

COMMENTS, QUESTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS from 13 October 2011 meeting

Local Joint Committee for Whitchurch and Prees

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<p>Traffic calming was requested at Broughall/Brookfields crossing on the A525 road to Nantwich.</p> <p>A flashing 'SLOW' sign was requested to reduce speeding vehicles along this stretch of road.</p>	<p>Lila Sample, Broughall resident</p>	<p>D Gradwell/ Ian Walshaw</p>	<p>Site visit held 25 November 2011.</p> <p>A review of the road signs along the A525 Nantwich Road at Whitchurch has been carried out and a number of changes to the existing signs identified. This includes the warning signs on both approaches to Broughall crossroads. Funds are available to allow the work to be carried out during the current financial year and it is anticipated that all of the work will be completed by the end of March 2012.</p> <p>We are also investigating how we can improve the visibility at the crossroads when emerging onto the A525 from Broughall Lane.</p>
<p>Improvements to the Broughall A525 road for about 2 - 3 miles were urged.</p> <p>There had been a large number of accidents recently (10 accidents in 3 months and 3 accidents within the last 2 weeks).</p> <p>It was requested that Shropshire Council Highways make the road safer or reduce the speed limit along that stretch of road, which is currently 60 mph. Issues at the junction at Catteralls Lane were also highlighted, where it was very dangerous to cross.</p>	<p>Chris Weaver, Villa Farm, Broughall</p>	<p>D Gradwell/ Ian Walshaw</p>	<p>Site visit held 25 November 2011.</p> <p>Improvements to the existing signs will be completed by the end of this financial year, March 2012.</p> <p>Officers are currently investigating how much land may be needed to improve the visibility to the current standards and what the likely costs of this may be. When this is known, we will contact the land owner to discuss proposals. <i>We have also put forward this scheme as a bid for capital funding, but if it can be funded from the maintenance budget that would be preferable.</i></p>

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<p>Speeding along the beginning of Liverpool Road was highlighted. There was a 30 mph speed limit here. It was suggested that possibly the introduction of speed humps might reduce vehicle speeds?</p>	<p>Cec Poutney, Whitchurch resident</p>	<p>D Gradwell/ PC Tony Jones</p>	<p>Officers in conjunction with the local police are asked to investigate this and report back.</p> <p>Speed readings have been carried out on Liverpool Road and these show that there is not an issue with speeding on Liverpool Road. Liverpool Road has got a good safety record, there having been no recorded personal injury accidents within the last three years and in view of this it would not be considered a priority for the introduction of traffic calming measures such as speed humps.</p> <p>The issue here appears to be more a case of poor driving rather than excess speed. Cars are entering and emerging from Liverpool Road without proper regard to the road markings. There is also a large increase in vehicular movements due to the new estates being developed. Police speed enforcement is not appropriate in this instance.</p>
<p>It was requested that a bollard be erected at the end of Pepper Street, thereby preventing vehicles entering onto High Street, which currently happened and was very dangerous.</p>	<p>Rob Hewson, Whitchurch resident</p>	<p>D Gradwell/ PC Tony Jones</p>	<p>Officers in conjunction with the local police are asked to investigate this and report back.</p> <p>The Police have looked at this matter a number of times over the years. Better signage has been put in place in recent years by Highways but the road continues to be used as a short cut by drivers.</p> <p>Unfortunately, due to current scheme commitments and available resources it has not been possible to progress a scheme for the installation of bollards on Pepper Street as part of this year's works programme. However, this is on our list of schemes to progress as part of next year's</p>

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			works programme which commences in April. However, before any works can be carried out to install bollards there is a legal consultation process that will need to be carried out and plans will be sent out to local Members, Town Council, etc, in due course.
Parking around the junction of Alkington Road and Rosemary Lane was making entry and exit difficult due to reduced visabiity. Can the provision of double yellow lines be looked at please?	Cec Poutney, Whitchurch resident	D Gradwell/ PC Tony Jones	Officers in conjunction with the local police are asked to investigate this and report back. As the Police no longer enforce parking regulations they have no input on this matter. Council Officers will investigate the provision of double yellow lines at the junction of Alkington Road/Rosemary Lane. However, it needs to be borne in mind that there is limited alternative parking for residents at this location and therefore this may receive objections.
It was requested that the impact of the new car parking charges in Whitchurch be monitored. After some discussion it was generally agreed that the charges for town car parks should all allow the first hour of parking free.	Therese Hickland, Whitchurch Business owner	Karen Nixon	This is currently being monitored by Whitchurch Town Council, who will continue to scrutinise the situation. See agenda item 7 entitled 'Parking Charges in Whitchurch' - 8 March 2012 meeting.