

COMMENTS, QUESTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS from 18 October 2012 meeting

Local Joint Committee: Whitchurch, Prees and surrounding area

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<p>Further to restrictions introduced to alleviate problems caused by lorries parking outside the petrol station at Prees Heath, it was reported that this issue had now moved on elsewhere.</p> <p>Lorries were now parking on the Waymills Industrial Estate overnight and even in Manor House Lane, Higher Heath.</p>	Public	Police	<p>The Chairman advised that double yellow lines were soon to be put down in Waymills Industrial Estate, which should sort the problem in this location.</p> <p>With regard to Manor House Lane he noted that the police had been involved in getting the lorry to move and that they were monitoring the situation.</p>
<p>Blocked drains along Whitchurch High Street had come to light, especially with the recent heavy rains.</p> <p>Particular blackspots reported at the were;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By the speed hump at Liverpool House • Two grids by the Whitchurch Herald Office <p>A general complaint was made that all the storm drains were blocked and full of rubbish.</p>	Mrs Seward	Ian Walshaw	<p>A deep clean is underway in Whitchurch. All of the highway gullies will be cleaned as part of this work.</p> <p>The yard gullies into which the down spouts discharge are the responsibility of the property owners.</p>
<p>Overhanging greenery opposite the Greenfields Rise was highlighted.</p> <p>It needed cutting back.</p>	Member of the public	David Gradwell	<p>Site to be inspected and owner contacted if necessary.</p>

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<p>What is the evidential data to support the 'Make Ready Project' for improving rural response times in Shropshire above current performance?</p>	<p>Jo Whelan, Prees PC</p>	<p>Barry McKinnon, West Midlands Ambulance Service.</p>	<p>A specific meeting has been arranged for 14 March 2013 at the Civic Centre, Whitchurch, to discuss the 'Make Ready' Project in Whitchurch and the surrounding area.</p> <p>This is being hosted by the Ambulance Service.</p>
<p>There are a number of signs cropping up in and around Whitchurch on public highway verges. They are considered dangerous and need removing please.</p> <p>Examples given were outside Sir John Talbots school, on roundabouts and at some junctions e.g. on Waymills Industrial estate and on Heathwood Road in Higher Heath.</p>	<p>Mr Gilling</p>	<p>Ian Walshaw</p>	<p>Regular inspections are carried out and the owners of illegal signs are contacted, where known, and asked to remove them. Others are removed by Shropshire Council staff to store for 28 days and disposed of if not collected by the owners.</p> <p>Shropshire Council attempts to keep illegal signs to an absolute minimum but have limited resources to deal with this issue.</p>
<p>The footpaths in Higher Heath on Manor House Lane, along A41 by the woods and especially to the playground area are very overgrown. Who has responsibility to clear them? They are very dangerous on the main road.</p>	<p>Mrs H Seward</p>	<p>Ian Walshaw</p>	<p>The owners of the land adjacent to the highway are responsible for the maintenance of the hedges/trees which grow out over the footways. Shropshire Council will contact the owners of the hedges and request that they are cut back so that they do not obstruct the footway.</p> <p>The owners of the woodland adjacent to the A41 have been contacted and asked to cutback the overhanging trees/hedge.</p>

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It was requested that a bollard be erected at the end of Pepper Street, thereby preventing vehicles entering onto High Street.	Mr R Hewson,	D Gradwell/ PC Karen Evans	<p>Highways officers report that they have carried out informal consultations with the local Members, Whitchurch Town Council etc., regarding the installation of bollards on Pepper Street (see map of plan changes on display at the meeting).</p> <p>There have been no objections received to the proposal as part of the informal consultation process and therefore it is assumed that there is general support for the introduction of bollards on Pepper Street. In view of this, the intention is now to complete the detailed design and to progress to the statutory consultation stage whereby the proposal is sent out for wider public consultation, including advertising in the local press and the posting of notices on site.</p>
Concern was raised again in relation to cars parking near the junction of Greenfields Rise and Smallbrook Road.	Member of the public	Ian Walshaw	<p>A formal bus stop with a clear way sign is on the Shropshire Council Highway Schedule of Works, to be completed within this financial year.</p> <p>This bus stop will prevent parking immediately opposite the Greenfields rise junction.</p>