He asked for details of how certain members

voted on some of the applications. The Chair informed him that no decisions are taken at the planning meeting and so no vote was taken and that with regards to individual members views on applications he would have to ask the member concerned.

8. Consultations

- 8.1 The Chair drew the meetings attention to consultations that were currently taking place, details of which could be found on the agenda

9. Public Question Time

- 9.1 A member of the public commented that he received a lot of post from the Council in A4 envelopes and also sent first class. He commented that this was wasteful and why couldn't more things be sent by email.
- 9.2 A member of the public asked for an update on progress with Centre North West and the Oswestry Leisure Centre. The Chair informed him that a new building contractor had been appointed and that the centre should be completed by the end of May 2011. He went on to say that the current round of budget cuts may mean that Centre North West may be refurbished rather than being rebuilt.

10 News and Information

- 10.1 The Regeneration Officer advised the meeting that there were a number of events planned next year in the run up to the 2012 Olympics including community games and an event in the quarry. The Chair commented that he was chair of the organising group in the Oswestry area and that if any groups were interested in taking part they should contact him.

The Chair congratulated Cllr Slowley and the Project Group on their recent award. Cllr Slowley explained that the group, which supports members of all ages with mental health issues through creative art work using recycled materials, had won the first prize of £10,000 in the Future Friendly Awards which were sponsored by Proctor and Gambol

13. Date of Next Meeting

- 13.1 It was noted that the next meeting would be held at 7pm on Tuesday 1 February 2011 at Baschurch Village Hall

The meeting ended at 8.15pm.

Signed (Chairman)

Date