



Committee and date
Whitchurch & Prees
Local Joint Committee

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WHITCHURCH & PREES LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6th JULY 2016 IN PREES VILLAGE HALL AT 7PM

Committee Members Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Council</u>
Mr Ray Hirons	Prees Parish Council (stand in for Mr Paul Gill)
Mrs Bev Duffy	Whitchurch Town Council
Mr Gerald Dakin	Shropshire Council
Mr Tom Biggins	Shropshire Council
Mrs Peggy Mullock	Shropshire Council
Mr Paul Wynn	Shropshire Council
Mrs Jean Betteridge	Ightfield & Calverhall Parish Council
Mr Will Allen	Whitchurch Rural Parish Council

Officers present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Role</u>
Nicki Young	Community Enablement Officer, Shropshire Council
CSO Graeme Baines	Safer Neighbourhood Team, West Mercia Police
Shaun Sutton	Public Protection Officer, Shropshire Council
Debbie Vogler	Future Fit Transformation Director
Russ Millhouse	Head of Secretariat & Student Support, University Centre Shrewsbury

There were approximately 16 members of the public at the meeting.

ACTION

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone, each member of the Committee introduced themselves and the Chair explained the nature and remit of the Local Joint Committees (LJCs).

2. Annual election of Chair/Vice Chair for the ensuing year and receive apologies

The Community Enablement Officer called for elections for a new Chair - Shropshire Councillor Peggy Mullock was elected Chair of the Whitchurch Area Local Joint Committee for the ensuing year, proposed by Paul Wynn and seconded by Gerald Dakin – all agreed. Councillor Mullock then asked for nominations for Vice Chair – Paul Gill was nominated in his absence, proposed by Gerald Dakin and seconded by Paul Wynn, all agreed.

3. 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.

4. Confirm Notes of LJC meeting on 24th February 2016

Liza Willis, a member of the public, raised a correction to the wording of paragraph 61.

Question Time:

“- Liza Willis – at the top of Westbrook Avenue parking is becoming a real issue.”

Liza wanted to clarify what she had meant by the suggestion:

“proposal that the hedges be removed and cars are requested to park on the verges.”

Action: Peggy Mullock will speak to Highways about the suggestion.

It was RESOLVED that the notes of the previous meeting held on 24th February 2016 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record. Proposed: Paul Wynn: Seconded: Tom Biggins – the meeting notes were duly signed by the Chair.

At this point the Chair requested that item 7a, Future Fit presentation, was brought forward as the presenter had to leave as soon as possible. All agreed. The meetings notes will be presented in line with the Agenda, but note that 7a presentation was given prior to the PACT meeting.

5. To receive feedback from matters arising at 24th February LJC meeting

Following a comment by Big Red's House at the 24th February LJC meeting, that their organisation was being inundated by young people who were self-harming - predominantly males aged 14-15 years - the Community Enablement Officer was tasked with setting up a Young Persons Mental Health meeting with professionals and Big Red's House to understand in depth the reported problem.

Advice was sought from the CCG and a one-off meeting was called, to include all senior schools within the area where pupils may be from Whitchurch. Also in attendance were representatives from Shropshire Youth Association, TaMHS Training Support and Development Officer, Public Health, CaMHS, Shropshire Mind and Commissioning and Redesign Lead - Women's and Children's, Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group.

SJT representative explained that the school were surprised at this report as they are not aware of an increase in their students self-harming. Explaining that schools pick up self-harm from PE lessons and that SJT are not aware of young people who are struggling either. SJT has a 'self-esteem team'.

TaMHS representative advised the meeting that Public Health are recruiting a primary mental health practitioner, who will help schools make decisions on appropriate routes for young people to help with self-harm. This practitioner will help schools to provide a pathway. TaMHS representative went on to talk about the Transformation Plan and of the Shropshire Safeguarding Children's Board, how self-harm has been highlighted to all agencies and that a Self-Harm Pathway which includes guidance and tools for practitioners working with young people who are self-harming.

Shropshire Youth Association agreed to meet with Big Red's House to discuss CAMHS Tier system, Compass training, safeguarding and DBS checks, explaining that if their organisation affiliates with SYA they will receive support, guidance and free DBS checks.

The CCG Commissioner summed up, stating that as commissioner of mental health services for young people she had been reassured by the meeting that there wasn't a disproportionate need in relation to self-harm in Whitchurch. She highlighted that it was important to coordinate services locally and ensure that all services, including Big Red's House are giving a consistent message to young people.

6. Partners & Communities Together (PACT)

CSO Graeme Baines reported that he covered Whitchurch Rural areas and gave an update on recent crime trends in the area:

- Safer Neighbourhood Team & West Mercia Police had received over 1,000 calls since 24 February, reporting 22 crimes
- The Local Policing Officer had issued search warrants on Whitchurch addresses, where arrests had been made
- Travellers on White Lion Meadow had moved onto the site early June, but they moved on when they said they would
- People are coming from out of Shropshire to commit crime, Police are aware and doing stop searches – vehicles have been seized – this work will continue
- VoSPA and Trading Standards are working partnership with the LPT
- Speed regulation equipment has been installed in Ash and Quina Brook. Graeme reported that speeding in Ash was not too bad, with just a few cars over the speed limit.
- Graeme himself was undertaking speed camera training.

Q. Jean Betteridge asked the Police to make sure that traffic does not divert through Ightfield & Calverhall when VoSPA are doing the checks at Prees Heath.

Q. There has been a car in the hedge just off the A41 – what are the Police doing about this? Graeme said that as the car was not an obstruction then it was a matter for Shropshire Council and had been reported to Highways.

[Post meeting note: Statement by Shropshire Council: Vehicles involved in RTCs are normally dealt with by the Police, as they will liaise with the driver directly and would be aware if the car was stolen. Shropshire Council received an enquiry about the vehicle earlier this week (7th July 2016) and have made contact with the police in order to establish the circumstances. The owner of the vehicle is responsible for removing it, so Shropshire Council will work with the police to ensure that they arrange this. If the owner does not take the necessary action, Shropshire Council will arrange for the removal of the vehicle and recharge the costs to the owner.]

7. Reporting and Scrutiny (Hot Topics)

(a) Future Fit – Debbie Vogler, Future Fit Transformation Director, attended to update the audience on the direction and timescales for Future Fit work.

The focus is sustaining acute services in hospitals.

- i. 3 options are being looked at, each include a single emergency centre as well as rural care centres.
- ii. Decisions have been made to consolidate some services on one site.
- iii. Shropshire is unable to attract senior consultants to A&E, emergency medicine and critical care (intensive care) posts, due to working hours.

- iv. Future Fit has an emphasis on outcomes, what is the outcome for patients, especially with regard to accessing medical services and travelling to sites.
- v. There are currently 120,000 attendances at A&E across the two sites of Telford and Shrewsbury. 60% of these could be managed at current Minor Injury Units. 40% would need to go to a new urgent care centre. The biggest issue is for people to know the navigation routes to get the right help, ie, A&E, Minor Injury Units, Shropdoc or GPs.

The majority of planned care is to be at the site where the urgent care centre is not; ie, surgery and day cases. Outpatients, diagnostics, ie, x-rays, CT scans, etc, will remain at both sites.

Future Fit are focussing on acute hospital admissions and the Sustainable & Transformation Plan (STP).

- vi. Community resilience
- vii. Collaborative GP practices
- viii. How community hospitals be utilised

The NHS Trust have been asked to go back and look at plans which were affordable;

- ix. Option appraisal in September 2016
- x. Clinical Model review September 2016
- xi. CCGs will receive output of appraisals
- xii. Formal consultation in December 2016 – planned for a 12 week period
- xiii. Decision in Spring 2017

An Integrated Impact Assessment is being drawn up. This document will look at what the impact will be on communities, ie, access/political climate and a qualities review. The Assessment will target hard to reach people who may have high access to medical services, ie, mental health.

The new A&E Department will be at one of the locations of the current A&Es and will receive capital investment to rebuild and/or refurbish the existing A&E. Currently looking at £100-£200million investment.

The Sustainable Transformation Plan is a central Government initiative which looks at the system plan and future vision of primary care, including:

- a. recruitment and retention of GP practices
- b. Emergency care – major trauma current travels to Stoke and heart patients to Stoke or Wolverhampton.
- c. The STP will base the work on needs of locality, including health and social care – in response to a question about Whitchurch Community Hospital, it was explained that the STP and Future Fit are looking a rural urgent care centres to prototype new ways of working.

Future Fit are looking at what car they can bring back into Shropshire. They may still have to use out of county hospitals for emergencies, but would like to bring back planned heart stents, etc, into Shropshire.

Future Fit have also set up a manpower plan, there is a shortage of trainee doctors in Shropshire and these gaps are currently being filled by locums. Assurance was given that current services are OK.

(b) Shrewsbury University – Russ Millhouse, Head of Secretariat & Student Support, University Centre Shrewsbury attended to give a presentation on University Centre in Shrewsbury. The presentation covered:

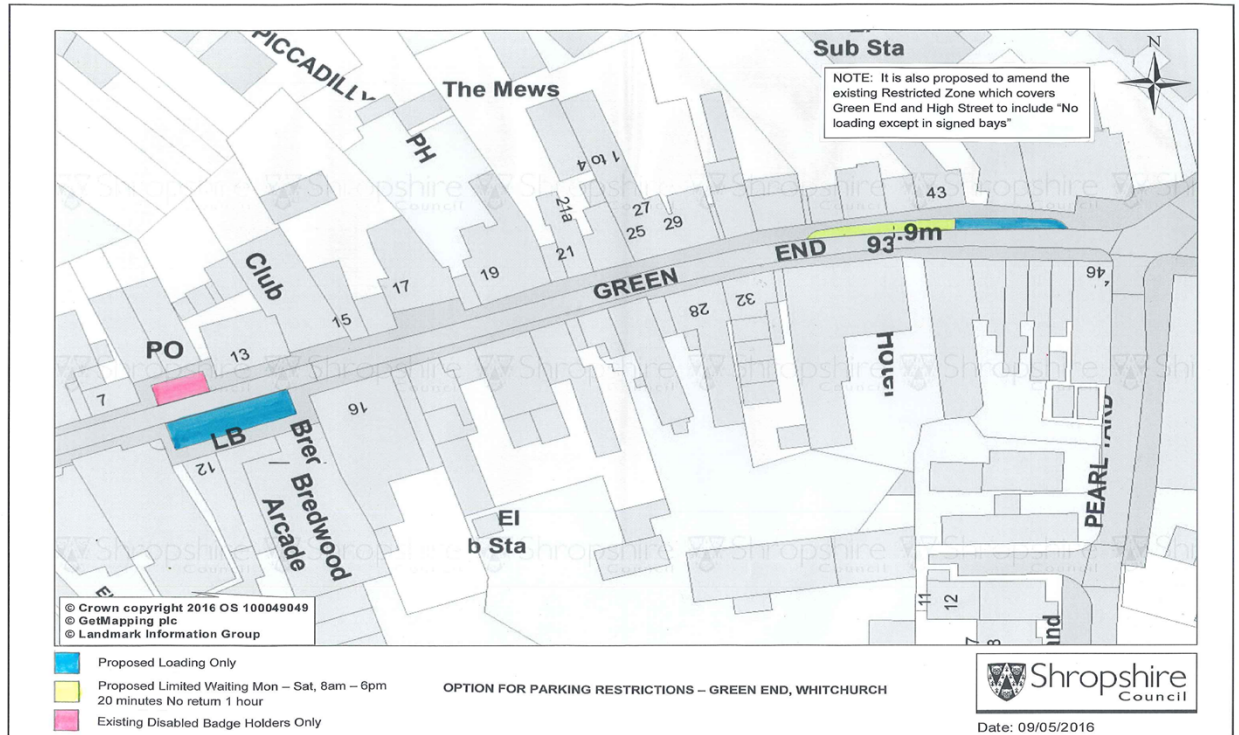
- Undergraduate curriculum
- Undergraduate prospectus
- University Centre in Shrewsbury – living accommodation and what to expect
- Postgraduate curriculum
- Academic development
- S:PEAR is a co-curricular programme that will run alongside academic studies at UCS and will develop students studying at University Centre Shrewsbury across the following areas [Skills, Professional, Entrepreneurial, Academic, Research]
- Recruitment area
- School areas where students have come from, including international students
- Background information on the Guildhall, where University Centre Shrewsbury is located
- Rowley's House site and Rowley's Mansion (built c. 1616-1618), including a fully refurbished ground floor, including Shrewsbury Room and Baxter Room; Now open to the public as information point for UCS and Higher Education; Plan for long-term use to be produced; Venue for many UCS Public Events
- Community activity – examples: Shropshire County Show and Shrewsbury Flower Show
- Information on accommodation, where it was sites and how it has all been refurbished
- Upcoming events programme for Rowley House, more information can be found at www.ucshrewsbury.ac.uk
- For more information Russ Millhouse can be contact by email: r.millhouse@chester.ac.uk or phone: 07787 691475

8. Shropshire Council Update –

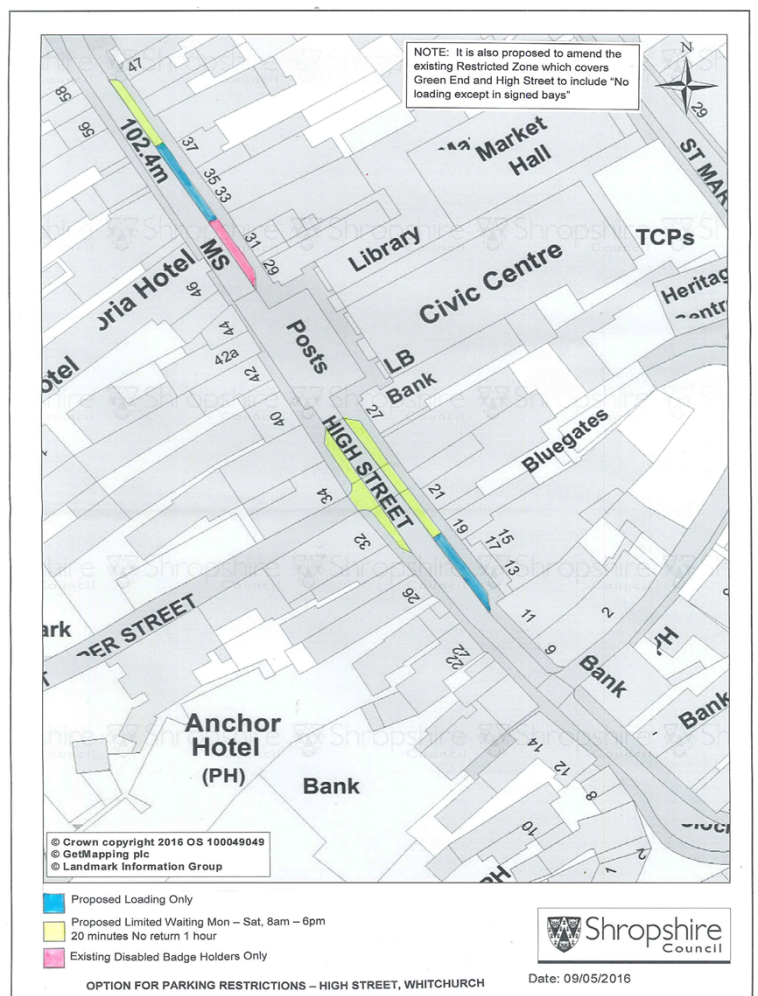
Parking in Town Centre. At the Whitchurch LJC meeting on 24th February, Simon Lyon, Whitchurch Chamber of Trade, had submitted a question – “the High Street is now very busy, especially with deliveries, which is brilliant for the town as it is thriving, but the layout of the town centre is now not fit for purpose. Can loading bays be included in the town?”

Following two task & finish group meetings, Shropshire Council Highways officers has drawn up a plan for the town centre. Shaun Sutton, Public Protection Officer provided a presentation with the following maps on:

Green End – proposed parking restrictions and loading bays
High Street – proposed parking restrictions and loading bays



- Proposed loading bays
- Proposed limited waiting
Mon-Sat 8am – 6pm
- Existing Disabled Badge holders only



Shaun went on to explain that Whitchurch is the only market town in Shropshire that does not have loading/unloading facilities in the town centre. That the proposed plans are the first stage to fix the issues raised.

The plans show the areas for proposed loading bays and Whitchurch Chamber of Trade had suggested that these bays be used as loading/unloading in the morning only. Shaun advised against putting different restrictions on parking areas during the daytime. He went on to say that if the restrictions are put in place he would ensure increased parking enforcement in the town.

Before any plans are implement businesses would be consulted on the loading bay times. Project costs would be between £2,000 - £3,000.

Church Street – a resident raised the issue of cars parking and blocking the entry & exit of private homes in the street. Current restrictions on Church Street are a single yellow line with no parking between 8am and 6pm. It was reported that after 6pm parking in the street is chaos and that she has spoken to Dave Gradwell, Shropshire Council Highways, who has made a site visit. Shaun will ensure more enforcement is done in Church Street and will speak to Dave Gradwell

9. Question Time

- Mr David Martin brought to the meeting his concerns regarding a pothole near his property in Sandford. The hole had been repaired 5 times and still it was coming loose and making the drain cover bang, which kept him and his wife awake at night. Shropshire Councillor undertook to chase up Highways about the issue. **Action: PW**

10. Feedback Forms – people were reminded to complete their feedback forms and offer any suggestions for topics for the next meeting.

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Whitchurch area Local Joint Committee meeting will take place on Wednesday 19th October 2016 in Ash Village Hall.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting closed at 20:44

Signature (Chair) Date: