

It was reported that funding of bicycle racks by the library is being pursued by the Purbeck Transport Action Group. It was also noted that Purbeck District Council had been requested by the representative of Purbeck Cycling Club to supply bicycle racks at the new industrial estate.

3) **Matters arising from Minutes of the Transport Committee Meeting held on 21st November 2007**

The minutes were noted as agreed.

4) **Review of on-street parking restrictions**

a) **Schedule of proposals from Dorset County Council**

Members considered a letter dated 11th January 2008 accompanying a schedule of amendments to parking restrictions to be implemented by Dorset County Council. This included details of the extension of a no waiting at any time restriction on the south side of Manor Road, not previously discussed by the Town Council. It was RESOLVED:

That the Town Council has no objection to the on-street parking restrictions proposed by Dorset County Council, including those in respect of Manor Road.

During discussion it was noted that reference was made at a recent taxi operators' forum to setting down facilities in Kings Road but no further action was suggested.

b) **Camper vans and trade vehicles**

Consideration was given to a letter from the Traffic Management Department at Dorset County Council dated 14th December 2007 setting out possible amendments to the existing Traffic Regulation Order in relation to camper vans and trade vehicles. It was felt that the proposal that parking tickets issued to tradesmen could be written off on the production of evidence of their being on-call at the time of issue was an inadequate response. It was noted that the Town Council never wished for the inclusion of trade vehicles in the restriction in the first instance and it was RESOLVED:

That the County Council should be requested to formulate a more straightforward approach to the issue of tradesmen's on street parking whilst on-call.

The meeting was briefly suspended under Standing Order 69 to permit a member of the public to speak.

In respect of a proposal to provide residents' permits to owners of camper vans to park in the roads on which they live it was AGREED:

That the owners of camper vans who had contacted the Town Council in respect of this issue be consulted on the proposal for limited residents' permits.

It was noted that the County Council were not prepared to alter the waiting restriction on Shore Road to exclude camper vans but were able to expand the

existing seasonal 'no waiting' order to a seasonal 'no waiting at any time' order. It was AGREED:

That the proposal for a seasonal 'no waiting at any time' order be approved.

Consideration was given to the cost of implementing the Town Council's request to alter the seasonal waiting orders to commence on 1st May instead of 15th May as at present. Members felt that the cost of applying adhesive overlays to the existing signs should be established and it was RESOLVED:

To ascertain from Dorset County Council the cost of applying adhesive overlays to the existing waiting restriction signs in Swanage.

Finally, Members considered whether to support the retention or removal of the existing parking order in respect of the eastern side of Park Road, given that the relevant signs were removed some years ago. It was AGREED:

That the existing parking order in respect of the eastern side of Park Road should be revoked.

5) Report on meeting of Swanage MCTi Transport Working Group held on 6th December 2007

A brief report was received regarding discussions at the Swanage MCTi Transport Working Group held on 6th December 2007. Some unease was expressed that the MCTi process was progressing without input from Swanage Town Council. It was AGREED:

That the Town Clerk write to the Town Partnership requesting them to present the MCTi working group proposals to the Town Council prior to approaching Dorset County Council.

It was further AGREED:

That the Town Council request either sight of the working group's minutes or a verbal report to a future meeting.

6) Approval of Traffic Management Questionnaire

Members discussed a draft Traffic Management Questionnaire circulated prior to the meeting.

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

That Mr Brasher and Mr James be permitted to join the meeting on this occasion.

The following amendments were AGREED:

- (1) That a note be included to explain that the 20 mph proposal arose from consideration of a national report.
- (2) That, under section A2 b), contributors should be invited to explain the roads to which they refer under A2 e).

- (3) That, under section B1 reasons should be invited for those ticking ‘Yes’ as well as ‘No’.
- (4) That a map should be attached indicating the location of Cliff Cottage and Shore House as points A and B.

7) Car Park Ticket Advertising

Consideration was given to future advertising on the reverse of the Town Council’s car parking tickets. It was agreed that if the Chamber of Trade were no longer interested in the discount voucher currently provided then it should be removed. It was **RESOLVED**:

That contact details for the Tourist Information Centre be printed on the reverse of the Town Council’s car park tickets, including a contact telephone number inviting enquiries in respect of special offers.

8) Scale of Charges – Setting of Taxi Rank Fees

Members discussed the fees for use of the Town Council’s taxi rank at the station. After careful consideration it was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Poultney and **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY**:

TO RECOMMEND:
That the annual taxi rank fees be increased by 3 per cent rounded to the nearest £5.

Following consultation the recent taxi operators’ forum, the future use of the taxi rank was debated. It was noted that demand had fallen in recent years and that there might be the opportunity for increased provision of short-stay car parking. It was **AGREED**:

That the Town Council consider a cost/benefit analysis of converting part of the taxi rank to short stay car parking at a future meeting.

9) Review and Monitoring of Objectives

The importance of measuring performance was noted and it was agreed that a check-list of action points be put to future meetings.

10) Items of Information and Matters for Forthcoming Agendas

The Chairman requested that the possibility of future Transport Committee Meetings being held in the evening be placed on a future agenda.

The problematic nature of the junction of Queens Road and the High Street for pedestrians was noted and it was agreed that this be placed on a future agenda.

11) Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the date of the next meeting is to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 3.30 p.m.
