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**Leominster PACT meeting**  
**7 pm Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2010**  
**Forbury Chapel, Leominster**  
**Version 2**

**Present:**

**Chair: Cllr J Stone**

Cllr P Jones  
Cllr R Hunt  
Cllr S Bowen

PC Angie Hull (West Mercia Police)  
CSO G Maddox (West Mercia Police)  
Geoff Hughes (Herefordshire Council and JMT representative)

Crispin Fisher - General Practitioner  
Rob Cunningham – Hereford Hospitals Trust  
Diane Jones (NHS Herefordshire)  
Mark Watkins (Amey)  
Jo Lindsay-Jones (Enforcement Officer, Herefordshire Council)  
Julie Gethin – Herefordshire Partnership  
Jane Jones – Herefordshire Partnership

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The Chair asked that Cllrs and officers introduce themselves.

Geoff Hughes explained the review of PACTs which had confirmed that although they offer an opportunity for some members of the public to raise issues and hear presentations about changes in the public sector, they are not achieving what the partnership hoped they would in relation to working with communities to find solutions to local issues delivered by local groups. In addition, the overall cost to the public sector of the meetings relative to the levels of attendance has proven to be very high and thus not cost effective.

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All the issues raised at this meeting would be pursued and reported in the usual was.

In light of this, and the work underway by Herefordshire Partnership over the next couple of months to agree the most appropriate ways to work in partnership to engage communities, the scheduling of any further formal PACT meetings has been put on hold. However West Mercia Police will still continue to hold PACT surgeries as part of their community engagement work.

Issues from Previous Meeting	Response
<p><b>Item 1 (Item 2 on previous sheet)</b> Traders are parking in Vicarage Street as there is confusion over parking in the loading area, owing to the double yellow lines and the 10-15 minutes allowed for unloading. It was suggested that a sign stating "Loading – Unloading 10 Minutes Allowed" would help alleviate this.</p>	<p><b>Response at the PACT:</b> Amey will take this back for consideration.</p> <p><b>Additional information</b> Update requested from Andrew Lee Jones</p>
<p><b>Item 2 (Item 3 on previous sheet)</b> The situation regarding dog fouling had improved for some time, but it is starting to be a problem again.</p>	<p><b>Response at the PACT:</b> Jo Lindsay-Jones explained the new Dog Orders which had recently come into force:</p> <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</p>

	<p>...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>The enforcement team requested that people inform them of specific areas and times, as it was possible to arrange for an officer to “spot check”, particularly out-of-hours. Green Lane was cited as a problem area.</p>
<b>West Mercia Police reported that Speeding remains a key issue.</b>	<p>The Chair reported that the review of speed limits across the County is still underway, and there would probably be a conclusion to this in 2011. All A road speed limits to be reviewed Some B roads speed limits to be reviewed Parish and Town Council will be advised in advance if there are suggested alterations to speed limits.</p>
<b>NEW ISSUES RAISED</b>	<b>RESPONSE GIVEN AT THE PACT</b>
<p><b>Item 3</b> The area around the style and footpath at the back of Morrison’s is cluttered with rubbish. In particular it has become an area for “hidden” drinking and is therefore unsuitable for people – particularly young people – to walk. Can the bushes be cut back?</p>	<p><b>Response at the PACT</b> Amey agreed to inspect the area and cut back, or cut out, the bushes. Jo Lindsay-Jones, Enforcement Officer, agreed to approach Morrison’s as they may have some responsibility to tidy their land. If the area has become a problem in respect of loitering, West Mercia Police will check.</p> <p><b>Additional information:</b> This is private land, the responsibility for hedge maintenance lies with Morrisons.</p>

<p><b>Item 4</b> A hedge in Ropewalk Avenue needs cutting back as it obstructing the view for motorists wanting to turn right.</p>	<p><b>Response at the PACT</b> Amey will pursue the action.</p> <p><b>Additional information:</b> A hedge cutting notice has been served to the appropriate land owner.</p>
<p><b>Item 5</b> A sign is required in Ropewalk Avenue to advise motorists that it is not a Sat Nav route.</p>	<p><b>Response at the PACT</b> This has been considered previously, but Amey agreed to look at again.</p> <p><b>Additional information:</b></p>
<p><b>Item 6</b> Properties neighbouring the Grange are suffering form bottles and other litter being thrown into gardens.</p>	<p><b>Response at the PACT</b> West Mercia Police regularly patrol the area and it is covered by CCTV which can identify what is being consumed. The police need the public to report these incidents so they can identify “hot-spots” and target the area with patrols at appropriate times. The need to report concerns to the police was reiterated by the Chair.</p>
<p><b>Item 7</b> The end of Mappenors Lane needs attention – the hedges need trimming and the Lane is greasy with moss.</p>	<p><b>Response at the PACT</b> Amey will pursue the action.</p> <p><b>Additional information:</b> A hedge notice has been sent to the appropriate land owner. The moss has been logged a defect number 105843. An update on defects can be obtained, if required, by contacting Streets on (01432) 261800 or at <a href="mailto:streets@herefordshire.gov.uk">streets@herefordshire.gov.uk</a>, please ensure the defect number is quoted as a reference.</p>
<p><b>Item 8</b> There is a section of shed in the back lane at The Meadows</p>	<p><b>Response at the PACT</b> Jo Lindsay-Jones reported that this in fact fly-tipping but it has not been reported to her. Cllr Hunt will investigate.</p>

<p><b>Item 9</b> The wooden fence which borders the cricket pitch (by Paradise Court) has become dilapidated. In parts there is now no barrier down to the river which could be dangerous.</p>	<p><b>Response at the PACT</b> Cllr Hunt to pursue.</p>
<p><b>Item 10</b> A question was raised about the possible distraction caused by Christmas lights near the level crossing.</p>	<p><b>Response at the PACT</b> West Mercia Police will look at nearer Christmas when the decorations go up.</p>
<p><b>Item 11</b> Who is responsible for the water main problem at the top of Bargates?</p>	<p><b>Response at the PACT</b> Welsh Water are responsible (it is understood the work would be done the following day). Amey will follow-up.</p>
<p><b>Item 12</b> What is the situation in respect of salt bin allocation? There is a particular issue at Kimbolton opposite the Stockton Cross pub. It is a route used by a lot of businesses.</p>	<p><b>Response at the PACT</b> The salt bins are being filled at the moment. The allocation of new bins is being prioritised as the number requested has been exceeded by the number available. Amey will contact the Parish Clerks as soon as the information is available.</p>
<p><b>“Your local health and social care services are changing – tell us what you think”</b> Rob Cunningham and Dr Crispin Fisher led a presentation on key changes to the way in which health and social care is changing Herefordshire.</p> <p>Dr Fisher commented on the real change this is making in the way services are delivered. He had already used the Instant Care service for one of his patients and felt it to be a genuine improvement. The current methods of communication are sometime poor (e g GP’s being notified of patients’ discharge from hospital) but this will now be much speedier.</p> <p><b>The presentation can be viewed at <a href="http://www.herefordshirepartnership.com/pacts">www.herefordshirepartnership.com/pacts</a> (under the heading 2010 PACT Meetings)</b></p>	