

WEM AND SHAWBURY LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

**NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 OCTOBER 2011 AT 7.00 P.M.
IN THE LOPPINGTON VILLAGE HALL, LOPPINGTON, NR WEM.**

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Present:

Members of the Committee:

Pauline Dee	Shropshire Council – Wem
Chris Mellings	Shropshire Council – Wem
Brian Williams	Shropshire Council – The Meres
Karen Calder	Shropshire Council – Hodnet
Philips Gillings	Clive Parish Council (substitute)
Tom Wycherley	Grinshill Parish Council
Don Wild	Hadnall Parish Council
Bob Parker	Loppington Parish Council
Jeff Lester	Moreton Corbet and Lee Brockhurst Parish Council (substitute)
Russell Purslow	Myddle and Broughton Parish Council
Richard Bailey	Shawbury Parish Council (substitute)
Len Staines	Wem Rural Parish Council
Edward Towers	Wem Town Council
John Edwards	Weston under Redcastle Parish Council
Sim Beer	Whixall Parish Council

Co-opted Members of the Committee:

Julian Hinds	West Mercia Constabulary – Wem
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Officers:

Ruth Mansfield	Community Action Officer
Ann Almond	Committee Officer

Also present:

Alison Brock	Shropshire Council's ICT Client Support Manager
Craig Richmond	Fire Service

There were approximately 20 members of the public at the meeting.

11. Welcome and Introductions

11.1 The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

12. Apologies for absence (Agenda Item 1)

12.1 Apologies for absence were received from:

Simon Jones	Shropshire Council – Shawbury
Jon Jinks	Clive Parish Council
John James	Moreton Corbet and Lee Brockhurst Parish Council
John Kennedy	Shawbury Parish Council

13. Notes (Agenda Item 2)

13.1 **RESOLVED:**

That the Notes of the meeting of the Wem and Shawbury Local Joint Committee held on 13th June 2011 be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

Pauline
Dee
Ann
Almond

14. Declarations of Interest (Agenda Item 3)

14.1 The following declarations of interest were made:

Councillor	Item	Interest	Reason
Pauline Dee	Item 8 – Funding Applications Summary Friends of Whitchurch Road Cemetery	Personal	Member of the Friends of Whitchurch Road Cemetery, Wem
Chris Mellings	Item 8 – Funding Applications Summary Parochial Church Council	Personal and Prejudicial	Member of the Appeal Committee He left the room and took no part in the consideration of, or voting on, the item.
Russell Purslow	Item 8 Funding Applications Summary Harmer Hill Village Hall	Personal	Member of Harmer Hill Parish Council
Philip Gillings	Item 8 – Funding Applications Summary St Marys Church PCC	Personal	Member of St Marys Church PCC He presented the funding application, but did not vote on the item.

15. Amendment to LJC Constitution (Agenda Item 4)

15.1 Members of the Committee considered the report that detailed the amendment to the LJC Constitution regarding delegated authority to the Community Action Officer to deal with urgent and time sensitive matters.

- 15.2 Concerns were expressed that the amendment would allow applicants to avoid having their application considered by the LJC Committee, and that LJC funding was not for the purposes of urgent or time sensitive matters.
- 15.3 The Chair acknowledged the concerns raised and confirmed that applications would only be considered in exceptional circumstances. Following debate, the majority of Members supported the amendment.

RESOLVED

That, subject to the Chairman notifying each Member of this Committee, by email, of any urgent or time sensitive matters, and given approximately five days to provide any comments before a decision was made, the granting of delegated authority to the Community Action Officer, in consultation with this Local Joint Committee Chairman or Vice-Chairman in her absence, to determine urgent and time sensitive matters, be approved.

16. Partners and Communities Working Together (Agenda Item 5)

16.1 To receive an update from the Community Action Officer

The Community Action Officer advised those present of the following:

- A meeting would be held on 25th October at Harmer Hill Village Hall to seek views on the production of the Myddle and Broughton Parish Plan;
- A meeting would be held on 19th October at 7.30 p.m. at Edinburgh House, Wem to discuss the design statement;
- A meeting would be held on 21st November at 6.00 p.m. at Wem Town Hall regarding the NHS Primary Care Trust; and
- She was currently involved with a bike track project in Wem.

For further information and / or advice, contact Ruth Mansfield.

16.2 To receive an update from West Mercia Police

Julian Hinds advised those present of the following:

- There had been an increased police presence at Wem carnival, which had been a success with minor disturbances;
- Following the nasty burglary that occurred in May 2011, a number of people had been arrested and charged and were currently remanded in custody awaiting a court date;
- As part of the comprehensive spending review, West Mercia police would not lose front line staff, but would see a reduction in support staff; and
- Community Support Officers were involved with football training sessions that took place at Shawbury, which was a useful opportunity for the police to engage with teenagers, building good relationships.

- 16.3 Councillor Dee wished to thank Wem police officers, on behalf of the youngsters who had attended the “pay back” days.
- 16.4 Councillor Dee then expressed her concerns regarding cycling on pavements, and sought comments from those present on whether this should be a topic put forward as an item for the relevant Shropshire Council Scrutiny Committee to consider. Julian Hinds indicated that he would be happy to take part in discussions on how best to tackle this issue.
- 16.5 Following debate, the majority of those present were of the opinion that this was an issue wider than the Wem and Shawbury LJC area and it was suggested that Councillor Dee ought to raise the matter to Shropshire Council.
- 16.6 Craig Richmond provided an update regarding the Fire Service and the savings which the fire service would need to make.
- 16.7 He then commented that the recent spate of car fires had stopped, which was thought to be due to the arrests of the people previously mentioned by Julian Hinds. He also encouraged those present to contact 01743 260260 if they were aware of any vulnerable people that may need assistance from the fire service. Julian Hinds confirmed that social services, the police and fire services liaised regularly on these matters.
- 16.8 In response to a question raised regarding smoke alarms, Craig Richmond confirmed that a list of the homes was compiled when the free smoke alarms were fitted and confirmed that the alarms fitted had a life expectancy of 10 years and were not battery controlled. He then advised that the fire service would undertake a check of these fire alarms before they expired.

17. County-wide Broadband Project (Agenda Item 6)

- 17.1 Alison Brock, Shropshire Council’s ICT Client Support Manager gave a presentation to those present summarising future broadband provision in Shropshire (copy presentation attached to the signed notes).
- 17.2 Alison Brock made the following comments in response to questions raised by members of the Committee and public:
- Encouraged Town and Parish Councils to write to Shropshire Council if they supported the project;
 - A survey was available at www.connectingshropshire.co.uk seeking views from residents and businesses;
 - Government target was for everyone to achieve a minimum of 2mbps (mega bits per second) by 2015;
 - As Shropshire was a rural county, it was likely that different blends of technologies would be required, e.g. fibre to premises and / or fibre to cabinets;

- A technical partner would need to be identified by a procurement process, the technical partner would need to complete the physical works and would also be required to provide significant financial investment to the project;
- Shropshire Council was liaising with Cumbria County Council, being one of the pilot projects, to learn what went well and what they may have done differently; and
- Telecare, the service designed to enable independence for disabled and older people, was a critical factor included within the project.

17.3 Any questions or comments could be emailed to:
Alison.Brock@shropshire.gov.uk

For further information visit the website at:
www.connectingshropshire.co.uk

18. Lets Talk Time (Agenda Item 7)

18.1 There were no public questions or comments raised.

19. Funding Applications Summary (Agenda Item 8)

19.1 The Chairman welcomed applicants to present their funding bids to those present.

19.2 The Committee discussed each application and it was:

RESOLVED: that the following applications be approved:

<u>Application</u>	<u>Amount</u>
St Mary's Church PCC	£1,450.00
Friends of Whitchurch Road Cemetery	£2,000.00
Ark Childcare	£2,000.00
Myddle Village Hall Committee	£2,000.00
Parochial Church Council	£2,000.00
Harmer Hill Village Hall	£341.01
Total	£9,791.01
Remaining Budget	£10,757.99

20. Future Agenda Items (Agenda Item 9)

20.1 Suggested Agenda items, in order of preference:

- Review of Car Parking Charges – financial information and enforcement details to be available, the relevant Portfolio Holder and appropriate officer to be present to answer any questions;
- Update on the SAMDev (Site Allocations and Management of Development) document;

- Quality Status – how to achieve this and the benefits once achieved the relevant Portfolio Holder and a representative from the Association of Local Councils (ALC) to attend and answer any questions; and
- Sport and Leisure Services update.

20.2 Contact Ruth Mansfield, Community Action Officer, or Ann Almond, Committee Officer with any other suggestions for potential agenda items for consideration at future meetings of this Committee.

21. Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting (Agenda Item 10)

21.1 It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on Monday 6th February 2012 in the Council Chamber, Edinburgh House, New Street Wem at 7.00 p.m.

The Chairman thanked those present for attending.

The meeting ended at 8.55 p.m.

Signed(Chairman)

Dated