

COMMENTS, QUESTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS from 14 June 2012 meeting

Local Joint Committee: Whitchurch, Prees and surrounding area

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<p>Further information was requested in relation to the following question regarding car park income: “Could the Council provide an audited account of money collected in each Whitchurch car park and the number of fines imposed – giving the period included.”</p>	Councillor Gerald Dakin	Zoe Mortimer, Engineering and Contracts Manager	<p>Summaries of;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whitchurch Car Park income for 2011/12 • Existing and Proposed tariffs for Whitchurch Car Parks, June 2012 <p>are attached for information.</p>
<p>Local residents requested a 20mph speed limit on the main road through the Town centre following a road incident involving a child in Brownlow Street.</p>	Member of the public	Ian Walshaw	<p>Ian Walshaw explained to the meeting that unfortunately Newport Road did not meet the criteria for a 20mph speed limit.</p> <p>He agreed to forward a copy of Shropshire Council’s policy regarding speed limits to Gerald Dakin for information.</p>
<p>It was reported that Brownlow Street car park was being used as a rat run.</p> <p>Cars were turning right into the car park and cutting through to Green End to avoid waiting at the lights to turn right. Speeding and safety was a concern because of this.</p>	Member of the public	Zoe Mortimer Engineering and Contracts Manager	<p>Zoe Mortimer has contacted all relevant officers and is unaware of any problems in the Brownlow Car Park. Further hard evidence is needed in order to investigate this matter any further (based on a lack of supporting information). There needs to be a significant problem before any constraints can be put in place.</p> <p>In addition to the above response, the Police have confirmed that they are also unaware of the car park being used as a rat-run. There have been no incidents or reports and they are unaware of any problems.</p>

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It was reported that HGV's were parking on the road by the garage near the Raven café, Prees Heath and restricting visibility.	Member of the public	Ian Walshaw	It was confirmed that the Highways team were aware of this and a scheme for double yellow lines had been proposed. Since the meeting the yellow lines have been advertised locally (August) and an order placed with contractors. Work was completed 2 October.
Why was there no right turn off the A41 into Twemlows Ave, Higher Heath.	Member of the public	Ian Walshaw	The decision was made by the Highways Agency for visibility reasons when the A41 was a trunk road.
It was reported that there was a 'dip' in the High Street road in Whitchurch Town Centre.	Member of the public	Ian Walshaw	The Highways Team undertook to look into this issue. In doing so, it was found that it was intended to resurface this section of Whitchurch High Street. However proposals to refurbish the Civic Centre also include work to the carriageway at this location and it is considered that it would be more efficient to carry out all of the work at the same time. Road closures will be required to carry out any work on the carriageway in High Street due to its width. The High Street is inspected regularly and there are no safety defects.
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Concern was raised again in relation to cars parking near the junction of Greenfields Rise and Smallbrook Road.	Member of the public	David Gradwell	The Chairman reported that David Gradwell from the Highways Team had been notified of this issue and was looking into the matter. A formal bus stop with a clear way sign is to be introduced at this location. This will prevent parking immediately opposite the Greenfields rise junction.

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<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>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>Highways officers reported that 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 2011/12 works programme. However, this is on our list of schemes to progress as part of the 2012/13 works programme. 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.</p> <p>A Plan will be sent to local Members, Town Council and Police for informal consultation week commencing Monday 8th October 2012.</p>
<p>Double yellow lines required for outside the petrol station at Prees Heath to stop lorries parking there overnight and blocking the road.</p>		<p>Ian Walshaw</p>	<p>A traffic order is with Mouchelle and will go out to public consultation in the near future.</p> <p>Double yellow lines have now been put down and the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) will come into effect on 11th October 2012.</p>