

**Leominster PACT meeting
7.00pm Wednesday, 12 May 2010
Forbury Chapel, Leominster
Version 1**



Present:

Rev Nick Read, Agricultural Chaplain (Chair)
 PC Angie Hull(WMP)
 PC Andy Varden (WMP)
 PC Tracy Lewis (WMP)
 Sgt Mike Doolan (WMP)
 Fiona Miles (Amey)
 Mark Watkins (Amey)
 David Shepherd (Community Protection Team)

Issues from Previous Meeting	Response
<p>Item 1 (Item 2 on previous sheet) Pinsley Road – in respect of the new traffic management system</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: Representative from the Town Council confirmed this scheme has now received Cabinet approval with implementation in July 2010.</p>
<p>Item 2 (Item 7 on previous sheet) A question was raised about the procedure for enabling an area to have Residents Parking. This was particularly relevant in Vicarage Street where local people don't use their cars because they can't find a space to park when they return home.</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: Representative from Neighbourhood Watch expressed concern at the length of time it is taking to progress and asked why the need for an application to be made hadn't been raised at previous PACT meetings. Amey explained about the ranking system and the Town Council representative said they need to consider if the case is justified before an application is submitted. A meeting of the local district councillors will be held on 17 May to discuss. Town Council to confirm if an application has been or will be made.</p> <p>Leominster Town Council additional response:</p>

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<p>Item 3 (Item 9 on previous sheet) Irresponsible dog owners were again allowing their animals to foul public areas and run loose. About a year ago the situation had improved after an article in Herefordshire Matters and this was requested again.</p> <p>The areas around the Grange, Corn Square and the Priory are particularly dirty and a dog bin was requested at the picnic area behind the Old Priory</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: Dogs running loose are still an issue in the Churchyard and picnic range. David Shepherd reported that as a result of the success of the Council's responsible dog owner scheme this will now be coming to Leominster. The dog wardens no longer have responsibility for fouling, this has been contracted out. Control order should be introduced in July. This will cover all areas and allow fixed penalty notices to be issued.</p> <p>Dog warden for the area is Dave Goulding and his contact number is 01432 260506. He has received a report regarding the cemetery this week, which he is dealing with. David Shepherd agreed to pick up worsening issues in Westcroft and Newlands Street.</p> <p>Fiona Miles (Amey) reported that an extra dog waste bin is to be provided at the Newlands Road junction.</p>
<p>Item 4 (Item 6 on previous sheet) A comment was made about the poor quality of pavements in Broad Street and Corn Square.</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: Mark Watkins (Amey) confirmed that Leominster does not currently meet the criteria for this programme of works.</p>
<p>Item 5 (Item 11 on previous sheet) Bollards at the end of Vicarage Street</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: The Town Council confirmed that they are aware of who needs to be contacted to provide the additional information needed to progress this issue.</p> <p>Leominster Town Council additional response:</p>

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<p>Item 6 (Item 12 on previous sheet) The tree outside No.18 Vicarage Street required trimming.</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: Concern expressed as this work has not yet been undertaken and whether the tree can be removed rather than just trimmed, as the closeness to houses is a cause for concern.</p> <p>Amey agreed to progress this issue and check with regards to a Tree Preservation Order.</p> <p>Amey additional response: Tree to be inspected.</p>
<p>Item 7 (Item 17 on previous sheet) Feral pigeons in Leominster were becoming a nuisance. It was particularly bad by Barber & Manuel.</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: David Shepherd reported that he has spoken to the shop owners with the problems outside of their premises. He has details of the landlords to liaise with them regarding improved deterrants. He is currently negotiating regarding cheaper prices for the spikes. 4/5 shops are affected. Issue may move to another place once resolved in this location.</p> <p>Police have received 4 complaints about shooting of pigeons – which is dangerous and unacceptable.</p>
<p>Item 8 (Item 23 on previous sheet) A question was raised regarding a recent letter in a local newspaper indicating that 26p in every pound goes in to the Local Authority's pension "black hole" - is this true?</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: Community asked that their thanks be passed on to the Council's Finance team who provided an exemplary response the next morning to the question raised at the PACT.</p>

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New Issues arising at the May PACT meeting	
<p>Item 9. Resident collecting rubbish on property in Vicarage Street, not putting out for collection or disposing of it</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: David Shepherd explained that a notice can be served on the resident concerned. He agreed to contact the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator after the meeting to explain the process.</p> <p>Community Protection Team Additional Response:</p>
<p>Item 10. Burglaries in Priory and surrounding area</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: Police confirmed there have been a number of shed burglaries in this area and elsewhere in Leominster. They are looking at whether these are linked. Hereford CID team are involved and the areas are being patrolled. Forensic evidence is being looked at. No arrests made yet.</p>
<p>Item 11. Young people (“boy racers”) congregating in the Bridge Street car park</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: Police stated they have brought in the road traffic policing team and newly formed team from Hereford to assist. People have been prosecuted for unnecessary use of their car horn. There are regular patrols and warnings have been issued which will result in the removal of cars from individuals if there is a further incident. The response from the young people has been to slow down. They are parking in lines, which is not illegal. Police will continue to monitor the situation.</p> <p>Number to call to report an incident is 0300 333 3000. Police asked that people remember to include the vehicle registration number when making a report.</p>

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<p>Item 12. Cable light cut at the Community Centre, young people hanging around</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: Police advised to always report such incidents. They will respond and talk to the young people on site.</p>
<p>Item 13. Anti-social behaviour at the church</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: Police reported that they have given advice to the church.</p>
<p>Item 14. Pothole in Broad Street Car Park</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: Amey will log on Thursday and report that a repair is needed.</p> <p>Additional response from Amey: Potholes inspected and repaired 13th May 2010</p>
<p>Item 15. A local residents reported that they had not received any response from request for tree removal This is not for removal – it is for trimming</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: Following a report via email the resident had not received any response from streets.gov.uk. Amey agreed to follow up.</p> <p>Additional response from Amey: Checked what the situation is and rang the gentleman 13th May and advised him of the position.</p>
<p>Item 16. A question was asked about CCTV on Broad Street car park</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: Police advised that at present this scheme does not meet the funding criteria. They have offered general crime prevention advice to car park users.</p>
<p>Item 17. Use of coach spaces by other vehicles on Broad Street car park, which is badly affecting the business in the town</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: David Shepherd advised that Shane Hancock, Regulatory Services Manager, in Herefordshire Council should be contacted. Tel: 01432 261752, shancock@herefordshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Additional response from Regulatory Services:</p>

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<p>Item 18. Drink related noise on Sunday evenings and Bank Holidays from the Ducking Stool public house. People walking through the town from pub to pub. Issue previously reported to Environmental Health.</p>	<p>Response at the PACT: David Shepherd explained at present Herefordshire Council does not have on the spot powers in relation to noise. Once a complaint has been received a letter is sent to the person concerned telling them to stop. Diary sheets are sent to complainants to complete. Council policy is currently being reviewed. Police advised there is alcohol restriction in the town centre. CCTV picks this up and Police respond. There is a new regulation in place regarding juveniles and alcohol related ASB.</p> <p>Additional response:</p>
<p>West Mercia Police reported on key areas on which they are particularly focussing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase in graffiti at Barons Croft• Speeding in Leintwardine• ASB in Wigmore Street• Complaints received about Booth memorial site	