

St. Nicholas & Three Elms PACT Meeting – Lord Scudamore Primary School 27th May 2010
Action Sheet
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Chair: Cllr. Polly Andrews
Note-taker: Chris Gooding (Herefordshire Partnership)

Present

Geoff Hughes (HC Director of Regeneration)
Cllr Benjamin
Cllr Woodward

Rachel Davies (Amey)
Joanna Lindsay-Jones (Community Protection Team)
Kirsty Jenkins, CSO, West Mercia Police
Vicky Barnes (Hereford Voluntary Action)

11 members of the public

Previous Issues	Response
<p>Item 1: (Item 1 on previous sheet) A Neighbourhood Watch scheme has been set up in Ryeland St. – we now understand the police have not undertaken spot checks.</p> <p>Looking to get funding to get residents parking in area. Can it be done in just Ryeland St.?</p>	<p>WMP: will investigate.</p> <p>Cllr. Andrews:- Difficult to get residents approval If confined to Ryeland St will have a knock-on effect on adjacent streets.</p>
<p>Item 2 (Item 6 on previous sheet) Trees overhanging road at Holy Trinity Church have now been cut back</p>	
<p>Item 3 (Item 8 on previous sheet) Parking in Mostyn St by Council still a problem. Lights left on in Plough Lane offices seems to have been resolved</p>	<p>Chris Gooding: Will feed back to Plough Lane Premises Manager on both issues. Response given after meeting:- We continue to remind employees of the problem but unless it is illegal parking that is being carried out I am doubtful being able to resolve the situation. I will however chase again and I would ask that if there are persistent offenders that we are given car registrations in the hope</p>

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	<p>we can track down the individuals and perhaps speak to them separately on the matter.</p> <p>As you are aware the police are also checking so they will enforce should there be a breach. (HC Plough Lane Facilities Manager)</p>
<p>Item 4 (Item 10 on previous sheet) Initiative in Broomy Hill will put pressure on Ryeland St., compounded by Council officials parking in Ryeland St.</p>	<p>Chris Gooding: Will feed back to Plough Lane Premises Manager <i>See response to Item 3 above.</i></p>
<p>Item 5. (Item 13 on previous sheet) Pedestrian crossing at Barton Road – any progress?</p>	<p>Rachel Davies – This is Highways Agency responsibility – they have done an inspection and considered but did not have public support. Will try to get further clarification</p> <p>Cllr Andrews – investigating the option of a pedestrian crossing from Steels to avoid underpass, but not an easy option, and is also dependent on ESG proposals and works.</p> <p>Synopsis of response given after meeting (Full text available on request or at next PACT meeting):-</p> <p>A proposal to ban the right turn from Victoria Street into Barton Road (which would be a prerequisite for introducing a pedestrian phase at the signals) has gone out to consultation. The response from councillors was mixed but there was much greater support for a surface crossing at the Whitecross Road end of Victoria Road. There was very little support for the banning of the right turn into Barton Road but some support for a longer green light phase for traffic exiting Barton Road. This, along with some re-design of the junction could also benefit pedestrians trying to cross the road. The police are also concerned about the banning of a right turn into Barton Road, mainly because of its knock-on effect on other traffic routes such as Whitecross Road and Ryeland Street.</p>
<p>Item 6. (Item 12 on previous sheet) Any progress on the issue of the underpass flooding?</p>	<p>The last time the problem occurred the Fire Brigade pumped it out.</p> <p>Geoff Hughes: will take up at next meeting with the Highways Agency.</p>
<p>Item 7. (Last item on previous sheet) Further information provided at the meeting regarding flood alleviation schemes in the county and who was responsible.</p>	<p>Herefordshire Council are currently responsible for 16 flood alleviation schemes, which require regular monitoring, maintenance and repair.</p>

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	<p>Incidents of relatively small scale flooding are investigated to identify the cause. Where the incident is related to highway drainage the work is prioritised according to its nature. Where the matter is related to poor drainage of the adjacent land(e.g. a stream blocked by silt or trees) the landowner is contacted and requested to undertake the necessary works. Herefordshire Council has the power to require the landowner to undertake the works.</p> <p>Where there is large scale flooding the nature of the problem needs to be determined through investigations/studies. Funding for such schemes where HC takes the lead generally comes from central government funding. Funding is prioritised nationally against set criteria mainly based on monetary benefits. There are currently 15+ sites being investigated but these have not reached a point where consideration can be made for suitability for funding.</p> <p>The Environment Agency is currently undertaking major improvement works to the flood embankments at Hampton Bishop. Works commenced at the beginning of May and currently at the half-way point.</p> <p>HC successfully applied to DEFRA last year for grant funds to assist property owners with flood protection measures. Funds have been allocated and HC is currently arranging for the necessary surveys to determine the means of protecting the successful properties. Amey carry out these flooding works on behalf of HC.</p>
New Issues	Response
<p>Item 8. Thank you to Amey for traffic improvements in Westfaling Street. Will Whitecross Road be next?</p>	<p>It is on the scheduled list.</p>
<p>Item 9. Resurfacing work done at Marlow Drive and Crossfields is not entirely satisfactory – the surface has remained soft and sticky – My husband is wheelchair-bound and I have had difficulty in pushing him across the surface. It needs chippings or a proper solid surface</p>	<p>Rachel Davies – we will investigate. Response given after meeting: New surface treatment will bed down with traffic usage – some tar on the surface is not unusual in the early stages after laying.</p>

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<p>Item 10. Will government cutbacks affect the amount of money allocated to repair potholes?</p>	<p>The substantial amount allocated to road work plus £1m extra funding provided by central government is ring-fenced and will not be withdrawn.</p>
<p>Item 11. We have had a loss of street trees in the area, especially in Ryeland Street. How do we go about getting them replaced or even added to?</p>	<p>Cllr Andrews- The council has to be very careful when planting roadside trees to avoid damage to drains and foundations as trees mature. Cllr Benjamin: A report on tree planting in the city has been produced. If you want trees planted write to Amey in the first instance. Then write to the Town Clerk for presentation to the Amenities Committee who will look at appropriate options.</p>
<p>Item 12. Who is in charge of topping and tailing trees? Lower branches need to be trimmed to stop children climbing; e.g. Beaumont Garden by Courtyard.</p>	<p>Rachel Davies: Amey is responsible. Beaumont Gardens will be investigated. Other requests are best passed through your local members. Response given after meeting:- Inspection of tree requested and any work required will be ordered.</p>
<p>Item 13. Speeding in Fakenham Drive in Bobblestock – really dangerous</p>	<p>WMP: Will investigate.</p>
<p>Item 14. An incident with a fairground official in Merton Meadow car park at the time of the May Fair was investigated by the Town Clerk. The Fair led to a chaotic parking situation and as a result the Town council is considering moving fairground vehicles to the Race Course in future – we back onto the racecourse and would not be in favour.</p>	<p>Geoff Hughes: If the new arrangement does go ahead it will be on hard standing rather the grass. We will check with Geoff Owen, Manager of Markets & Fairs and Street Trading, who should consult with local members before responding.</p>
<p>Item 15. Newtown Roundabout approach from Widemarsh street – hardly anyone uses the right hand lane which holds up traffic trying to access Newtown road</p>	<p>Rachel Davies: Will raise the issue with Steve Burgess, Transportation Manager. However the problem is probably one of driver behaviour which is difficult to influence or enforce. ESG may also impact on the lay-out in future.</p>
<p>Item 16. There is a serious problem of litter and rubbish along the Great Western Way. Can any remedial work also be applied to the lane between</p>	<p>Cllr Benjamin:- needs cutting back and needs new bins. Joanna Lindsay-Jones (CPT):- we do regularly patrol GW Way and will issue penalties. Community Payback may be used over the summer and also the schools will be invited to take part. Also a graffiti clean up has been</p>

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Sainsburys and Ryeland St.?	done recently.
<p>Item 17. A meeting took place on 30th Sept about Ryeland St with Andrew Lee Jones and Amey – what has happened? We got the minutes but haven't heard anything since.</p>	<p>Rachel Davies (Amey);- will investigate. Synopsis of Response given after meeting:- <i>(Full text of response available upon request or available at next PACT meeting.)</i></p> <p>A scheme for Ryelands Street was ranked in the Herefordshire Council Traffic Calming Ranking list in 2008. The scheme was ranked no.3 out of the four schemes with an accident record. Funding usually allows for 1 scheme per year to be implemented subject to sufficient local support.</p> <p>Our speed data taken in October 2008 recorded 85%ile speeds between 27.6 - 32mph which indicate general compliance with the existing 30mph limit.</p> <p>The next ranking exercise will be due in autumn 2011.</p> <p>The option of trial part-time 20 mph speed limits is usually aimed at the areas directly outside schools, operating at two periods during the school day.</p> <p>However I believe the DfT guidance has recently changed to encourage more local authorities to review and implement these types of requests.</p> <p>Therefore, I suggest the way forward may be to suggest a review of a full time 20mph limit under the current guidance which could possibly be included in the current programme of works or next year's.</p>
<p>Item 18. Can we have a 20 mph zone in Ryeland St? Canyoning effect of narrow lane makes speeds even greater. Danger to pedestrian especially children. Something needs to be done.</p>	<p>WMP: will do spot checks Cllr Benjamin: Will investigate options for improved signage and deployment of mobile Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs). <i>(See also response given to Item 17 above).</i></p>
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Taxis are using Shinwell Road as a rat-run and are speeding	WMP: will investigate.
Item 20. Trees have been cut down but have re-grown in Greenland Road at back of the Herefordshire Housing properties – these are affecting surrounding properties.	Rachel Davies (Amey);- will investigate. Response given after meeting:- trees at rear of Mostyn Street – the request for inspection has been passed to the Grounds Maintenance team who will order any necessary works.
Item 21. The Same area has a problem with the mess caused by seagulls.	If they are nesting on Herefordshire Housing properties they are responsible for removing the nests. If they are nesting on private properties it requires the cooperation of the landlords– if permission is given the council will deal with the problem. Chris Gooding:- will check on policy and practice with Peter Holmes (Environmental Protection).
Item 22. Dog fouling in Beaumont Gardens and Ryeland St	Joanna Lindsay-Jones (CPT):- Will investigate.
Item 23. Update from Police	Reports of cyclists riding on the pavement in Whitecross Road has led to 12 fixed penalties being issued.
Item 24. Update from Community Protection Team	We cover a range of issues including, littering, dog fouling, fly tipping, etc. There are 5 enforcement officers across the county plus 3 dog wardens. 2 enforcement officers cover the City. We work as a team, liaising with the Police, environment agency etc. If you have any issues please contact us or our info line – 01432 261761. We are normally uniformed.
Item 25. Hereford City Plan – Vicky Barnes	Vicky briefed the meeting on the new City Community Led Plan. A number of open meetings are being held and all citizens are encouraged to get involved.