



Committee and Date
Bridgnorth, Worfield,
Alveley, Claverley
and Brown Clee
Local Joint
Committee

Tuesday 8th
November 2016

Item No

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Public

**NOTES FROM THE BRIDGNORTH, WORFIELD, ALVELEY, CLAVERLEY
AND BROWN CLEE LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2016 AT 7.00 PM AT ALVELEY PARISH
MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL, DADDLEBROOK ROAD, ALVELEY, WV15
6JT
(7.00 – 9.00 p.m.)**

Responsible Officer Tracy Johnson
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Committee Members Present:

Shropshire Council

Christian Lea
John Hurst-Knight
Tina Woodward
Les Windwood

Town/Parish Councils

Sue Morris, Astley Abbotts Parish Council
Chris Noble, Alveley and Romsley Parish Council

West Mercia Police

PC Stuart Lippitt
PCSO Sue Eden

Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service

Fire Officer Ashley Brown

1. Election of Chairman

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that Cllr Christian Lea be elected Chairman for this municipal year.

2. Election of Vice Chairman

It was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that Cllr Tina Woodward be appointed Vice-Chairman for this municipal year.

3. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies for absence

Cllr Christian Lea welcomed everyone to Alveley Parish Memorial Village Hall.

Apologies were received on behalf of the following: -

Cllr William Parr, Shropshire Council,
Cllr Michael Wood, Shropshire Council,
Liz Wakelin, Badger Parish Council,
Richard Cotham, Claverley Parish Council,
Howard Lane, Billingsley Parish Council,
David Cooper, Bridgnorth Town Council,
Anne Wilson, Bridgnorth Town Council,
David Voysey, Badger Parish Council,
Stephen DeLauney, Ryton & Grindle Parish Council.

4. Declaration of interest

None

5. To consider and approve the notes of the meeting held on 13th April 2016

The notes were agreed and signed by the Chair.

6. Community Safety

6.1 PC Stuart Lippett informed the group about the Safer Neighbourhood team based in Bridgnorth and how to contact them and how to find out crime information in the area at street level to use the following website: <http://www.police.uk/>

6.2 There have been 4 operations in the last 2 months in and around Bridgnorth.

- Operation Triumph (March-October) concentrating on the

volume of motorbikes that use Bridgnorth as a through route, 2 lives were lost this year so there has been a push out from all SNT to North Shropshire on Sundays.

- Operation Silverfield – checking vehicle road safety – MOT/TAX and insurance working in partnership with VOSA. The police have been seizing vehicles if they are not safe or they do not have documentation.
- Operation Vulture - inter force initiative combating the travelling criminal. Working with other police forces in Staffordshire, Cheshire and North Wales
- Operation Protect rolled out during Bonfire night and Halloween mainly dealing with community safety issues and public reassurance.
- Please look at website for other police initiatives eg Stop that Thief and We Don't Buy Crime, Watch Schemes and Don't Drink and Drive over the Christmas period.

website: <http://www.westmercia.police.uk/watch/>

Police ASB Telephone No:101

Police and Emergency Services Telephone No: 999

Shropshire Council ASB Telephone No:0345 678 9020

Shropshire Fire and Rescue

6.3

Fire Officer Ashley Brown stated that accidental property fire remains low. The fire service is running a couple of campaigns over the winter period with regards to log burners (getting chimneys swept), electrical safety campaign's particularly looking at heaters. The fire service has noticed an increase in white good fires eg tumble dryers all goods should be registrar with the manufacturers.

website: <https://www.shropshirefire.gov.uk/>

7. Presentation 1: Chris Edwards – Head of Infrastructure and Communities – Shropshire Council

Chris Edwards gave a presentation on his current role of Head of infrastructure and Communities which covered the following areas:- (Presentation available on request)

- Community Enablement Team – key areas of work
- Waste Management
- Leisure Services
- Carriageway Resurfacing in 2016 and 2017
- Local Transport Plan – work planned for 2017
- Outdoor Partnerships

- Public Transport
- Shropshire Libraries

Chris Edwards went into more detail with regards to work in the Bridgnorth area.

- Bridgnorth Swimming pool – severe underground corrosion of support pillars that support the roof currently undergoing a full assessment. Swimming pool will be out of operation for sometime. Leisure Facilities Strategy will be going to cabinet in December.
- Ringway contract end March 2018 looking a different way of working which would be beneficial for all.
- Bridgnorth bypass – need maintenance on bridge joints resurfacing, tree work and drainage, the work would take up to 20 weeks starting in the summer next year. Consultation will take place first.
- Outdoor partnership – 3 in Bridgnorth area Severn Valley Country Park, Stanmore Country Park and Eardington Nature Reserve. Website: shropshire@greatoutdoors.co.uk
- Public Transport – the emergency contract expires on 31st May 2017 a tender process will be in place to find a provider for the service – included in this tender will be the 436 Bridgnorth to Shrewsbury Service and 101 Bridgnorth Town service.
- Libraries – there will be 6 main library hub sites of which Bridgnorth will be one. There has been a staffing restructure and a reduction in opening hours to bring Bridgnorth in line with other Libraries around the County. Need to look of mobile libraries in the area. Customers service are currently consulting on opening hours etc.
- Waste Management – launching blue bag cardboard and paper kerbside recycling in Bridgnorth 27th February 2017

Graham Downes gave a presentation on the carriageway resurfacing which has been completed in 2016 and planned work for 2017. (please see presentation) in addition to the works were: -

1. Faraday Drive – carriageway works
2. Wenlock Road – footway resurfacing phase 1
3. Maple Crescent, Alveley – footway resurfacing

Local Transport Plan work planned for 2017

1. A442 Norton – Amendments to speed limit and new vehicle activated signs
2. B4373 Cross Lane Head – New footway link to Bridgnorth

Questions

Mr Grocock: Mobile Libraries could do with external paint work to make them more attractive. CE we would have to look into this but there is no budget for this type of work.

Cllr. Morris: If the Library is open 6 days a week because of staff/services using the people there is no real savings on electricity/rates/heating bills etc. should the library look for social/community groups to use the space when the library is technically not being used.

Cllr. Marshall: Bridgnorth Town Council had discussion with CE regarding the Library however it was recommended to BTC not to pursue this any further because the Library in Bridgnorth is not only used by Bridgnorth residents but from people from other parishes.

Cllr. Lea: mentioned the footpath at Fort Pendlestone which was overgrown by brambles and hedges. GD will contact Apley Estate regarding the footpath.

8. Public Questions/Future Agenda items

Cllr. Marshall was appalled by the poor turnout of the cllrs, parish cllrs, LJC members and members of public to the LJC meeting. CE commented that some LJC were the same across the county and only large numbers attend when there is a particular issue in the community.

(The Bridgnorth LJC is publicised (via a press release and poster) with all SC Cllrs., LJC Members, Parish Council Clerks, Shropshire Council Website and press office and democratic services press release sent out to Shropshire Star and Bridgnorth Journal – posted on facebook and press release and poster sent out to community contacts in the Bridgnorth area).

Future Agenda items: Future fit/health consultations

9. Date of Next Meeting : 8th March 2017 TBC

SignedChairman

Date