

COMMENTS, QUESTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS from 9 June 2011 meeting

Local Joint Committee for Whitchurch and Prees

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A resident of Higher Heath stated that Heathwood Road had been repaired recently and he knew of plans to repair Twemlows Avenue shortly too. Therefore he requested that Gorse Meadow also be looked at as 3 slabs were crumbling away. It was agreed that this matter be raised with officers at Shropshire Council and a report made back to the LJC.	Member of the public	Ian Walshaw Engineering Assistant, Highways North	Gorse Meadow, Higher Heath has been inspected, but officers were unable to locate the crumbling slabs that were reported. For fault and work reporting please contact the Highways, Shropshire Council on Tel no 0345 678 9006 or email: EMnortheast@shropshire.gov.uk
The outline of a proposed project in Prees village, to provide a small ICT facility through Rural Challenge was given by Mr Nash. Due to tight timescales it was proving difficult to consult fully with everyone and therefore he asked if the LJC were in support of this project in principle. Estimates of £7,500 had been confirmed to move this forward.	Paul Nash, Prees	LJC	The LJC confirmed at the meeting that they were supportive of this scheme in principle. However, following the meeting it transpired that a suitable venue could not be secured to host the ICT facility, so unfortunately this project will not be moving forward.
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. It was hoped that a partnership approach be generated with the LJC and Shropshire Council and other partners to help resolve this issue.	Chairman, Prees Parish Council	David Limb/ Ian Walshaw Highways North	Shropshire Council will assist and arrange for this work to be done, provided funding on a shared-cost basis is put in place by interested parties. The revised total cost of resurfacing the whole of the road, from Church Road up to the rear entrance of Prees Primary School is now £10,000. Following a meeting between Shropshire Councillors, Shropshire Council officers and Prees Parish Council members on site, it has been agreed that Shropshire Council Highways Division will contribute £4,000 and £3,200 will be funded jointly from Prees Parish Council, Prees Primary School, the PCC and neighbouring properties. This leaves a shortfall of £2,800.

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			<p>Shropshire Councillor Gerald Dakin is currently trying to source £2,000 from the LEA and it is hoped the outstanding £800 will be funded from Whitchurch & Prees LJC, with a possible contribution from Prees Parish Council.</p> <p>This is an unadopted road and public right of way extends from Church Road up to the church gate only.</p> <p>It has been confirmed by the Highways Dept that this work will take place during October half term this year (2011).</p>
<p>The Localism Bill, intended to shift power from central government back into the hands of individuals, communities and councils was 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>Member of the public</p>	<p>Mike Hyatt, Corporate Head of Strategic Planning</p>	<p>Shropshire Council is focusing on 3 key areas;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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>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><i>George Candler will update the LJC on this at the 13 October 2011 meeting.</i></p>