

Minutes of the Meeting of the **TRANSPORT
COMMITTEE** held at the Town Hall on
Wednesday 21st November 2007 at 2.15 p.m.

Chairman: -

Councillor M Hadley

Swanage Town Council

Present: -

Councillor C Bright

Swanage Town Council

Councillor S Poultney

Swanage Town Council

Councillor M Whitwam

Swanage Town Council

Also Present: -

Mr A Leeson

Town Clerk

Public Participation Time

There was one member of the public in attendance.

Mr R Brasher spoke regarding the enforcement of parking by multiple agencies and suggested that one phone number to notify authorities of parking problems be introduced. This was noted as a good idea.

Mr R Brasher raised his concern over the non removal of abandoned vehicles. It was noted that this issue came under the jurisdiction of the District Council.

1) **Apologies**

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillors Audley, Mrs Gainsborough and Pratt and Mr Green.

2) **Car Parks Scale of Charges 2008/09**

Members discussed the general principles of the car parks prior to agreeing the fees for 2008/09. Comparison was made with other Local Authorities within the local area, whose tariffs had previously been distributed. It was noted that the clarity of the signs needed to be improved in certain car parks.

The perception of high charges was discussed. The general consensus was that prices were fair however better marketing of the services that people were receiving for their money should be introduced e.g. information boards at the car parking machines, featuring the facilities provided. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Poultney and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:**

That better marketing of the services being made available to tourists should be investigated.

The Chairman mooted the possibility of introducing a prize draw for people who use the car parks. Members did not see this idea as being tenable and no proposal was made.

During discussion it was noted that the on-street parking restrictions should commence from 1st May rather than 15th May as present. It was proposed by

Councillor Bright, seconded by the Chairman and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:

That it is recommended to the County Council that the restriction on on-street car parking commences on 1st May.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Whitwam and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:

That Rabling Road and Shore Road be included in the County Council campervan restricted zones.

The possibility of introducing free car parking for tax exempt disabled badge holders was discussed. It was noted that other Local Authorities such as Borough of Poole and Bournemouth Borough Council gave 3 hours free parking to all disabled badge holders and other similar towns offered the concession for those with tax exemptions. It was further noted that free disabled parking was available in several areas in the town and that the current policy remain unchanged.

The introduction of an half hourly charge was discussed as it was recognised that several other Local Authorities in the area had introduced this tariff banding. It was generally felt that one hour was sufficient and no proposal was made.

It was noted that the fees for the winter period should be reviewed once the statistics for the current fees are available i.e. after April 2008.

a) Broad Road

An evening charge from 7 pm to 8 am was introduced. The following charges were agreed:

1st July to 31st August	£
Cars Daily	8.00
Cars up to 4 hours	6.00
Cars up to 2 hours	3.20
Cars up to 1 hour	1.70
7 p.m. to 8 a.m.	
Cars up to 1 hour	1.70
Cars up to 2 hours	2.70
Cars 3 hours or more	3.50
1st April to 30th June and September	
Cars Daily	7.00
Cars up to 4 hours	5.00
Cars up to 2 hours	2.70
Cars up to 1 hour	1.70
7 p.m. to 8 a.m.	
Cars up to 1 hour	1.70
Cars up to 2 hours	2.70
Cars 3 hours or more	3.50

A discussion arose as to the general provision of car parking for residents. The possibility of a season ticket for the car parks was raised. After further discussion it was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Bright and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:

That free car parking be offered over the winter season to holders of a residents permit in Broad Road and the Main Beach car parks as an experimental exercise.

b) Main Beach

1st April to 30th September	£
Cars Daily	7.00
Cars up to 4 hours	5.00
Cars up to 2 hours	2.70
Cars up to 1 hour	1.70
Cars Weekly	30.00
Coaches Daily	8.00
Coaches 4 hours or less	6.00
Campervan Overnight (6 p.m. to 9 a.m.)	5.50
Annual Private & Business	230.00
Summer Season Ticket (1 st May to 30 th September)	155.00

It was noted that the weekly, seasonal and annual tickets should be marketed better in the Purbeck Holiday Guide.

c) North Beach

A new 1 hour charge was introduced.

1st April to 30th September	£
Cars Daily	5.00
Cars up to 2 hours	2.70
Cars up to 1 hour	1.70
Cars Weekly	25.00
Coaches Daily	6.00
Coaches 4 hours or less	4.00
Campervan Overnight (6 p.m. to 9 a.m.)	5.50

d) Central and Mermond

1st April to 30th September	£
Max stay 2 hours 8 am to 7 pm, 3 hours 7 pm to 10 pm	
Cars 3 hours or more	3.00
Cars up to 2 hours	2.00
Cars up to 1 hour	1.20
Overnight parking 10 pm to 10 am	free

e) Residents

1st April to 30th September	£
Max stay 2 hours 8 am to 7 pm, 3 hours 7 pm to 10 pm	
Cars 3 hours or more	1.50
Cars up to 2 hours	1.00
Cars up to 1 hour	0.60
Overnight parking 10 pm to 10 am	free

f) Annual Taxis

It was noted that only fourteen out of the twenty five permits available had been issued. After a brief discussion during which the need to achieve best value was recognised, it was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Whitwam and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:**

That a meeting with the taxi permit holders be arranged and the tariff be frozen in the meantime.

The Chairman declared a personal interest under the Model Code of Conduct in relation to the following item.

g) Peveril Point Residents

A discussion arose as to the name of the scheme and it was noted that “permit” was not suitable. After a brief discussion it was proposed by Councillor Bright, seconded by Councillor Whitwam and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:**

That the tariff should be called “Peveril Point Residents Tickets”.

It was noted that the scheme had not yet been implemented and no proposal was made to change the fee.

h) Excess Charge Penalty

It was agreed that this charge remain at £60, reduced to £30 for payment within 10 days.

3) Request for reduced fees for festival/event participants

Following a request from Mrs Maloney, Members discussed concessionary parking for participants in the Folk Festival. Although noted as bringing visitors to the town, the request was seen as unworkable and administratively costly.

Further discussion arose as to schemes available to other organisations. It was proposed by Councillor Bright, seconded by Councillor Poultney and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:**

That 40 passes be made available to the organisers of the Folk Festival to distribute to Morris Teams for North Beach Car Park for the weekend.

4) **Weymouth College-Request for season ticket, North Beach Car Park**

Members discussed a request from Weymouth College for a parking permit for North Beach car park. Members recognised the valuable contribution made by the college in providing transport and enabling students to attend the college. After a brief discussion it was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Whitwam and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:

That a parking permit be issued to the college for the academic term at no cost.

5) **Date of Next Meeting**

The next scheduled date of the Committee is 6th February 2008.

The Meeting closed at 4.30 p.m.
