

Minutes of the Meeting of the **CAR PARKS**
BEST VALUE REVIEW WORKING GROUP held at the
Town Hall on **Wednesday, 17th August 2005** at **2.15 p.m.**

Present: -

Councillor A H Miller Chairman
Councillor C Bright (from 2.30 p.m.)
Councillor Mrs J Farrow
Councillor M Tyrer

Also in attendance: -

Mr G Brookes (until 3.45 p.m.) Operations Manager
Mr C Dragon (until 3.45 p.m.) Car Park Enforcement Officer
Mr A J Leeson (from 4.00 p.m.) Town Clerk

1) **Apologies**

Apologies for her inability to attend the meeting were received from Councillor Mrs O'Donovan.

2) **Review of Minutes – 17th August 2004**

Further to Minute 5) b) Councillor Tyrer raised the problem of visitors parking in the disabled spaces outside the Health Centre. Following discussion of possible solutions it was RESOLVED:

That, if the Medical Practice agrees, the Health Centre should hold special permits for the disabled spaces, to be collected at the beginning, and handed in at the end, of each appointment.

Furthermore:

To write to the Manager of the Medical Practice to enquire whether they could provide further disabled parking in their own car park.

<p>ACTION: The Town Clerk to write to the Medical Practice Manager about proposed changes to the disabled parking scheme at the Health Centre.</p>

After consideration of the hazard caused by parking on the nearby double yellow lines on Town Council property, it was AGREED:

That, the Car Park Enforcement Officers be requested to issue parking tickets to anyone parking on the double yellow lines.

In reference to Minute 5) e) the Town Mayor noted that the proposed narrowing of the pedestrian crossing had not been carried out due to safety concerns.

3) **Review of Outstanding Action Points**

Further to the action point under minute 5) g) it was noted that HGVs had still been parking overnight in Main Beach Car Park. The installation of height barriers was discussed. The Operations Manager reported that he was developing a scheme of traffic management for Main Beach Car Park that would address this problem. It was AGREED UNANIMOUSLY:

That the Town Council's Operations Manager prepare a scheme for Main Beach Car Park, for implementation as soon as possible after the end of the summer season.

AGREED: The Operations Manager prepare a scheme for traffic management at Main Beach Car Park.

The Town Mayor reported that there was a problem with safety, related to traffic congestion at the entrance to King George's Field, when in use as an overflow car park.

Councillor Bright entered the meeting at this point.

The Town Mayor summarised the proceedings so far and Councillor Bright indicated his approval of the resolutions recorded above.

After further discussion of the entrance to King George's Field overflow Car Park it was PROPOSED by the Town Mayor, SECONDED by Councillor Bright and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:

That the Operations Manager alter the lay out of the car park around the entrance to King George's Field in order to reduce congestion, and lessen the associated risk to safety.

AGREED: The Operations Manager alter the lay-out of Main Beach car park to prevent congestion at the entrance to King George's Field.

Councillor Bright reported that on market days there were no disabled spaces available, and that some people were confused over which ticket machines to use. Councillor Bright also felt that the time at which the overflow car park on King George's Field was due to close should be indicated more clearly. It was agreed that these points be put forward to a future meeting of the Car Parks Best Value Review Working Group.

The Town Mayor then enquired as to the current position in respect of car parking machines in Main Beach Car Park. The Operations Manager reported that two machines were out of action, along with one in the coach park. Consideration was given to the feasibility of moving a machine from either North Beach or the Residents Car Park to Main Beach. It was AGREED:

That the Operations Manager arrange for a reliable machine to be placed near to the entrance to King George's Field by Saturday 20th August 2005.

AGREED: The Operations Manager to arrange for a reliable ticket machine to be placed in Main Beach car park near to the entrance to King George's Field.

Councillor Tyrer enquired about progress in respect of the action point under Minute 5) h). The Town Mayor explained that the extension of the Car Parking Order was still being pursued. He stated that the Town Council has the support of both the County and District councils, but that such a change still takes time to bring to fruition.

Concern was expressed at the illegal overnight parking of camper vans in the town, and it was feared that this situation will deteriorate as steps are taken to enforce the waiting restrictions along the Ferry Road at Shell Bay.

The use of Main Beach Car Park by Harrow House as a drop-off and collection point was discussed. It was noted that there were health and safety implications of their use. It was UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED:

That a representative from Harrow House be invited to the next Car Parks Best Value Review Working Group, and that the Town Clerk write to Harrow House in order to negotiate a fee for the use of Main Beach Car Park.

AGREED: The Town Clerk write to Harrow House in order to negotiate a fee for the use of Main Beach Car Park.

The use of North Beach Car Park by the Rowing Regatta was discussed and it was AGREED UNANIMOUSLY:

To recommend to the Town Council that in future the organisers of the Rowing Regatta be requested to park all related trailers on Journeys End.

Councillor Bright raised the question of possible misuse of car park permits and it was RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:

That a list of permit-holders be prepared for consideration at the next meeting of the Car Parks Best Value Review Working Group.

AGREED: A list of permit holders be drawn up and presented to the next meeting of the Car Parks Best Value Review Working Group.

The Town Mayor brought forward the issue of signage in the car parks and the possibility of erecting 'You are Here' signs was discussed. The question of sponsorship of such signs was also raised. The importance of installing new signs for the next summer season was emphasised.

A number of issues were then discussed in relation to Central Car Park. The legality of the new Co-Op trolley shelter was questioned and the need to tidy up the car park entrance was highlighted, including the replacement of the existing bollards.

ACTION: The Town Clerk to write to the Co-Op manager to draw his attention to the work required.

Councillor Bright congratulated the Car Park enforcement officers for their work over the summer. The Operations Manager stated how well the new enforcement officers were working and requested that the seasonal appointment be extended.

The Operations Manager and Car Parks Enforcement Officer left the meeting at this point.

4) **Peveril Point Improvement Scheme**

The Town Mayor gave a brief update. Possible future parking schemes were discussed, and different categories of users identified, viz. residents, visitors and landlords of holiday accommodation.

The Town Clerk entered the meeting at this point.

The demolition of the garage site and store was discussed and it was AGREED:

That the Operations Manager draw up a full specification for the removal of the garage site and store on Peveril Point Road as soon as possible.

ACTION: The Operations Manager to draw up a full specification for the removal of the garage site and store on Peveril Point Road.

5) **General Issues**

There was nothing further to discuss under this heading.

6) **Date of Next Meeting**

No date was set for the next meeting of the Car Park Best Value Review Working Group and Members would be informed at a later date.

The Meeting closed at 4.05 p.m.
