

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
JOINT PARKING COMMITTEE
TUESDAY 2 OCTOBER 2012 AT 4.00 P.M.
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors: Bernard, J.D. (Vice-Chairman – in the Chair)

Corfield, P.	Pearson, A. (substituting for Toth, J.)
Dixon, D.I.	Rowley, J.
Martin, G.	

(Staffordshire County Council and District Council Members)

Cannock Chase Council Officers: Schofield, S. (Senior Technical Assistant)
Thomas, C. (Parking Services Manager)

Staffordshire County Council Officers: Wright, D. (Community Highway Liaison Manager)

(In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor P.A. Fisher, Councillor J.D. Bernard the Vice-Chairman took the Chair).

14. Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Councillor P.A. Fisher (Chairman), Councillor J. Toth and Joss Presland, Waste and Engineering Services Manager.

Councillor Toth had advised that Councillor A. Pearson would attend the meeting on his behalf as a substitute.

15. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restriction on Voting by Members

No interests were declared.

16. Minutes

With regard to Minute 13 (page 9) Councillor Bernard asked whether the update on Cemetery Road/Victoria Street would be included in Staffordshire County Council's verbal update on ongoing matters. David Wright, Community Highway Liaison Manager confirmed that this would be included in the report on prioritisation of parking related Traffic Regulation Orders submitted to the next meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 14 August, 2012 be approved as a correct record.

17. CPE Progress Report for the Period July – September 2012

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Environmental Services (Enclosure 4.1 – 4.9 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

Steve Schofield, Senior Technical Assistant presented the report and provided Members with an update on the progress of Civil Parking Enforcement in the second quarter of the financial year 2012-2013. He advised that the results of the Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) Penalty Charge Notices (PCN's) issued and cancelled were summarised in the Annexes to the report. He commented that figures for September were not included in the report due to the deadline for producing the Committee report. This information would be provided at the next Joint Parking Committee in January 2013. It was explained that in comparison with the first two months of the second quarter (July-Aug) of last year (2011/12) the number of PCN's issued had fallen. This was the same for Lichfield and Tamworth although it was not clear whether it was a national trend. The Officer commented that the reasons for this could be due to more compliance from the public or to the downturn of the footfall in the town centres. The Committee were advised that the areas the Parking Enforcement Officers patrolled would be assessed and Officers would be directed to the most appropriate areas.

Some Members considered that the reason the number of PCN's issued had fallen could be due to the large proportion of pensioners who travelled on buses free of charge.

Councillor Corfield requested that the information regarding adjoining local authorities experiencing a decline in the number of PCN's issued be included in the report for the next meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the report be noted.

18. Update – Ongoing Matters – Staffordshire County Council Highways

David Wright, Staffordshire County Community Highways Liaison Manager advised that since the last meeting a reorganisation of the Highways Team at Stafford had been undertaken. John Parkes had moved to the Projects Team and this had left a vacancy in Highways. Mark Keeling was involved in progressing On Street Parking Charges and it was proposed to hold an event at Cannock Library in the near future to inform the public of the proposals. In addition there was to be a leaflet drop in the areas affected by the proposed On Street Parking Charges.

The vacant posts in the Highways Section would be advertised but, in the meantime, it was proposed to commission a Consultant to progress the Traffic Regulation Order priorities for this year. A report would be prepared for the next meeting of the Committee.

Members took the opportunity to pass on their thanks to David Wright, Community Highways Liaison Manager who would shortly be retiring.

19. Date of Next Meeting

Members noted that the next meeting of the Joint Parking Committee was scheduled for 22 January, 2013 at 4.00pm.

The meeting closed at 4.10pm.

CHAIRMAN