



Committee and date

Whitchurch & Prees  
Local Joint Committee

1<sup>st</sup> March 2017

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**WHITCHURCH & PREES LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE**

**NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2017  
IN WHITCHURCH CIVIC CENTRE AT 7PM**

**Committee Members Present:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Council</u>
Mr Chris Smith	Whitchurch Town Councillor
Mr Gerald Dakin	Shropshire Councillor
Mr Tom Biggins	Shropshire Councillor
Mrs Peggy Mullock	Shropshire Councillor (Chair)
Mr Paul Wynn	Shropshire Councillor
Mr Will Allen	Whitchurch Rural Parish Councillor
Mrs Jean Betteridge	Ightfield & Calverhall Parish Councillor

**Shropshire Councillors Present:**

Mrs Karen Calder Portfolio holder for Health, Shropshire Councillor

**Officers present:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Role</u>
Nicki Young	Community Enablement Officer, Shropshire Council
Kate Garner	Locality Commissioning Manager, Shropshire Council
Penny Bason	Health & Well-being Coordinator, Shropshire Council

There were approximately 35 members of the public at the meeting.

**ACTION**

**23. 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).

**24. Receive Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Prees Parish Councillor Paul Gill.

**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 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

Clarification was given on para 20. of the previous notes, a question was asked about the number of banners hanging on the front of the Civic Centre. Bev Duffy clarified that Whitchurch Town Council was a tenant of Shropshire Council and the lease states that no banners are to be hung on the front of the Civic Centre.

It was RESOLVED that the notes of the previous meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> October be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record. Proposed: Gerald Dakin:  
Seconded: Chris Smith – the meeting notes were duly signed by the Chair.

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

### West Mercia Police

Thanks were passed on from Whitchurch Junior School following the presentation from the Police on internet safety.

PC Deb Wheeler reports that there has been no excessive incidents in the Whitchurch area, listing the following:

- Shed break-ins
- ASB with vehicles speeding/noisy exhausts
- 385 vehicles had been checked and 5 were over the limit, one given a ticket
- s41 issued for noisy exhausts
- s59 warnings were given to 2 drivers

PC Wheeler reminded people to call 101 or report on Facebook 'Shrop Cop' any issues, especially those relating to speeding in the town centre and to give as much information as possible.

Issues were raised about vehicles parking within 10m of a junction, PC Wheeler reported that the Police cannot deal with this and should be reported to Shropshire Council Enforcement Team.

The issue of speeding in the town centre was raised and PC Wheeler reported that she is currently working with the Safer Road Partnership regarding this issue.

### Shropshire Fire

Ian Johnson encouraged people to join the retained fire-fighting service due to shortage in numbers. He went on to report that the Whitchurch Fire Station have plans to join with Whitchurch Police.

Shropshire Fire currently have a smoke alarm campaign, contact 01743 260200:

- renew/new smoke alarms
- criteria – home safety risk assessments for the vulnerable and elderly

Whitchurch Fire crew have:

- new equipment – appliances and cutting equipment
- Pet resuscitation equipment had been donated by Leonard Bros.

- A Car Wash Day planned
- Currently 18 retained fire fighters

## **28. Reporting and Scrutiny (Hot Topics)**

### **(a) White Lion Meadow car park, outside Tesco.**

Whitchurch Town Councillor John Sinnott reported that he had visited Shropshire Archives and read the 1958 minute books, from February 1958 to 9 January 1959. White Lion Meadow was purchased by Whitchurch Urban Council from Lloyds and was made into a car park in 1964. Locally it has been mentioned that the people of Whitchurch own the car park, and records show that White Lion Meadow car park was sold to the Council, which was succeeded by North Shropshire District Council and then Shropshire Council, therefore there is conclusive proof that White Lion Meadow is not owned by the people of Whitchurch.

It was also reported that the current lease between Shropshire Council and Tesco states that no charges can be made to park and that the car park is for shoppers only, therefore the new car park signage will have to be changed. A meeting will take place between Tesco, Shropshire Council Planning Department and Shropshire Councillors to discuss this.

Concerns were raised about people working at the Wood Yard, Bredwood Arcade and the swimming pool. It was suggested that the Planning Committee ask for a condition to be put on the planning permission, requesting those that work in these sites to be able to submit their registration numbers to the company operating the Vehicle Recognition Cameras and therefore allowed to park whilst they work.

## **29. Shropshire Council Update – Neighbourhood Care Model**

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

The aim of the Neighbourhood Care Model is based on long-term work; we need to look after ourselves, get active and keep active. The team presenting highlighted the number of people being diagnosed with diabetes, over 100 per month, and how this number could be reduced.

Shropshire Councillor Karen Calder, Cabinet Lead for Health and Well-being Board talked about the Sustainability and Transformation Plan. This includes Resilient Communities, including care about the community, as well as the Healthy Lives Programme, which includes support for people to help themselves keep fit and healthy.

In Whitchurch there is a Well-being Forum which is supporting the county-wide work on Resilient Communities and promoting the Shropshire Choices website, which is a one-stop web-site with information on adult social care.

## **30. Question Time**

No questions were asked.

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

### **32. Next Meeting**

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

14<sup>th</sup> June 2017 in Higher Heath Village Hall  
4<sup>th</sup> October 2017 in Tilstock Village Hall  
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: .....