

**BROXTON COMMUNITY FORUM**  
**JUBILEE HALL, MALPAS**  
**11 JUNE 2009**  
**(7:00pm – 9:15pm)**

**Councillor Ann Wright (Chair)**  
**Councillor Mike Jones**  
**Councillor Neil Ritchie**

**Meeting Summary Action Points:**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Action by</b>
Establish / Improve Communications between the Authority and Parish Councils	All
Themed Meetings (see note 1 below)	Chair, RC
Planning Training / Workshop for Parish Councillors – to tie in with planning policy development – engagement with PC's	RC, CH
Circulate Growth Point Information re allocated sites in Cheshire West and Chester – i.e. large scale sustainable growth, including new housing (see note 2 below)	PS, CH
Consultation in respect of Licensed Premises (see note 3 below)	Chair, RC, PS
Development of Rural West Newsletter, investigate possibility of a 'web forum'	RC
Date of next meeting: September (preferred day Thursday date and venue to be advised)	Chair, RC, PS

## **Note 1. Themed Meetings**

The following subjects were suggested as topics for future Themed meetings of the Forum:

- Highways and Highways Maintenance
- Rural Transport
- Policing
- Planning and Affordable Housing
- Refuse Collection and General Environment Issues
- Emergency Responses
- Speed Limits

## **Note 2. Growth Points**

The Growth point document referred to above can be found on the Council's Website at this link:

[http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/planning/spatial\\_planning/growth\\_point.aspx](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/planning/spatial_planning/growth_point.aspx)

Additional information is available upon request.

## **Note 3. Licensed Premises - Consultation**

The Forum strongly agreed that local Councillors should be fully informed of all licensed premises applications under public consultation, recommending that this facility should also be extended to Parish and Town Councillors.

*Note:*

*It is an aspiration of the Cheshire West and Chester Council licensing team to extend the consultation service (following registration) to Parish Councils and residents - to inform them of all current premises licence applications under public consultation via an automated email notification. This information (and the opportunity to make representation) may currently be found on the Council's website at:*

[http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/business/licensing/licensing\\_act\\_2003/licensing\\_consultations.aspx](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/business/licensing/licensing_act_2003/licensing_consultations.aspx)

## **Feedback Summary**

A summary of attendees comments to the 4 questions posed at the forum meeting are enclosed at **Appendix 1**.

Parish Council Attendees (28 persons in total):

Tiverton, Tilston & Fearnall PC  
No Mans Heath & District PC  
Malpas PC  
Broxton & District PC  
Burwardsley PC  
Tilston PC  
Hampton Edge & Larkton PC  
Farndon PC  
Beeston PC  
Tattenhall & District PC

Other Attendees:

Mike Lewis – Director of Area and Community Services  
Rob Callow – Area Manager, Rural West  
Chris Hindle – Head of Development Management  
Patrick Sebastian – Democratic Services

Cheshire Police and Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service.

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### What do you see are the key rural issues for your community?

- Public Transport Services
- Public Transport
- Lack of Transport
- Lack of Parking
- Parking on yellow lines and pavements (damage caused)
- School Parking
- School Crossing
- Trying to get a school crossing person + 20mph limit around all schools
- Congestion in the village at peak/critical school pickup & drop off times
- Youth facilities
- Youth Issues
- Activities for youngsters
- Bin collection
- First response Medical Care/Attention in rural community
- Lack of emergency response
- Speeding
- Elderly persons care
- Lack of banking / post office facilities
- Future funding for Parish Councils its distribution and sustainability
- Consideration of planning applications – officer , pc & public
- Rural crime & policing – Theft in particular
- Crime and policing
- Anti-social behaviour
- Affordable Housing
- Job Development plan for rural areas

### What is working well in your parish council or community?

- The clerk !
- Meetings are productive but not well attended by the public
- Fault reporting (pot holes etc)
- Project Rural Matters
- Home Watch
- Basic Street Cleaning
- That meetings are held in rural areas not in Chester
- Pot holes – although reported – nothing done

**What is not working well in your parish council or community?**

- Attendance by the public
- Funding for community infrastructure improvements
- Feedback & problem resolution progress when a fault is reported
- The financial cost of being a parish councillor

**What are the aspirations for your parish council or community?**

- Some form of control/say in local development i.e. where and what
- To have an influence in local decision making
- Quality is the answer!
- Engage more with the community
- Engage effectively with parishioners
- To have more control over the rate of community tax and how it is spent