

Minutes of the meeting of the **CAR PARKING
BEST VALUE WORKING GROUP** held at the
Town Hall on **Thursday 14th November 2002** at 2.00p.m.

Present: -

Councillor A.H. Miller – Chairman
Councillor Mrs G. Marsh
Councillor Mrs H. O'Donovan
Councillor J. Roscoe

Also in attendance: -

Mr A.J. Leeson Town Clerk

1. **APOLOGIES**

An apology for his inability to attend the Meeting was received from Councillor Suttle.

2. **MINUTES OF MEETING – 29TH JULY 2002**

New directional signs for overflow car parking in King Georges were immediately erected.

Purbeck District Council had been approached with regards to painting and screening the recycling area.

3. **RESIDENTS' CAR PARKING – PEVERIL POINT ROAD – UPDATE**

The Clerk highlighted the fact that the Council has a legal duty to act with regards to the potential parking problem at Peveril Point. Therefore the Council needs to take some action to overcome the problem of indiscriminate parking and blocking of any access especially for emergency vehicles.

A draft letter 'Residents Only Parking Scheme At Peveril Point' which is to be sent to all residents was discussed. The Clerk highlighted the need for legal aspects to be included in the letter as well as factual information. He stressed that all potential problems with parking needed to be addressed. A blanket ban on parking in this area was discussed. This was not seen as the preferred option however members believed that it should be included in any consultations with residents.

Other options available are a) using the Peveril Boat Park as a car park however this would result in a significant loss of income b) the placement of double yellow lines along the road, which would be policed by Dorset County Council who would then receive any income generated from this scheme and c) the introduction of payment meters along the road. The latter was considered to be the most easily achievable however it is not viewed as the best option for

residents of Peveril Point.

It was AGREED: -

That a fourth option to 'Introduce a general parking ban' be included in the letter.

The questionnaire to be sent to all residents was discussed. The potential charges to be levied if a residents parking scheme is introduced was debated.

The charges that people would expect to pay for parking meters were determined to be the same as those levied in Broad Road car park.

It was AGREED: -

That the key word 'expect' should be underlined throughout the questionnaire. The amounts for a reserved parking space should be set at up to £500, £400 and £250. The amounts for an un-reserved parking space should be set at up to £200, £150 and £100. The question regarding parking meter fees be omitted from the questionnaire.

The resident's only signs that have been placed on Broad Road were debated. Following a lengthy discussion it was felt that if new parking restrictions could not be introduced that the signs be taken down due to the legal position of the Council. The working group members strongly believed that they should be removed however, Councillor O'Donovan wished it to be recorded that she was totally against this proposal.

ACTION PLAN – REVIEW

It was noted that the Action Plan had required prioritising.

New signs and machines for the car parks were seen as the main priority with new signs being in place for next season. The cost and the positioning of the signs needs to be established. The use of stickers to cover over old signs was discussed. This was seen as a cheaper option however some signs were noted as being in such a bad state of disrepair that new ones are needed.

The charging structure with regards to camper vans was deemed to be complicated for programming the ticket machine.

It was AGREED:-

That two ticket machines be purchased and signs erected to convey this requirement by users.

Councillor O'Donovan requested that an official acknowledgement be sent to Mr Potter to thank him for his time in compiling a report.

If resurfacing needs to take place then it was suggested that this be incorporated into other Council operational needs so that all works can be carried out under

one contract, thus reducing costs.

Action: Councillor Miller and Mr G Brookes (Operations Manager) will visit the car parks to identify the needs for repairs in order to present their findings at the next meeting.

5. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was set for **Monday 2nd December 2002 2.00 p.m** in the Town Hall.

The meeting closed at 12.00 p.m.