



**Golden Valley (Peterchurch) PACT Meeting
Thursday 20th May 2010
Action Sheet**



Version 2 (updated 30-6-10)

Present:

Cllr David Taylor (Chair)

Cllr Philip Price
Cllr Jo Fishley

David Powell (Director of Resources Herefordshire Council)

CSO Kevin Powell (WMP)
David Shepherd (Community Protection Team)
Jo Neil (Amey)
Deb Davies (Community Safety Officer HW Fire and Rescue Service)

Parish Councillors

Jean Hammond
Chris Thomlinson
Hilda Griffiths

Chris Bucknell (Herefordshire Partnership)

8 members of the public

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<p>Issue 1 (Issue 2 on previous sheet) Speeding is still a problem in Peterchurch. At one time there was a temporary speed limit at either end of village; this worked well and the perception was that people were driving slower through the village.</p> <p>There are various kinds of speed indicator device available, could one be installed? Is there any evidence to show which of these devices is</p>	<p>Response at the PACT Speed indicators register how many vehicles are slowing down and this data is available.</p> <p>It has been found that having one speed indicator device is not effective as it only measures cars coming in one direction. Often villages group together to share speed indicator devices so that they can have one</p>

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<p>most effective in slowing vehicles down?</p> <p>During a recent demonstration WMP said that the use of speed indicator devices were not recommended as some your people use them to see how fast they can go.</p>	<p>either side of the village for a period of time.</p> <p>There have been incidents where people have used speed indicator devices to show how fast they can go but most have a maximum speed and do not register over 35 or 45 mph.</p> <p>Amey reported that the Department for Transport is surveying every speed limit in the country. This exercise will be complete by the latter part of this year.</p> <p>Herefordshire Council need to carry out a survey before a device can be considered. Surveys are normally generated by a request from the Parish Council and/or from the school. It was agreed that the Parish Council and the school governors should work together to try and get the survey done.</p>
<p>Issue 2 (Issue 9 on previous sheet)</p> <p>The white lines on the road through Blakemere (close to the Village Green) still have not been reinstated. After the road was resurfaced the area was inspected and the position of the white lines marked but nothing has happened.</p> <p>White lining is also missing on the road from Blakemere to Madley.</p>	<p>Response at the PACT</p> <p>Hardwick Junction has been completed and the lining at Blakemere will be picked up when the patching has been completed. Work should begin in the next 2 weeks.</p> <p>A lot of roads in this area will be dressed, patched or resurfaced over the coming months. The road from Madley through to Shenmore will be done shortly.</p>
<p>Issue 3 (issue 14 on previous sheet)</p> <p>The response on the funding formula needs more explanation. While it is true that the funding formula presents a bias towards urban areas this is not a deliberate bias as is suggested in the response.</p>	<p>Response at PACT</p> <p>The response reflects what, in Local Government Terms, is perceived to be the position. While it is true to say that there is nothing in the formula that presents an explicit bias towards urban areas, some of the measurements used, for example car ownership, disadvantages the way that rural areas are funded. To take the example of car ownership; in Herefordshire, a rural area with relatively poor public transport links, there is a high level of car ownership which affects the way</p>

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<p>If ESG goes ahead will the money made available by previous government be used to counteract this inequality?</p>	<p>Herefordshire is funded.</p> <p>We do not know yet how the new government intends to move forward with the ESG project; however, it should be noted that the funding for ESG was awarded on merit and not to counteract poverty.</p>
<p>Issue 4 The way the potholes have been filled in is inadequate and will not last longer than around a month. They are not always cut out with a straight edge and very rarely compacted. On contacting the Council Cllr Wilcox gave a response which indicated that on A and B roads potholes are cut back with a straight edge, primed, filled with fresh tarmac and compacted. On C and unclassified roads the same procedure is followed except the holes do not need to be cut back with straight edges. There is very little evidence to show that this procedure is being followed.</p> <p>The road between Kingstone and Locks Garage was inspected and marked out around 3 weeks ago. To date work hasn't started; a lot of the holes have got worse and traffic has obliterated many of the white lines. There is also a large piece of tarmac missing in Clehonger which is dangerous for cyclists.</p> <p>Cllr Price noted that many miles of county roads have been repaired and Amey are doing an excellent job. Last weekend the centre of Fownhope was completely resurfaced; it is an excellent job and Amey should be commended on what has been done. There has also been a great improvement on the roads around Wormelow.</p> <p>It was also noted about the amount of voluntary work that is being done through Amey, who supported the Red Cross Big garden event. The response is excellent, thank you.</p>	<p>Response at PACT Cllr Wilcox was correct in his response; there are several ways of trying to resolve issues with the road surface. The surface could be completely re-tarred which would be a major expense or just the bad areas cut out and re-tarred. Temporary maintenance includes putting hot tar in potholes as an emergency measure to help protect the motorist. The policy for carrying out maintenance and repairs deteriorates as you go down the road structure, which is why unclassified roads are rarely repaired. The expectation is that A and B roads are kept as passable as possible.</p> <p>A lot of temporary and emergency patching work (which does not use straight edge cutting) has been necessary because of the extreme bad weather. All the work is being carried out properly and to the required quality and technical standards. All work should be side sealed all the way around so that when the work is compacted the material does not come over the edge.</p> <p>Amey have begun the work in Kingstone and Clehonger.</p> <p>Herefordshire Council has put a lot of money into roads; albeit in a year when local authorities are facing financial pressures. The benefit this money has brought can clearly be seen across the county.</p> <p>Any environmental issues can be reported via the Streetscene number and e-mail (below); litter at the side of the road, graffiti, dog fouling, potholes, overgrown verges etc etc etc. Members of the local</p>

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Problems have been faced when trying to report defects to Amey.	community are encouraged to report anything they feel needs attention. Streetscene Tel No: 01432 261800 Email: streets@herefordshire.gov.uk
Issue 5 Can you confirm that all Parish Clerks receive details of the PACT meetings?	Response at the PACT: All Parish Clerks are circulated with information regarding PACT meetings. However, if there is a specific area which is not getting the information this will be looked into as it is possible their details have not been updated.
Issue 6 There is a housing development called The Hops in Kingstone. All the houses have been sold but the signs are still up. Whose responsibility is it to remove these signs?	Response at the PACT: There is a cost associated with removing the signs and this will need to be paid by someone. This issue would be taken away as an action and looked into.
Issue 7 Concerns have been raised about the future of the Day Care centre in Peterchurch. It is being said that it is only being funded on a 6 monthly basis.	Response at the PACT: Herefordshire Council owns the property which houses the day-care although the service is provided through Age Concern. This service is funded through Adult Social Care budgets and as such whether the provision continues is a matter for that Directorate. This would be looked into and reported back.
Issue 8 Is the Peterchurch Community Centre at risk of closure? It is being said that the school no longer want it used as a community venue.	Response at the PACT: Herefordshire Council owns a number of buildings and facilities across the county and a many of these buildings are not fully utilised. The Council is moving to a position where it delivers services on a locality basis and will be looking at how it delivers services and uses facilities in each of 9 localities across the county. As we move into a different funding climate, the use of all the Council's buildings needs to be reviewed otherwise there will not be enough resources to deliver the services the community needs. (Cllr Price) planning is still in the early stages but Peterchurch may become much enhanced by the move to locality working. There is a duty to ensure the Council's resources are used in the best way

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	possible and this sometimes means there are tensions between different organisations. The Village Hall Committee do not want to maintain the current building as it costs a lot of money but what happens next still has to be discussed and agreed as no suitable alternative location has been identified.
<p>Issue 9 The large road sign on the left-hand side coming over Greyfriars Bridge from the city is obscured by overgrown trees.</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: The person or organisation that owns the tree is responsible for looking after it and cutting it back. The road itself is the responsibility of Highways Agency. It is their responsibility to get in touch with the owner of the tree to arrange for it to be cut back. Amey will pass this on.</p>
<p>Issue 10 Madley Parish Council has received 2 planning applications supported by maps which are 6 years old and out of date. Using old maps when considering planning applications is not helpful and should be addressed.</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: This will be looked into; it may be that the Planning Department are not licensed to use a more up to date map.</p> <p>Additional Information Herefordshire Council does not provide maps for public use in planning applications, as our copyright does not allow it. However we can provide maps for applications that are on behalf of the Council or its partners, if the application is for our service needs, although the details of what we can and can't give out will need to be clarified with the GIS team who hold the copyright.</p> <p>The maps are very current and changes to the map base are made regularly as and when Ordnance Survey is informed and have re-surveyed.</p>
<p>Issue 11 When renewing a blue badge at Garrick house you have to produce two kinds of evidence of identity, which cannot be a driving license or passport. Utility bills are not always available and are not always in the name of the person applying for the blue badge. Could the types of evidence that are acceptable be clarified?</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: This would be looked into.</p> <p>Additional Information Applicants will need a selection of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two passport sized photographs signed on the back. • One proof of your address – this can be a utility bill, a rent book, council tax bill • One proof of your identity such as birth certificate/adoption certificate, medical card, pink/new style driving licence, passport, marriage certificate, bus pass

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £2.00 (Admin Charge - Non refundable). • Proof of your automatic eligibility • Any supporting evidence that would assist the assessment for non automatic applications
<p>Issue 12 Charities and local fund raising groups are now only allowed to use the stall in the Butter market 6 times per year. It used to be available much more frequently than that.</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: It may be something to do with the trading terms and conditions of the Butter Market. This will be looked into.</p> <p>Additional Information There are two types of charity user in the market, the charity stall or charities who have rented one of the vacant stalls.</p> <p>The Charity Stall; The stall is for Charity or craft sales. The stall is rented on a daily basis; rent is in the region of £13-00 per day for charities or £20-00 per day for a craft stall. Use is limited to 6 days a year per individual or group and bookings are made with the custodians.</p> <p>Vacant stalls; We have rented a vacant stall to Haven Breast Cancer Charity over Christmas and into the New Year. The stall was let to the group on a commercial rent on the same terms and conditions as any new tenant in the market. The group left in the New Year following problems with providing reliable staff to man the stall.</p> <p>Any charity coming to the market must adhere to the same terms and conditions as other traders. There are concerns that a charity will provide unfair competition to existing traders as they do not pay business rates and staff are volunteers and goods for sale are in part donated. Any charity coming to the market should be accessed on the basis of the impact they will have on the mix in the market and the affect they will have on established traders who depend on the market for their livelihood.</p> <p>At present we are in discussion with MI enterprises to take one of the stalls</p>

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	for their group. They are a charitable group who are a collective of disadvantaged people, through either learning difficulties or physical impairment. Each member of the collective will be permitted to trade on a certain day selling anything from foodstuffs to crafts etc. They successfully run the café at the Grange in Leominster and are looking to expand their enterprise. It is believed that the interest in the stall and its constantly changing nature will bring people into the market for the benefit of all.
<p>Issue 13 The exit routes out of the Maylord Car Park are now locked and entrance and exit has to be through the shopping centre. The signs say this is for safety reasons but there is no risk to people using those stairways.</p>	<p>Response at the PACT Although owned by Herefordshire Council Maylor Shopping Centre is on lease to a private owner. Herefordshire Council operates car park below the shopping centre and is aware of the issues regarding the exit routes. There are currently negotiations underway to address this.</p>
<p>Issue 14 Could there be more police in the area? There is a lot of vandalism in Madley. More police covering the area by the tennis court and school would be appreciated.</p> <p>How many CSOs are there for the Golden Valley?</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: WMP are aware of the issues. This will be a PACT priority which will ensure there is a heightened presence in the area. All targeted control areas have to be visited one per night where possible. .</p> <p>There are two CSOs for the Golden Valley, James Cook and James Preece who has recently joined the team.</p>
<p>Issue 15 At Parish Council meetings if Amey are questioned about the cost of a specific job the response is that this information can only be released under a Freedom of Information request. Why is this?</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: As far as Herefordshire Council is concerned, if a transaction in showing in the Council's accounts then it does not need a Freedom of Information request. There may be different internal rules within Amey. Herefordshire Council gets a monthly application from Amey itemising the cost of the work undertaken in that period. This is checked and there is a schedule of rates that can be viewed. Any Parish Councils wanting more information should contact David Powell, Director of Resources.</p>
<p>Issue 16 What will happen about parking in the city if the ESG proposals go ahead? At the moment people can park all day in Merton Meadow for</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: As mentioned earlier we do not yet know what proposals the new government will have for Advantage West Midlands or the ESG. The</p>

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<p>£1. Will any alternative facilities be comparable to this in terms of cost? It is the responsibility of the Herefordshire Council to provide those who live and work in the city with affordable parking.</p>	<p>ESG proposal, as it currently stands, provides some limited car parking, mainly related to the retail development. The option currently being pursued is a park and ride approach. Park and rides are generally not expensive. Herefordshire Council recognises it has a responsibility to provide car parking but there will not be a large car park provided within the city limits and people will need to rely on the park and ride to provide this facility.</p>