

CHORLEY WEST COMMUNITY FORUM

ACTION TAKEN ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE MEETING HELD ON

21 MARCH 2007

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You were concerned with the lack of consultation by the Primary Care NHS Trust (PCT) with the Parishes following the CATS consultation.	The PCT have indicated that they will learn from this and take on board the comments raised for any future consultation exercises.
The latest performance figures for ambulance response times indicate that ambulances arrive outside the target period in the rural areas.	Currently being looked at to improve these figures and improve response times and feedback will be presented to the next meeting of the Community Forum by the PCT.
Unpleasant smells are emanating from trade effluent waste deposited on agricultural fields in Bretherton and Croston.	County Councillor Edward Forshaw will report on the outcome of a meeting between United Utilities and Lancashire County Council Scrutiny Committee to next meeting of the Community Forum.
We are concerned about the volume of traffic particularly passing through Ecclestone.	The County Council in the absence of any original and destination surveys have indicated that the increase in traffic noticed over the last 8 -9 years is due to general growth and the changing pattern in the movement of containerised goods.
Overflow of sewage flooding roads in Croston during heavy rainfall.	This is the responsibility of United Utilities but the Director of Streetscene, Neighbourhoods and Environment was aware of the problem and invited the questioner to contact the Borough Council when it happens again.
Highway maintenance in the Croston area and the process of tarring and chipping the road creating a raised crown of the road and sunken manholes as well as heavy lorries causing damage to the roads and to surrounding properties.	The County Council highways engineers indicated that they would be responding direct to the person who raised the question.
There are problems of speeding traffic in the rural areas.	The County Council have indicated that the Speed Management Strategy produced following consultation with all 12 Lancashire Locals, includes as a principle element the requirement to review all speed limits and

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	<p>implement any changes on A and B class roads by 2011 as well as how all other requirements for roads other than A and B class will be addressed.</p> <p>The strategy has a policy that where appropriate a 30mph speed limit will be the norm in villages.</p> <p>The County Council Road Safety and Traffic Management meetings are held every three months to discuss specific problems with the Area Surveyor, the Police, LCC Officers from Traffic and Safety and Chorley Councils Parking Manager.</p> <p>This is the Forum which brings together all the responsible parties to consider specific problems which have been drawn to its attention.</p>
<p>Enforcement of the parking of mini-buses in the Runshaw Lane area.</p>	<p>The Council's Enforcement Officer is investigating this issue and will take appropriate action as necessary.</p>
<p>As more Parish Councils are heading for quality status are CBC considering devolving powers to Parishes and if so will there be any finance available.</p>	<p>The Council has given a commitment to joint working with the Parishes to deliver local services and in particularly to devolve additional powers particularly in the area of Streetscene and Environmental Services.</p> <p>As part of the Local Government White Paper and the Parliamentary Bill, Quality Parish Councils will have the power to promote economic, social and environmental well-being.</p>
<p>Difficulty in obtaining a NHS dentist despite contacting all on a list.</p>	<p>The PCT responded to the person by requesting to register with a NHS dentist on helpline urgent "in hours" care and urgent "out of hours" care. It is currently carrying out a Needs Assessment from which an Oral Health Strategy and Commissioning Plan will be developed. The assessment will establish where the gaps and inequalities are with the intention to commission extra dental services to target these areas and communities in most need.</p>
<p>Issues with BT from a person in Ulnes Walton regarding the access to the Web. Problems with Broadband in the area indicate that it is at its lowest level.</p>	<p>BT responded by pointing out they do not provide a Broadband account to that particular customer in Ulnes Walton indicating that it should be addressed to the service provider for the person who asked the question.</p>