

## **NEWS FROM YOUR SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR**

### **LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEES**

We are now part of the Severn Valley Ward which is made up of the following Parishes:

- Atcham
- Berrington
- Buildwas
- Cound
- Cressage, Harley & Sheinton
- Church Preen, Hughley and Kenley
- Leighton and Eaton Constantine
- Wroxeter and Uffington

As part of the Shropshire Council's proposals to improve direct relationships with its Parishes and give them better direct access to service providers 28 Local Joint Committees have been formed to cover the whole of Shropshire. We are part of the Severn valley & Burnell Local Joint Committee. Their functions are to:

1. Scrutinise Shropshire Council's service delivery, for example at our first meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> July the Head of the Central Planning Service along with one of the Enforcement Officers attended the meeting to explain their roles and also answer questions.
2. To distribute their delegated budget (£36,000).
3. To hold other service providers such as the police to account. As part of the Local Joint Committee process the PACT Meetings that have been held around the Parishes will now be incorporated into the Local Joint Committee meetings which will mean that the police will attend meetings on a regular basis.

All members of the Local Joint Committee have voting rights. Each Parish has one representative and in addition there are two Shropshire Councillors, myself and Councillor Tim Barker. Our Local Joint Committee has eighteen members, nine of which represent the Parishes listed above and the remaining nine representatives are from the Burnell Ward. Each Committee has a lead officer (Chris Edwards, Assistant Director for Transport and Highways) plus a support officer David Wise (Democratic Services) and we also have a Community Regeneration Officer allocated to us (Rachel Johnson) telephone Number 01743 252483.

Any community group within the Parishes can apply to the Local Joint Committee for project funding and we welcome your applications and your attendance at meetings. The next Local Joint Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2009, at Berrington Village Hall. Further details regarding the Local Joint Committees including details on how to apply for funding can be found on the Shropshire Council Website. Visit the link below and click on "Local Joint Committees".

<http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/communityworking.nsf>

Alternatively you can telephone the Community Regeneration Team on 01743 253077.

### **PERSIMMON HOMES**

You will be pleased to hear that Persimmon Homes will return to site within the next few weeks to finally complete the outstanding remedial work. Questions regarding Persimmon Homes were put to the Head of Central Planning Enforcement Team (Matthew Farmer) who

attended our recent Local Joint Committee Meeting. Matthew confirmed that following extensive negotiations between Berrington Parish Council, Shropshire Council's Planning Enforcement and Legal Sections that matters had progressed and that Persimmon Homes will be returning to the site.

### **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

Once again I am sad to report that there has been various reports of anti-social behaviour on the Playing Fields and also substantial amounts of litter (cans and bottles) being left all over the village. The police have been undertaking extra patrols to try and alleviate this situation. There has also been damage to cars around Cross Houses and I would urge you to be extra vigilant and report these incidents to the police.

### **NOEL HILL ROAD, CROSS HOUSES**

The Highways Department is due to carry out some remedial work to Noel Hill Road and after they have completed this work the gutters will be cleaned and the paths sprayed off as there have been numerous complaints about the state of the pavements and gutters.

### **A458 ROAD REPAIRS**

Shropshire Council has asked Central Networks to repair the trenches that they put across the A458 by the old Fox Pub as the road surface is now very uneven. This work is scheduled to be undertaken in the near future.

### **POLICE CONTACT INFORMATION**

Our Local Policeman is PC Dave Harte. PC Harte, CSO Baron & CSO Birch can be contacted on 0300 333 3000 ext 69008 or by e-mail

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There is also a team e-mail address which will reach all three officers

[shrewsburyruralsouth.lpt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:shrewsburyruralsouth.lpt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk)

The non emergency number is 0300 333 3000. You can leave a message for the team on 01743 264788.

You can always contact Crime Stoppers if you wish to remain anonymous. You can contact Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111.

Best wishes

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