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## Bus shelters to be stripped of seats

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SEATS are being removed from bus shelters in a village near Burton in a bid to stop youths "intimidating" residents by congregating in them.

Thousands of pounds of damage has been caused to bus shelters in Tutbury's Park Lane, High Street, Holts Lane and Burton Street by groups of youths who gather there.

Valuable clay tiles have been knocked off the shelter roofs and graffiti has been scrawled over the walls by "a small minority" of teenagers who have been spotted drinking and smoking there.

Now, after complaints by residents who use the shelters, members of Tutbury Parish Council have voted to have the seats removed to try to stamp out the problem and encourage youngsters to move on.

A heated debate was sparked about the issue during the January meeting of the parish council.

Chairman Maria Guest said: "A public meeting was held on November 30 and 10 parishioners were there.

"Some said they felt intimidated and that it was difficult to get involved because of repercussions, and although there was talk about getting a community officer, it will cost too much.

"I said that all the seats should be taken out at the meeting and I still stick by that."

Councillor Dave Morris agreed and said: "Bus shelters have always been a collection point.

"If the seats were removed it would make it difficult for the hardcore miscreants that are leading others astray.

"I have been talking to people who use the buses and they say that having seats doesn't matter; they just want somewhere to stand under in inclement weather.

"Two weeks ago I was coming back from work past the shelter in Park Lane and lo and behold there was someone in a sleeping bag there."

However, Councillor Bill Crossley opposed the move.

He said: "I am very sympathetic to people that are suffering, but this won't work.

"I propose that, as an experiment we just remove the seats in Park Lane

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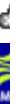
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and, if it works, then we can remove the others.

"If not, then we won't have wasted money in removing all of them for no reason."

However, a majority of members voted to have all the seats removed until January 15, 2008, after which a review of the situation will be carried out.

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