

COMMENTS, QUESTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS from 14 July 2010 meeting

Local Joint Committee for Whitchurch and Prees

Comments/Questions/Suggestions	From	Response Requested From	Response/Action
Problems of parking on and nearby the roundabout by St Alkmunds Church, Whitchurch	Doris Ankers	Police and Shropshire Council	<p>The Police report that the garage owner has been spoken to and has undertaken to move vehicles if problems arise.</p> <p>Council officers advise that proposed parking restrictions for Whitchurch are being finalised and this includes Claypit Street and Yardington. The Statutory consultation stage, which involves advertising proposals in the local newspaper, notices on site etc. will commence shortly.</p>
Reconsider the Whitchurch Tennis Club funding application again please.	H Balcombe, Hollies Tennis Club	Julie Ruler and LJC	See Funding Requests report later on in the agenda (Item 9).
From previous meetings;			
The Public Toilets in Whitchurch are poor. Can they be improved please?	Public	Steve Brown, Head of Environmental Maintenance	<p>A review of Public Conveniences for Shropshire has been undertaken, following a consultation exercise with Town and Parish Councils. One of the key issues is the poor quality of some of the public toilets across the county and the future arrangements for operation.</p> <p>Options from the initial consultation have been considered, and proposals are being sent out to Town and Parish councils for consideration. Once these are concluded future operating arrangements, and or closure of some facilities could be considered. There will be no improvement of existing facilities (other than health and safety requirements) until negotiations have been finalised. It is hoped that this exercise will be completed in the next few months.</p> <p>The Environmental Maintenance team will discuss potential options with Whitchurch Town Council.</p>

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<p>On the exit from the Waymills Industrial Estate site onto the main road, there are various signs advertising local services. They impede the view from the right-hand side as you exit the estate.</p>	<p>Cllr Dakin on behalf of a member of the public</p>	<p>Frank Whitley Principal Planning Enforcement Officer (Area North)</p>	<p>The entrance to Waymills Industrial Estate was cleared of all signs on 30 June. Although Shropshire Council has the power to remove unauthorised advertisements, it would likely be unlawful to dispose of the signs themselves. Accordingly, the removed signs were returned and an undertaking was given by the owners not to re-erect the signs. However it appears that some signs have re-appeared.</p> <p>The advertisers now claim that the site has been used continually for advertising for the last 10 years. If this is turns out to be the case, the signs would be permitted by virtue of Class 13 of the Advertisement Regulations.</p> <p>Legal advice is currently being sought on this point.</p>
<p>Are business rates going to be reviewed? Currently in North Shropshire sports clubs get an 80% discount, but recently at a sports forum I attended I heard of clubs in South Shropshire receiving 100% discount. Can this be looked at please?</p>	<p>Don Pearce, Whitchurch Cricket Club</p>	<p>Council Tax, Business Rates Team</p>	<p>A report went to Cabinet on the 21 July 2010 entitled 'Discretionary Rate Relief'. Very briefly, all sports clubs receive 80% charitable relief (assuming that they meet charitable status and/or are registered Amateur Sports Clubs). Clubs are eligible for a further 20% discretionary relief if they are registered as Community Amateur Sports Clubs and can demonstrate that their membership is mainly composed of active members rather than social members, that the club is accessible to all, and that the club has achieved the Club Mark accreditation standard.</p> <p>There are also options for clubs to access discretionary 75% and 25% rates relief dependent on a number of criteria.</p>