

Minutes of the Meeting of the **CAR PARKS**
BEST VALUE REVIEW WORKING GROUP held at the
Town Hall on **Friday, 13th October 2006** at **9.30 a.m.**

Present:-

Councillor G.M. Suttle – Chairman
Councillor C. Bright
Councillor Mrs J. Farrow
Councillor M. Pratt
Councillor M. Tyrer

Also in attendance:-

Mr A. Leeson Town Clerk

1) **Apologies**

Apologies for his inability to attend the meeting were received from Councillor Hadley.

2) **Minutes of Meeting held 20th September 2006**

It was noted that the minutes had not been ratified by Council and should be checked for accuracy.

Referring to Minute 2) b) Councillor Bright commented on a notification that he had received from Dorset County Council, raising concerns that the formal consultation process had been commenced in isolation.

3) **Review of outstanding action points**

a) **Seafront traffic system**

A draft drawing of the proposed seafront enhancement scheme was discussed. It was noted that an experimental year could be introduced initially. Temporary measures would have to be used during this period, eliminating the possibility of infilling Walrond Road at this time.

It was AGREED that the following recommendations be made:

- The summer season should be 1st May to 30th September inclusive.
- During this period, closure of the seafront should be 24 hours.
- A gate should be installed at the top of Walrond Road.
- Deliveries should be prohibited between 10.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m., with service vehicles only being permitted during this period.
- A turning space should be allowed for at the bottom of Walrond Road
- The scheme would start at Clifton Road, with parking being permitted from the start of the single yellow line on Shore Road.
- No campervans, trailers or trade vehicles should be permitted to park and adequate provision for disabled parking should be allowed for.
- The charging structure should be allied to Broad Road, with a maximum waiting time of 2 hours being permissible.
- The parking area should be closed on Carnival day and the Carnival Committee should be consulted.

During the discussion it was noted that restrictions of the Blue Badge Scheme were unclear.

ACTION: To clarify with Dorset County Council the restrictions of the Blue Badge Scheme

b) High Street – reversal proposals

The reversal of the one way system from Court Hill to Kings Road East was discussed. It was realised that the implications on the flow of traffic in other roads were far reaching and that help from Dorset County Council would be required before any recommendations could be made.

ACTION: Consultation with Dorset County Council should be started.

Before consideration of the next matter, Councillor Bright declared a personal interest under the Model Code of Conduct but remained in the meeting during the debate.

c) Enforcement – Service agreement

The possibility of transferring the car park enforcement to Dorset County Council was discussed. The benefits were noted as reducing the staffing costs. In determining a draft service level agreement it was noted that there was the need for a continuous presence in the town. The possibility of transferring Dorset County Council's powers to the Town Council's Enforcement Officer's was suggested however the Clerk stated that this would not be possible. The Chairman stated that the Town Council would not get the service required from Dorset County Council within the terms of the proposed Service Level Agreement and it would be likely that the Town Council would have to supplement the service.

The possibility of transferring some of the duties, currently being undertaken by the Beach Wardens, to an Enforcement Officer role were discussed, as well as some additional powers being delegated from Purbeck District Council to issue fines and patrol the towns Parks & Open Spaces. It was agreed that further detailed consideration should be given to the matter and that it should be referred to the Joint Staffing Working Group meeting on 1st November 2006. Consultation with Dorset County Council should also be undertaken and it was AGREED:

That the Chairman and Councillor Tyrer should represent the Working Group in discussions with Dorset County Council.

d) Summer season tickets – Main Beach

It was agreed that summer season tickets for Main Beach car park should be introduced on the following basis:

- The ticket will be valid from 1st May to 30th September inclusive, 24 hours a day seven days per week.
- The cost will be two thirds of the cost of the annual permit (rounded up to the nearest five pounds) and tickets may be purchased from the machines or from the Town Hall. Tickets from the machines may be laminated at the Town Hall.

- Tickets will not be vehicle specific.
- Lost tickets will not be replaced.

e) **Signage Review – costings**

Images of the signage currently used at the Council’s car parks were distributed by Councillor Bright. It was noted that signage was inadequate. The need to consult with Dorset County Council was noted as they may be enforcing the parking restrictions.

It was AGREED:

That Councillor Bright should be included in the consultation process with Dorset County Council.

The need to install a new machine on King George’s overflow car park was noted.

4) **Items of Information and matters for forthcoming Agenda’s**

There were no matters discussed under this agenda item.

5) **Date of next meeting**

Members of the Working Group will be informed of the date of the next meeting in due course.
