

**Hereford Rural PACT Meeting
Tuesday 26th October 2010
Version 2**



Cllr S Robertson (Chair)

Cllr Matthews
Cllr Guthrie

Marcia Pert, JMT Member
PC Neil James WMP

David Shepherd, Enforcement Officer

Rob Cunningham, Hereford Hospitals Trust

Jane Jones, Herefordshire Partnership
Liliane Deane, Herefordshire Partnership

1 members of the public, inc. Parish Cllrs

Issues from Previous Meeting	Response
<p>Item 2 There was still a problem with lack of feedback to some Parish Councils from Amey. This needs to be rectified.</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: Owing to staff illness, Amey were unfortunately unable to send a representative to the PACT meeting. Herefordshire Partnership gave a commitment to pursue the matter with Amey.</p> <p>Should a parish council require an update on items they have raised the onus is on their parish clerk to request this, unfortunately Amey do not have the resources to provide feedback on all defects reported.</p>
<p>Item 3</p>	<p>Response at the PACT:</p>

Hereford Rural PACT Meeting
Tuesday 26th October 2010
Version 2

Issues from Previous Meeting	Response
As with Item 2 (above) there was still insufficient feedback from Amey.	Herefordshire Partnership gave a commitment to pursue the matter with Amey. Additional information: Amey is unaware of any assessments being carried out in the Longworth Lane area.
Items 4, 8, 9 A number of outstanding issues still require follow-up and responses from Amey.	Response at the PACT: Herefordshire Partnership gave a commitment to pursue all the outstanding issues with Amey. Additional information: Item 4: Work has been programmed in but we are unable to provide an exact date for completion Item 8: We have contacted Network Rail but as yet have received no response Item 9: Defects are on the list for completion and work will be carried out as soon as practically possible A letter was sent to all Parish Councils in July 2010 asking them to contact Amey should they wish to participate in a parish walk. There is no set timetable for parish walks, they are booked as requested by Parish Councils. Amey are available to attend parish meetings if invited.
Item 5 Can there be an update on the speed patrols that have been taking place in the area? In some counties there are signs which show that specific areas are priority areas for speeding enforcement activities. Would this be possible in Herefordshire?	Response at the PACT: PC James reported that the speed patrols were still in operation. In respect of the suggested signs for speeding enforcement, these were still being considered.
Item 7 Was there any news on the latest position in respect of dog fouling and dog control orders?	Response at the PACT: Dave Shepherd, Enforcement Officer, reported that the orders were agreed on 6 October 2010 and came into force on 25 October 2010. He explained the four Orders:

**Hereford Rural PACT Meeting
Tuesday 26th October 2010
Version 2**

Issues from Previous Meeting	Response
	<p>Order 1: Removal of Dog Faeces Requiring persons in control of a dog to remove the faeces. This applies to land open to the air where public have access across the whole of the county (this does not apply to blind people with guide dogs and disabled people using trained assistance dogs)</p> <p>Order 2: The Keeping of Dogs on Leads Requiring people in charge of a dog to keep it on a lead within all designated community and garden areas and all Herefordshire Council owned cemeteries within the administrative area of Herefordshire Council.</p> <p>Order 3: Dogs on Leads by Direction Requiring all persons in control of a dog to put and keep the dog on a lead when directed to do so by an Authorised Officer. This applies to all land open to the air where public have access across the whole of the county.</p> <p>Order 4: The Exclusion of Dogs from Certain Areas ...bans dogs from certain areas of land as specified in the order where children play, used for particular sporting or leisure purposes, community areas and designated fields.</p>
<p>Item 9 The timetable for the Parish Walks had still not been circulated. Please could there be an update on the position?</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: As with items raised earlier in the meeting, in the absence of an Amey representative the information was not available. Herefordshire Partnership committed to ensuring that Amey would be contacted, and the outstanding information published. Concern was expressed over the lack of follow-up since the previous PACT meeting, and the absence of any member of Amey staff to attend this meeting.</p> <p>Additional information: There is no set timetable for Parish Walks. All parish councils were sent a letter regarding parish walks in June 2010 in which they were requested to contact Amey should they wish to arrange a parish walk.</p>
<p>Item 13 The new paving in Widemarsh Street is very dangerous as</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: There was nothing new to report. A considerable amount of work had been</p>

**Hereford Rural PACT Meeting
Tuesday 26th October 2010
Version 2**

Issues from Previous Meeting	Response
there is a small curb which, as people are not expecting it, is causing accidents. There have been a lot of complaints. Is there a good reason this has been designed in this way? The issue has not been well handled.	done looking at how other areas had designed their pavement areas. The comment regarding the way in which the way the issue had been handled was noted.
Item 20 Road signs for Westhide and Withington. These issues go back a long time. Please could you give me an update or better still can we please have a site visit so that we can reassess the need.	Response at the PACT: In the absence of an Amey representative at the meeting, it was agreed that Herefordshire Partnership would pursue this and request that Amey contact the gentleman concerned direct. Additional information: Amey has met the gentleman on site and the signs are being reviewed.

New Issues arising at October 2010 Meeting	Initial Response
Item 21 We understand that Amey are attending some Parish Meetings and Walks, but other areas do not seem to be included. Where they happen we understand they work well, please can this happen everywhere?	Response at the PACT This will be raised with Amey. Additional information: All Parish Councils have been offered this service. Amey are happy to attend any parish meetings they are invited to and parish walks can be arranged as required if the parish contact Amey to arrange.
Item 22 What action is taken over fly-tipping?	Response at the PACT Cllr Matthews stated that people found guilty of fly-tipping are heavily fined. People who witness fly-tipping are requested to report car vehicle registrations so that those responsible can be pursued. Sometimes personal details found in rubbish means that people can be traced and reporting of this in the local press has highlighted the issue.
Item 23 Why is the Ledbury Road being dug up again at the junction by the Cock of Tupsley pub? This creates substantial disruption and doesn't appear to be planned or co-ordinated.	Response at the PACT The road is being dug up by a utility company, and it was thought that work which had been previously done to a less-than-satisfactory standard was being replaced and improved. The cost was being entirely borne by the

**Hereford Rural PACT Meeting
Tuesday 26th October 2010
Version 2**

How much does it cost the taxpayer?	utility company concerned and was therefore not a burden on the taxpayer.
<p>Item 24 What is the policy regarding the removal of wreaths on the roadside after a road traffic accident, particularly after they become decayed and unsightly?</p>	<p>Response at the PACT This was acknowledged to be a difficult problem which requires sensitive handling. It appeared to be a development which has been adopted from some European countries where roadside shrines are more common. There is no policy as such, and each case needs to be individually considered and dealt with.</p>
<p>Rob Cunningham, from Hereford Hospitals Trust, gave a presentation: “Your local health and social care services are changing – tell us what you think” This presentation can be viewed at www.herefordshirepartnership.com/pacts under the section heading 2010 PACT meetings.</p> <p>The following questions and points were raised:</p> <p>What is the end date for consultation of this development? Officially 17th November, but local public engagement activities will continue after this date.</p> <p>Are there some Frequently Asked Questions available on the website? There is currently a limited list, but it proposed to develop this.</p> <p>The concept sounds good, but it must be intensive, staff-wise. Yes, so the first Phase is being rolled out at the end of this year and will be built on existing staff and resources. Once the programme has been started efficiencies will be made through enhanced integration amongst professionals. There will be a shift from hospital to community-based care.</p> <p>How many locality teams will there be? 8 across the County.</p> <p>There needs to be management accountability for this development.</p>	
<p>The Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) Briefing 21.10.10 and the Budget Consultation papers were noted. Comments and questions arising after the meeting from either of these documents can be directed to the contact details given at the end of each document.</p>	
<p>It was noted that no new PACT meeting dates are to be issued until the conclusions of a recent review is finalised (blue sheet distributed at meeting).</p>	

Hereford Rural PACT Meeting
Tuesday 26th October 2010
Version 2

The cost implications for each meeting need to be evaluated, particularly in the context of the current public spending situation. It is important that Partner organisations engage with local communities in a way that is both effective, but offers Value For Money.

West Mercia Police will continue their PACT work, but Herefordshire Partnership has decided to suspend the planning of future meetings until the full review outcome is known.

All points raised at this meeting will be followed-up and reported in the usual manner, i.e. www.herefordshirepartnership.com/pacts
Should there be anyone attending the meeting who would not have access to the website, individuals could be contacted directly by giving their address/phone number to Herefordshire Partnership. (NB – no-one asked for this to happen)