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Date: 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017

## WHITCHURCH AND PREES LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

**Date:** Wednesday, 21 February 2018  
**Time:** 7.00 pm  
**Venue:** Whitchurch Civil Hall, Whitchurch

You are requested to attend the above meeting.  
The Agenda is attached

Claire Porter  
Corporate Head of Legal and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer)

### Members of Whitchurch and Prees Local Joint Committee

Peggy Mullock (Chair)	Beverley Duffy
Thomas Biggins	Jean Betteridge
Gerald Dakin	William Allen
Paul Wynn	Ray Hirons

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# **AGENDA**

## **1 Introductions**

## **2 Apologies for Absence**

To receive apologies for absence.

## **3 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

Members are reminded that they must not participate in the discussion or voting on any matter in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the debate.

## **4 Notes (Pages 1 - 24)**

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

## **5 Partners and Communities Together (PACT)**

Including Police and Ambulance Service Updates.

## **6 Shropshire Council Update**

- ✓ Consultation Early Help Delivery Model open until 6<sup>th</sup> March
- ✓ Pharmacy Needs Assessment online consultation until 19<sup>th</sup> March

## **7 Reporting and Scrutiny (Hot Topics)**

Lisa Ashby, Development Officer for Economic Growth.

## **8 Whitchurch Town Council**

- Cllr Bev Duffy will give an outline of the work done so far by the Town
- Council to address the Economic Growth of Whitchurch

**9       Whitchurch Chamber of Trade**

Therese Hickland, Chair, will talk about the role of the Chamber and how it fits in to the Economic Growth Strategy.

**10       Workshop: How to shape the Economic Growth of Whitchurch**

An invitation to members of the public to share their vision and values through a hands on activity.

**11       Public Question Time**

To receive any questions, statements or petitions from the public, notice of which has been given in accordance with Procedure Rule 14.

**12       Feedback Forms**

Please complete the feedback forms and leave on the table.

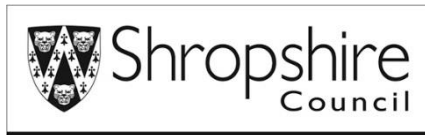
**13       Dates of Future Meetings**

It is proposed that future LJC meetings be held as follows:

- 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at Ash Village Hall at 7.00pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at Calverhall Village Hall at 7.00pm

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# Agenda Item 4



## Committee and date

Whitchurch & Prees  
Local Joint Committee

4<sup>th</sup> October 2017

## Item

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## WHITCHURCH & PREES LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

### NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017 IN Tilstock Village Hall AT 7PM

#### **Committee Members Present:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Council</u>
Mr Tom Biggins	Shropshire Councillor
Mrs Peggy Mullock	Shropshire Councillor (Chair)
Mr Paul Wynn	Shropshire Councillor
Mr Ray Hirons	Prees Parish Council
Mrs Bev Duffy	Whitchurch Town Council

#### **Officers present:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Role</u>
Nicola Fisher	Community Enablement Officer, Shropshire Council
Kevin Aitkin	Shropshire Council

There were approximately 10 members of the public at the meeting.

#### **ACTION**

#### **23. Welcome**

The Chair welcomed everyone.

#### **24. Receive Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Shropshire Councillor Gerald Dakin. Cllr Paul Wynn gave his apologies as he would have to leave the meeting early.

#### **25. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

Members were reminded that they must not participate in the discussion or voting on any matter in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the debate.

#### **26. Confirm Notes of LJC meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017**

It was RESOLVED that the notes of the previous meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> March be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

#### **27. Partners & Communities Together (PACT)**

## West Mercia Police

Sgt Claire Greenaway reported that there have been no excessive incidents in the Whitchurch area, listing the following:

- Lead Theft- SmartWater project.
- Burglary
- Working with the UK Border Agency on immigration matters
- Domestic Violence and ASB support for victims

Issues were raised about the speed of traffic on Station Road and St John Talbots school. Sgt Greenaway reported that joint visits between police and Dave Gradwell of Shropshire Council had resulted in actions of advisory signage. This is a national issue and PCSOs frequently patrol outside of schools to advise parents. Whitchurch Town Council to be included in SmartWater project

The issue of lorries going across the Bullring in Whitchurch were raised. Sgt Greenaway agreed to contact company to advise them as a photo showing the registration number could identify the vehicle.

## Shropshire Ambulance Service

Colin Fitzmaurice reported that current incident rates are running at Christmas and New year levels daily. There is no plan to move the ambulance station outside of Whitchurch. Urgent need to re-educate our communities on the appropriate use of the 999 services. High number of inappropriate calls to the 999 service which wastes time and resources.

There was discussion regarding the fatality due to cardiac arrest in the Bullring. No paramedic had attended the emergency; the defibrillator could not be located and the nearest ambulance was 20 minutes away.

The Whitchurch ambulance had already been deployed, the nearest ambulance was 20 miles away, and the air ambulance was committed, as was North Wales and Welsh ambulance services. The Helicopter was diverted and arrived 2 minutes after the ambulance which had covered 20 miles to arrive.

The issue of Defibrillators was explored and it was agreed that Mr Fitzmaurice would obtain the ambulance held list of the location of local defibs. He reassured members that if you call 999 you will be directed to the nearest defib and that the ambulance service has the code for access.

The issue of on-line defibrillator training was discussed; however, they are very simple to use and good guidance is clearly available in the box.

## **28. Whitchurch Men's Sheds**

Men's Sheds.

The Men's Shed philosophy is predicated upon creating spaces for men to meet and socialise. Many have workshops and activity areas and members are keen to undertake projects for other CVS organisations to help the local community. The Whitchurch Men's Shed is in CNE, and they have an amazing workshop. They have recently finished building a

shed for Santa's grotto. They are working to increase their membership, currently a small group meeting on a Wednesday and Thursday. They are looking to become dementia friendly. The Shed will be a core part of turning CNE into the White Lion Community Centre.

The issue of making things to sell was discussed, however the constitution states that they can't sell items but people can make donations.

The Issue of bicycle maintenance was discussed and other possibilities, however, work undertaken is dependent upon the members' skills

## **29. Shropshire Council Update – Car Parking Strategy**

### **A COPY OF THE PRESENTATION IS ATTACHED FOR INFORMATION.**

The aim of the Car Parking Strategy is to standardise car-parking arrangements and to do away with the disparity across the county. Equipment is old and out of date and does not reflect the consumer's usage or patterns of payment. Shropshire Council needs to invest in the fabric of the car parks. The strategy aims to clarify the situation and for ease of understanding introduce a linear pricing structure. It is anticipated that if Shropshire Council gets the linear pricing structure correct then it will alleviate congestion and improve air quality as we limit the car-parking cruising that currently happens as people look for spaces or move cars due to short-stay car parks. The aim is to give greater customer choice and to encourage "dwell times" as customers will only pay for what they use.

Residents are encouraged to respond to the consultation which is available on the Shropshire Council website and remains "live" until 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

The issue of introducing parking charges between 6-8pm was discussed and the possible impact to the night-time economy.

The Issue of the need for additional enforcement officers was discussed and that low compliance would result in greater enforcement and generated income would fund additional staff.

The issue of prejudicing low-income working people was discussed and the need to keep shopping car-parks available to shoppers.

The issue of private free car parks being negatively impacted by the introduction of these measures was discussed.

Cllr Mullock encouraged people to fill in the consultation and reminded attendees that the consultation closes 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Cllr Biggins sought clarity on the introduction of on-street car-parking charges. Shropshire Council is not proposing to introduce any additional on-street car parking charges anywhere in the county.

## **30. Question Time**

The issue of statistical prediction of the impact of a population increase in Shropshire was discussed. Assurances were given that Shropshire council continually reviews demand and provision of services and infrastructure.

The issue of the new highways contract was discussed and the current state of local roads. Residents were encouraged to contact Cllr Mullock via email so that she can refer matters to the portfolio holder.

The issue of penalty charges on utility companies who do not complete works per licences was discussed and assurances were given that all revenue raised was reinvested into road maintenance.

The issue of Community Infrastructure Levy payments was discussed and clarity was sought as to the definition of "local area".

### **32. Next Meeting**

The 2017/2018 round of Whitchurch & Surrounding Areas Local Joint Committee meetings are:

28<sup>th</sup> February 2017 in Whitchurch Civic Centre

All meetings start at 7pm and doors will be open from 6.30pm.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting closed at 20:50

Signature (Chair) ..... Date: .....



# Shropshire Council's Parking Strategy (draft)

## **Whitchurch LJC**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017



# Why do we need to review current arrangements ?

- Current arrangements have evolved.
- Ease of understanding - Linear pricing
- Congestion management and impacts upon air quality.
- Reinvestment in the fabric of the car parks
- Reflecting modern trends and use of technology
- Disparity of arrangements across the county.
- Greater customer choice.
- Encourage dwell times.
- Pay for only what you use

## **Proposal 1: The setting of standard banding levels for each identified car park**

Each banding level will be dependent on:

1. The market town the particular parking area is located
2. The location, proximity and convenience of the parking area to the main desired destination
3. Desired turnover
4. Likelihood of obtaining a space within the parking area
5. Capacity of the parking area



## **Proposal 2: The introduction of a set price per hour (known as 'linear' pricing)**

1. Allows the motorist to receive the exact amount of parking time for a uniform charge irrespective as to whether the stay is short or long
2. Linear tariffs are simple to understand, removing the complexities of variants on banded rates,
3. Gives the customer options dependant on the period they wish to park and/or the coinage they have in their pocket



## **Proposal 3: To introduce charging and pay and display in the following car parks:**

1. Gobowen Station, Gobowen
2. Newport Road, Market Drayton



## **Proposal 4: To introduce linear tariffs and charging between 9.00am and 8.00pm.**

1. The extension of the hours to which charging applies in the evenings
2. A relaxation to which charging applies in the mornings
3. Keeping things simple to understand and consistent (one standard tariff) whilst managing transport policy objectives

## **Proposal 5: The extension of opening hours in Raven Meadows multi storey car park in Shrewsbury 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.**

1. To meet the demand with the ongoing development of the night-time economy (a safe / secure car park facility in close proximity to the town centre)
2. As an alternative option to on street parking
3. To address the current shortfall in appropriate parking for rail users with linkages to the town centre
4. Attractive to users of the adjacent hotel, which has limited parking capacity

## **Proposal 6: A new trades person waiver system**

1. Replacement of the existing Red and Green Waiver system and to introduce a Trades Person / Work Waiver each application being assessed for appropriateness
2. Up to five working days' notice prior to the active start date will be required so that site checks can be carried out prior to authorisation being granted or refused



## **Proposal 7: The removal of restrictions on periods of maximum stay and minimum return subject to purchase of an appropriate ticket**

1. Car parks will no longer be designated Long or Short stay carparks (maximum stay will no longer apply)
2. In keeping with the principles of linear parking-unrestricted periods providing the appropriate tariff for the time they wish to stay
3. Reduce parking space 'cruising'
4. Promote dwell time - top up and extend their stay without having to return or move their vehicle.
5. Improved flexibility for trade persons including return visits.

## **Proposal 8: Removal of the 15-minute ‘pop and shop’ period**

1. Parking regulations require the operation of a mandatory 10-minute grace period
2. In addition Shropshire Council, are currently operating a 15-minute “pop and shop” provision.
3. A free 25-minute period parking period is currently available.
4. A number of shop and business have a desire to promote dwell time (minimum 1 hour) and not have a period of free parking that makes people rush their retail activity

**Proposal 9: Extend times of loading bay restrictions to 8.00pm in line with the proposal to introduce linear tariffs and extend charging until 8.00pm in the evening.**

- To retain appropriate provision and allow loading and unloading to be carried out

**Proposal 10: To make all existing loading bays available within the Shrewsbury river loop as taxi bays between 8.00 pm and 7.30 am.**

1. There are far more taxi / hackney carriages operating in Shrewsbury than any other market town
2. There is an identified shortfall of taxi rank provision within the Shrewsbury river loop
3. Aims to encourage existing hackney carriages/taxis to be more visible and available for hire in appropriate places
4. Gives alignment with evening parking proposals supporting the night-time economy, promote safeguarding priorities and to minimise the risk of crime and disorder

## **Proposal 11: A new On-Street Residents parking policy framework**

1. Fully integrated with the new parking strategy proposals
2. In line with current transport policies and modern technologies
3. With development proposals will safe guard existing residents on-street parking provision
4. Will assist in traffic management and the reduction of traffic congestion, thus improving amenity and reducing pollution/ carbon emissions
5. Gives greater flexibility in the use of Residents' Parking Scheme gateway signage

## **On – Street residents parking Proposal**

1. Focus on 'on- street' highway space availability and traffic management issues
2. The initial assessments by Traffic Engineers.
3. At least 50% of resident's must support the proposals
4. If the spaces available less than the number of propertie, permit maximum limit of one per property
5. If the spaces available is equal to or greater than the number of properties residents will be entitled to purchase a maximum of 2 permits per property.
6. Each registered property entitled to receive up to 200 hours visitors parking

## Proposal 12: The introduction of weekly parking tickets

1. Service enhancement providing additional flexibility to visitors including tourists and holiday makers, a service we have previously been unable to provide despite there being a demand.
2. The proposed rollout of pay by phone, provision of new parking machines and technology will facilitate this service

## **Proposal 13: The setting of new standard tariffs and criteria for Season tickets, Coach, HGV and Off-street Residents Permits**

1. Standardised and modelled based on the proposed banding levels
2. Initial primary discount applied assuming usage requirements of 8 hours a day, 200 days per year with a further variant secondary tiered discount
3. Season tickets - monthly, 3 monthly, 6 monthly and annually
4. Annual Resident's Permits – 2 types
5. A standard 24-hour stay HGV and Coach tariff is proposed on all HGV and Coach Parking areas



## **Proposal 14: Change of use of the HGV / Coach park, Crossways Church Stretton to a pay and display car park**

- Currently no take up of the HGV & Coach Parking provision, therefore looking to make available to others



## Implementation Programme (subject to Cabinet approval).

		Start:	Go live:
<b>Phase 1</b>	Shrewsbury	December 2017	May 2018
<b>Phase 2</b>	Ludlow	March 2018	July 2018
<b>Phase 3</b>	Bridgnorth	May 2018	September 2018
<b>Phase 4</b>	Oswestry	June 2018	October 2018
<b>Phase 5</b>	All other areas	July 2018	November 2018

# Any Questions?

<http://shropshire.gov.uk/news/2017/07/proposed-parking-changes/>

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