

COMMENTS, QUESTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS from 9 February 2011 meeting

Local Joint Committee for Whitchurch and Prees

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Sadly, there had recently been a fatal accident on the A49 Prees Green bends (Saturday 5 February). This followed on from a spate of similar serious incidents over the past few months, culminating in several residents and local business owners calling for a reduction in the speed limit on that particular stretch of the road in Prees Green. This was an emotive issue and PC Jones assured that he would meet shortly with highways officers to review the situation.	Mrs Rainford	Dave Gradwell	The highway maintenance team will be undertaking carriageway surfacing improvements on the A49 through Prees Green as part of their works programme commencing in April 2011. A provisional scheme for speed limit reduction on the A49 at Prees Green has been put forward for consideration as part of the LTP works programme for 2011/12. However, this will have to be prioritised against other scheme requests from across the County and will be subject to available funding.
The ongoing problem of parking on Smallbrook Road, opposite Greenfields Rise was raised. The Police confirmed that they had strenuously tried on at least two previous occasions to deal with this difficulty, but to no avail. Grasscrete as a possible solution to this problem was being investigated and a response from Meres and Mosses regarding a financial contribution was awaited.	Member of the public	Police/ Dave Gradwell /Meres & Mosses	It would be possible to introduce parking restrictions at the junction of Smallbrook Road and Greenfields Rise, however, it was felt that alternative parking needed to be provided for the residents of properties Nos. 104 to 118 Smallbrook Road who currently park at this location. It has been suggested that the provision of 'grasscrete' on the grassed area in front of these properties could resolve this issue, however, this needs to be considered/approved by Meres & Mosses who are the landowner.
It was requested that the LJC look at the problem of a dilapidated road surface on land around the war memorial and the lane leading up to the primary school at Prees. The Parish Council had already made enquiries as to who owned the land but to date had drawn a blank. The Parish Council ultimately wished to see the surface improved and the lane up to the school lit, as this was hazardous, especially in the winter months.	Chairman Prees Parish Council	David Limb Senior Highways Manager, North	The status of the road around the War Memorial, and up to the School entrance, is unclear. I am informed that it is not an adopted highway maintainable at public expense. Our Development Control Section has indicated it may be within the Church's ownership. Occasionally in the past, Hodnet Divisional Highway Office has, without prejudice, made safe dangerous potholes on this road. The entire road surface up to the Church and School entrances' requires resurfacing (with a substantial amount by hand-laid material). I estimate

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<p>It was hoped that a partnership approach be generated with the LJC and Shropshire Council and other partners to help resolve this issue.</p>			<p>this cost to be in the region of £7,400. I am prepared to fund £4,000 from Divisional highway budgets, and arrange for this work to be done, provided funding on a shared-cost basis is put in place by interested parties. This estimate does not include any provision for street lighting which, if required, would need to be provided separately prior to resurfacing. If this work were to go ahead ownership of this land, and future maintenance liability, would not be prejudiced, nor changed, in any way.</p> <p>Cllr Ian Henderson is making local enquiries of the Church, The Old Vicarage, the property overlooking the War Memorial and the Primary School via Governor David Hopwood in an attempt to establish ownership of this land.</p>
<p>There was only one GP Led Commissioning Consortia in Shropshire. It was highlighted that currently there was no representative on this from the north of the county which was extremely disappointing. It was requested that the LJC seek a suitable representative from the local area to be appointed.</p>	Mr Dodson	Cllr Gerald Dakin	<p>A GP Commissioning Transition Board has been set up. Following elections, Dr Caron Morton has been elected as Chairman of the Board and Dr Bill Gowen has been elected as Vice-Chairman.</p> <p>A series of clinical sessions in Oswestry, Whitchurch and Market Drayton are being held to seek the involvement of GP's in the north of the County.</p>
<p>Could funding recipients come back to the LJC to give a brief presentation on what they have done with their funding. Furthermore could more general knowledge about the funding applications be made available at future meetings and any discussions on each application be made in public by the Committee, so that the process is more transparent.</p>	Member of the public	Nicki Young Community Action Officer	<p>Feedback forms are issued at the end of each year and receipts are requested.</p> <p>All 2010 recipients have been invited to attend the next and future LJC meetings to provide feedback – see agenda item 7 'Feedback from 2010 Grant Funding Recipients' (9/6/11 mtg).</p>
<p>The Localism Bill, intended to shift power from central government back into the hands of individuals, communities and councils was</p>	Member of the public	Mike Hyatt, Corporate Head of	<p>Anticipating the Bill will be enacted in 2012, Shropshire Council is focusing on 3 key areas;</p>

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<p>highlighted as a new topic area for the LJC. Implementation of the Green Paper would be of interest to a number of local people.</p>		<p>Strategic Planning</p>	<p>1) Work with the voluntary and community sector to prepare for new legal rights - including the community rights to buy and challenge 2) Reshaping the role of elected members - piloting a range of new support and development with members in South East Shropshire 3) Neighbourhood Planning - parts of Shropshire identified as 'Front Runners' by Government to experiment with new powers for local communities to steer development in their patch.</p> <p>We've also re-shaped how the Council works with the Community Action Team and Area Directors supporting elected members and local community groups.</p> <p>Mike Hyatt has been invited to give the LJC an update on this at their October meeting.</p>
<p>From previous meetings;</p>			
<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 2010. 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. Legal advice is currently being sought.</p> <p>In the interim the owner is being approached to discuss the possibility of erecting a 'noticeboard' to tidy up the area.</p>

