

Minutes of the meeting of the **CAR PARKING
ORDER ADJUDICATION PANEL** held at the
Town Hall on **Friday, 19th May 2006** at 11:30 a.m.

Present: -

Chairman – Councillor G Suttle
Councillor C Bright
Councillor M Hadley
Councillor M Tyrer

Also in attendance: -

Mr A.J. Leeson Town Clerk
Mr D Topham
Mr T Wait
Mr A Burnet
Mr R Field
Ms C Barrow
Mr C Burke

Before commencement of the meeting the Town Clerk highlighted and emphasised that Councillor Hadley had been invited in the capacity of an objector.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Mr J Farrow.

2. TO CONSIDER LETTERS OF OBJECTION

The Town Clerk explained to the attendees that as a stipulation of the Order any objection received before, the closing date being the 4th May 2006, would have to be considered if full, before proceeding to the next stage. The purpose of the meeting in was to share ideas ahead of formulating any alternative proposals. It was stipulated that all objections would be replied to individually. Two general concerns were identified:

1. Protection of residents rights over rights of the general public.
2. The number of spaces being radically reduced.

Councillor Bright stated that councillors were not looking for any conflict or income, the reason for the changes being control over a road to which Swanage Town Council have ownership and a duty of care.

The Town Clerk reported that the Operations Manager Geoff Brookes, had suggested that the turning circle could accommodate three cars in spaces marked.

A general discussion took place on the options of additional parking. Mr Topham stated that proposals to include parking along the wall was inappropriate, with little room, reducing visibility and possibly causing structural damage. The area opposite the boat park, currently fisherman's bays, was identified for additional parking. Moving the barrier at Peveril Point to give greater access was another suggestion. The area next to the wall of the

coastguard building was discussed. The provision of two designated spaces was recognised.

The Town Mayor suggested that the store, toilet and garages could be demolished to create parking spaces. Mr Burnet thought that the lockable garages were a good rentable asset and could be kept and used in order to tidy the area.

The Town Clerk explained the situation with the RNLI parking, emphasising both the operational arrangements and how the three spaces adjacent to former ammunition store had been created and financed at the Institute's expense.

The question of resident parking or authorised parking to be issued seasonally from 15th May to the end of September annually was discussed. Various options were put forward regarding allocation and the system of issue i.e. number of permits per household. Councillor Bright emphasised that the considerations of the public would have to be taken into account when looking at the entire scheme, taking into account other examples in the town. The Town Clerk explained that the rights of the general public need also to be considered. In conclusion to the discussion the Town Mayor summarised the points of discussion:-

1. Double yellow lines be placed on the section of road leading eastward from the Boat Park to just before the rear of Peveril Cottage.
2. All other double yellow lines in order to reduce any visual impact. The areas opposite the Boat Park extending eastward around the 'S' bend opposite Peveril Cottage to the former ammunition store be double yellow lined, excluding the section opposite the wall, rear of Tidereach to Bay Cottage.
3. The area opposite the wall rear of Tidereach to Bay Cottage be made available for parking.
4. Spaces to be hatched adjacent to the coastguards building and the eastern section of Peveril Point Road be made available for authorised parking.
5. The barrier at the end of Peveril Point Road be moved back and that a hatched area be marked in front.
6. Authorised parking for Peveril Point residents only be given. A £25 charge to be levied between (15th May and 30th September).

Councillor Bright left the meeting at 11:45 am. Mr Burnett requested that as a safety measure warning signs should be erected in the area where children play. It was noted that this would be a good idea.

Mr Field brought to the attention of the attendees a problem with drainage and rain water in Peveril Point Road. The Town Clerk replied that this was not part of the Order and it was noted.

The Town Clerk stated that the signage would be reviewed at Peveril Point. The Town Clerk highlighted that there were set up costs and costs of administration and enforcement, and that these factors be considered for ascertaining the initial fee and subsequent revision after the first year of operation. Concerns were expressed at potential for huge rises. The Clerk explained that any subsequent increase would be advertised and be open to challenge in the same manor as the current proposals and would not be justified

if it were huge. It was agreed that £25 was reasonable and after further discussion, that permits restricted to four per household.

The meeting concluded with the Town Clerk explaining how the Council were going to proceed.

Councillor Hadley suggested that from the discussion a briefing document and map be produced showing the discussed proposals, to be sent to the objectors with a request for withdrawal.

The members of the public left the meeting at 13:05 pm.

Before proceeding with the meeting it was noted that Councillor Hadley remained in attendance in his capacity of a Town Councillor.

The Town Clerk highlighted the details raised by the representatives of the Mowlem Trust, being the only other letter of objection received. Councillor Hadley highlighted that the installation of barrier, as suggested in the letter, would satisfy all of the issues raised. Members considered possible alternative solutions including possible payment for permits issued and the granting of rights and control over parking.

The Town Clerk explained that enforcement would remain the responsibility of the Town Council. It was then AGREED:-

That approval be given for a barrier to be fitted at the entrance to the Mowlem forecourt with the costs being met by the Trust, and if not acceptable that line markings as per the proposed plan be installed.

The meeting ended at 13:20 pm.
