

4. Minutes

Arising from consideration of the Minutes the Chairman referred to the Victoria Street Residents Permit Parking Scheme and asked that options to extend the scheme to Newhall Street be submitted to the next meeting. She further asked that with regard to the Brunswick Road Traffic Regulation Order, the residents at Hanover Place and Georgian Place be approached to discuss the proposal with them. The Community Infrastructure Liaison Manager advised that he would update the Committee on these schemes when he presented his report later on the agenda.

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 23 April, 2013 be approved as a correct record.

5. CPE Progress Report for the Period April - June 2013

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Housing and Waste Management (Enclosure 5.1 – 5.6 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

Steve Schofield, Senior Technical Officer presented the report and provided Members with an update on the progress of Civil Parking Enforcement in the first quarter of the financial year 2013-2014. 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 further advised that the County Council were undertaking a review of Civil Parking Enforcement and this had been ongoing since October/November 2012. It was anticipated that this review would be concluded in September/October 2013 and further information would be provided at the next meeting. Councillor Bennett asked whether the outcome of the review would be available for the next Joint Parking Board meeting. The Head of Housing and Waste Management advised that there had been a discussion on whether to hold a special Joint Parking Board meeting to discuss the County Council's proposals in draft prior to them being considered by their Cabinet.

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the report be noted.

6. Prioritisation of Parking related Traffic Regulation Orders

Consideration was given to the Report of the County Council's Corporate Director for Development Services (Enclosure 6.1 – 6.15 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The report detailed the new requests for parking related Traffic Regulation Orders that had been received since the previous meeting. The Community Infrastructure Liaison Officer outlined the requests contained in the report. The Community Infrastructure Liaison Manager advised that any requests which were supported would need to be added to the priority list of Traffic Regulation Orders which would be discussed later on in the agenda.

With regard to Hednesford Town Centre he advised that Members were being asked to consider increase the existing 20 minutes parking limit on Market Street to 40 minutes. The Committee agreed that the parking limit on Market Street should be increased as this would assist both shoppers and the trade. It was requested that this be added to the priority list and be carried out as soon as possible.

Members discussed the request in relation to Girton Road where motorists were parking along Girton Road all day and commuting to Birmingham to avoid paying the parking charges on the Station car park. Additionally, there were some residents parking along Girton Road. The Committee considered that, although the majority of vehicles were parking on the road to avoid the parking charges, the flats in the area had limited parking facilities and therefore visitors often parked in the road. The Chairman asked whether a timed restriction could be considered. The Senior Technical Assistant advised that there had been similar problems with parking on the Mill Green Nature Reserve car park and an off street car parking order had been introduced which limited parking to 3 hours (at no charge). This had stopped vehicles parking there all day but may have moved them to Girton Road. Members considered that a timed restriction should be introduced limiting parking to a maximum of 3 hours.

Members considered the request to extend the existing double yellow lines along Anglesey Street, Hednesford as parked vehicles were causing a problem with visibility for vehicles exiting the Co-op car park. Councillor Adamson agreed that there was a problem with visibility in this area and considered that there could be a serious injury if something wasn't done soon. Members agreed that the double yellow lines should be extending along Anglesey Street towards the entrance to the Ex-servicemen's Club.

With regard to Beecroft Road, the Committee noted that a request for an amendment to the existing Traffic Regulation Order had been made to allow limited parking to assist customers to park and collect their parcels from the Post Office Sorting Office. Members discussed the request and considered that should the double yellow lines be removed the spaces would be taken by shoppers and not necessarily be available for visitors to the sorting office. The Committee were of the opinion that a 20 minutes time limit could be considered.

The request for Oakwoods, Cannock was discussed and it was agreed that no action be taken and the site continue to be monitored.

In relation to School Road, Norton Canes where there were problems with parking outside homes at school drop off and pick up times it was noted that this problem existed throughout the District. It was agreed that access protection markings to the resident's access should be considered.

Members discussed the request in relation to Heath Way, Cannock where residents have complained about the parking in the area due to staff parking half on and half off the footway and not using the available car park. It was noted that parking on pavements was enforced by the Police, however, it was given low priority unless accesses were being restricted.

Councillor Bennett suggested that a letter be sent to the Nursing home advising that if their staff did not park on their car park, enforcement action could be taken if their cars were parked on the footway causing an obstruction. The Committee agreed this course of action.

Members agreed that no action be taken with regard to the request in relation to Victoria Road, Hednesford.

The Community Infrastructure Liaison Manager then updated Members on the progress with the Current Traffic Regulations Orders as outlined in Appendix 1. The Brunswick Road/Hanover Place Order was almost complete and was expected to be delivered in August. The Chairman made reference to her earlier in the agenda asking that consultation take place with residents in Hanover Place and Georgian Place. The Officer confirmed that these had already been done.

With regard to on street parking charges in Cannock Town Centre the Officer explained that this had been on-going for some time with very low response from the consultation. At the last meeting Members asked whether the details of the businesses who had responded to the consultation could be named in a public meeting. He confirmed that, having taken legal advice, he was advised not to release details of the businesses. The minutes of the meeting would be published and those businesses who had been consulted had not been advised their details would be made public.

Following a discussion regarding this matter, it was agreed that the decision on whether to introduce on street parking charges in Cannock Town Centre be deferred and the Community Infrastructure Liaison Manager submit a detailed report to the next Joint Parking Committee meeting.

The Committee then gave consideration to the priority list of Traffic Regulation Orders for 2010/11 through to 2014/15 as attached to the report. Members were asked to determine how they wished to amend the list to take in account the new requests that had been agreed for Market Street, Hednesford, Girton Road, Cannock and Anglesey Street, Hednesford.

It was agreed that the 2013/14 priority order be amended as follows:

1. Post Office Lane, Slitting Mill
2. Sheep Fair/Lion Street, Rugeley
3. Market Street/Anglesey Street, Hednesford (link the two orders together)
4. Mill Street, Cannock

It was further agreed that the following Orders be moved to the beginning of the 2014/15 priority list:

- Coniston Way, Cannock
- Pye Green Road, Cannock
- Girton Road, Cannock
- Beecroft Road, Cannock

The Community Infrastructure Liaison Manager then circulated a Briefing Note outlining the progress with the proposed Residents Parking Scheme in Victoria Street, Cannock. He outlined the Briefing Note and asked the Committee to consider the options detailed within the Briefing Note. Members agreed with option 3 – to introduce the scheme as it stands possibly resulting in:

- (a) A deficit of some £200 to be funded by either SCC DHP process or the CPE service, OR
- (b) Accusations of residents being forced to join the scheme or park in neighbouring streets.

The Chairman commented that residents were in support of the scheme and asked that options for a similar scheme at Newhall Street be submitted to the next meeting.

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the request in relation to Market Street, Hednesford be supported to allow parking for 40 minutes and this be added to the priority list
- (B) That the request for Girton Road, Cannock be supported and a timed restriction should be introduced limiting parking to a maximum of 3 hours and this be added to the priority list.
- (C) That the request in relation to Anglesey Street, Hednesford be supported and added to the priority list.
- (D) That with regard to Beecroft Road, Cannock a 20 minute parking time limit be considered.

- (E) That no action be taken with regard to Oakwoods, Cannock and the site continue to be monitored.
- (F) That access protection markings be considered outside the resident's property in School Road, Norton Canes.
- (G) That a letter be sent to the Nursing Home near Heath Way, Cannock advising that if staff did not park on their car park, enforcement action could be taken if their cars were parked on the footway causing an obstruction.
- (H) That no action be taken with regard to the request in relation to Victoria Road, Hednesford.
- (I) That the priority list of Traffic Regulation Orders be amended as detailed above.
- (J) That the Residents Parking Scheme in Victoria Street, Cannock be supported and options for a similar scheme for Newhall Street, Cannock be submitted to the next meeting.

7. Date of Next Meeting and items for the agenda

Members noted that the next meeting of the Joint Parking Committee was scheduled for 22 October, 2013 at 4.00pm. Councillor Bennett asked whether the date should be amended to enable the outcome of the review of the County Council's review of Civil Parking Enforcement to be submitted to the next meeting. It was agreed that the next meeting be held on the date scheduled – 22 October, 2013 and consideration could be given to calling an additional meeting if necessary, in consultation with the Chairman.

Councillor Fisher asked that Newman Grove, Rugeley and Armitage Lane, Brereton be assessed by Officers as there were problems with regard to school parking and the need for speed reduction.

The meeting closed at 5.15 pm.

CHAIRMAN