

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
JOINT PARKING COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 22 OCTOBER, 2014 AT 4.00 P.M.
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

PART 1

PRESENT : District and County Councillors:-

Bennett, C. (Chairman)
Lovell, A. (Vice-Chairman)
Bernard, J. (substituting for A. Dean)

S.C.C. Adamson, G.
S.C.C. Spicer, Mrs. A.

Cannock Chase Council Officers:

- Tennant, I. (Head of Housing and Waste Management)
- Thomas, C. (Parking Services Manager)
- Schofield, S. (Senior Technical Officer)
- Rowe, Mrs. W. (Senior Committee Officer)

Staffordshire County Council Officer:

- Keeling, M. (Community Infrastructure Liaison Manager)

9. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A. Dean, A. Dudson, J. Johnson and G. Martin.

Councillor J. Bernard was in attendance as substitute for Councillor A. Dean.

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

No further Declarations of Interests were made in addition to those already confirmed by Members in the Register of Members Interests.

11. Minutes

With regard to Minute No. 5 Councillor Adamson asked for an update in respect of the request relating to Stanley Road, Hednesford.

The Community Infrastructure Liaison Manager confirmed that this

request was agreed at the previous meeting and was included on the 2015 programme which would be discussed later in the agenda.

Councillor Adamson considered that this order should be progressed as a matter of urgency as there was a likelihood of someone getting seriously injured. The Chairman asked for confirmation on when this order would be dealt with.

The Community Infrastructure Liaison Manager explained the position with regards to the Civil Parking Enforcement Review and the changes to the way traffic regulation orders would be dealt with in the future. It was anticipated that from April 2015 the prioritisation of parking related restrictions would form part of the Members "Divisional Highway Programmes". Each Member would be given a priorities list for them to indicate which TRO they considered should be progressed. Therefore, Councillor Adamson could identify Stanley Road as a priority under this programme and it could be dealt with outside of the Joint Parking Committee. This matter would be discussed further when the Prioritisation of Parking related Traffic Regulation Orders Report was considered later in the meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 July, 2014 be approved as a correct record.

12. Prioritisation of Parking Related Traffic Regulation Orders

Consideration was given to the Report of the County Council's Corporate Director for Development Services (Item 5.1 – 5.13 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Community Infrastructure Liaison Manager led Members through the report explaining that three requests that had been received since the previous meeting. These related to Canterbury Way, Heath Hayes, Foxhill Close, Heath Hayes and Old Fallow Avenue, Chads Moor. Members discussed the requests and confirmed they were in agreement with Officers that no further action be taken. In relation to Foxhill Close and Old Fallow Avenue the situation would be monitored for accidents over the next twelve months.

He then provided an update on the current Traffic Regulation Orders that were in progress, namely:

Beecroft Road, Cannock – this was due to be implemented on 29 October, 2014. The parking bays had been marked out but no signs had yet been erected. Members noted that vehicles were already using the bays. The Officer confirmed that the bays could be used and vehicles would not be booked due to there being no signs in place.

Pye Green Road, Cannock – this order had now been signed off and was due to be advertised in the local paper.

Manor Avenue, Cannock – this order was about to be commenced.

Spring Street, Cannock – this order was about to be commenced.

Councillor Adamson made reference to the request in relation to Stanley Road, Hednesford. He considered that this should take priority over the Spring Street order. He would like to see it being implemented this year due to the concerns he had raised earlier in the meeting.

The Community Infrastructure Liaison Manager advised that it would be possible to implement both the Spring Street order and the Stanley Road order this financial year. The Spring Street order could remain in the 2014/15 programme whilst the Stanley Road order could be progressed via the Members “Divisional Highway Programme” as there was a budget available to deliver it. He would start the process off which involved a 30 day consultation period following which the scheme would be drawn up and advertised. He anticipated that it would be completed before April, 2015. However, it was agreed that should there be any problem/delay in progressing the order he would discuss this with Councillor Adamson.

RESOLVED:

- (A) That no further action be taken in relation to the requests relating to Canterbury Way, Heath Hayes, Foxhill Close, Heath Hayes and Old Fallow Avenue, Chads Moor.
- (B) That in relation to Foxhill Close and Old Fallow Avenue the situation would be monitored for accidents over the next twelve months.
- (C) That the request in relation to Stanley Road, Hednesford be progressed via the Members “Divisional Highway Programme” with the aim of completion before April, 2015.

13. Additional Item - Civil Parking Enforcement – Review

Members were referred to the additional report which had been circulated to the Committee. Mark Keeling, Community Infrastructure Liaison Manager led Members through the report outlining the main issues.

Members noted that on 9 September, 2014 the County Council’s Cabinet had agreed that with effect from the 1 April, 2015 CPE throughout Staffordshire would be delivered through a “Clear Streets” Partnership with Stoke-on-Trent City Council. The County Council were also proposing to abolish the Joint Staffordshire Parking Board and Local Parking Committees and establish new governance arrangements

through the existing Community Highway Liaison Teams following consultation with the appropriate County Council Ward Member via the Members "Divisional Highway Programmes".

Arising from consideration of the report a Councillor asked for an update regarding the Residents Parking Zone in Newhall Street, Cannock. The Officer confirmed that Residents Parking Zones were dealt with separately to the Traffic Regulation Orders and were not included on the priorities list. The Committee had requested a RPZ be investigated on Newhall Street and this process had commenced. Highways Officers were currently looking at addressing some resident issues but the scheme was being progressed. In response to a request from a Member the Officer confirmed that term "Local Champion" related to a local resident who had volunteered to be involved in the establishment of an RPZ scheme.

A Councillor sought confirmation of a request for a TRO in respect of Chenet Way, Cannock. The Community Infrastructure and Liaison Manager confirmed that the restrictions had been extended to cover the bends in Chenet Way, Cannock some two to three years ago. However, an additional request to extend the restrictions further had been considered by the Committee but this was not supported. He was aware that a group of residents were requesting further action but no formal request had yet been received.

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the progress on the review of Civil Parking Enforcement be noted.
- (B) That the content of the report taken to the Joint Staffordshire Parking Board on 8 July 2014 outlining the draft business case for the preferred method of delivery be noted.
- (C) That the decision taken by the County Council on 9 September 2014 about the arrangements for on-street civil parking enforcement and associated matters from April 2015 be noted.
- (D) That the ongoing work that will take place during the establishment, transition and mobilisation of the Clear Streets Partnership in relation to the required outcomes be noted.

14. Civil Parking Enforcement Progress Report for the Period July - September 2014

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Housing and Waste Management (Item 6.1 – 6.7 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Senior Technical Officer led Members through the report.

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the report be noted.

15. Date of Future Meeting

Members noted that a meeting of the Joint Parking Committee was scheduled for 4 February, 2015 at 4.00pm.

The meeting closed at 4.30pm.

CHAIRMAN