

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
JOINT PARKING COMMITTEE
TUESDAY 15 JULY, 2014 AT 4.00 P.M.
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

PART 1

PRESENT : District and County Councillors:-

Bennett, C. (Chairman)
Dean, A.
Johnson, J.

S.C.C. Dudson, A.
S.C.C. Martin, 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)

1. Appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman

RESOLVED:

That Councillor C. Bennett be appointed Chairman and Councillor A. Lovell be appointed Vice Chairman of the Joint Parking Committee for the forthcoming Municipal Year.

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A. Lovell and S.C.C. G. Adamson.

3. 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.

4. Minutes

Councillor Dudson made reference to page 20 and the discussion regarding Post Office Lane. He commented that the current parking was making it difficult to see around the bend and he asked whether the Committee would support double yellow lines being implemented along both sides of the whole Post Office Lane in addition to the existing lines.

Councillor Martin added that residents had made complaints regarding parking which was taking place on the existing double yellow lines at weekends as motorists were aware that Parking Attendants did not work at the weekends.

The Community Infrastructure and Liaison Manager commented that the existing restrictions had not solved the problem with parking in the area and consideration could be given to amending the Traffic Regulation Order. This would need to be addressed when reviewing the priorities list.

The Senior Technical Officer confirmed that in view of the illegal parking taking place over weekends there had been a number of Sunday patrols carried out in conjunction with Lichfield District Council to address this.

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 29 April, 2014 be approved as a correct record.

5. Prioritisation of Parking Related Traffic Regulation Orders

The Chairman advised that Councillor Adamson had requested that the request regarding Stanley Road be considered as the last item.

Consideration was given to the Report of the County Council's Corporate Director for Development Services (Item 5.1 – 5.17 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Community Infrastructure and Liaison Manager advised Members on the procedure for dealing with requests for traffic orders and talked them through each of the requests received since the previous meeting.

Members discussed the request in relation to Hallcourt Lane/Hunter Road, Cannock. Councillor Spicer asked who owned the trees on the right hand side (as shown in the photograph on Item No. 5.7). The Officer was unsure of the ownership of the trees but agreed that if they were cut back it would increase visibility. He suggested that this request be kept under continued review and consideration be given to an alternative solution such as cutting the trees back. Members supported this suggestion.

With regard to the requests in relation to King Street/Heron Street, Rugeley, Setterfield Way, Rugeley and Burgoyne Street, Hednesford it was agreed that no further action be taken.

The Officer then referred Members to the current Traffic Regulation Orders in progress as outlined at Item No. 5.1. With regard to Sheepfair/Lion Street, Rugeley the Chairman advised that there was a new development of 4 houses being built on the old British Legion site. Reference had been made to there being on-street parking opposite the site and a car park on the corner. He had no knowledge of any car park on Sheep Fair and asked officers to keep an eye on this. He understood this application was being considered by the Planning Control Committee on 30 July.

The Chairman then referred Members to the request in relation to Stanley Road and commented that Councillor Adamson had indicated his concern regarding the parking in this area and had suggested that consideration be given to increasing the restrictions.

The Community Infrastructure and Liaison Manager advised that Councillor Adamson had contacted him direct regarding his matter. Officers had visited the site on two occasions. As the school was a special school pupils were taken to and collected by car/taxi/minibus and this was causing congestion at school drop off and pick up times. He suggested that timed restrictions around the junction of Stanley Road and Belt Road would assist. Members supported this suggestion.

Members were asked to give consideration to the priorities list in view of their support for the request in relation to Stanley Road. The officer outlined the traffic regulation orders currently in the programme for 2015/16. He suggested that Stanley Road be provisionally placed in the 2015/16 programme. This could then be further discussed at the next meeting when consideration would be given matrix scores of each of the orders.

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the request in relation to Hallcourt Lane/Hunter Road, Cannock be kept under continued review and consideration be given to an alternative solution such as cutting the trees back.
- (B) That no further action be taken in regard to the requests in relation to King Street/Heron Street, Rugeley, Setterfield Way, Rugeley and Burgoyne Street, Hednesford.
- (C) That the request in relation to Stanley Road, Hednesford be supported and further consideration be given to where it should be placed in the priorities list at the next meeting when the matrix scores would be considered.

6. Civil Parking Enforcement Progress Report for the Period April - June 2014

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Housing and Waste Management (Item 6.1 – 6.6 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Senior Technical Officer led Members through the report. He advised that the public had commented that vehicles were parking illegally at evenings and weekends due to there being no Parking attendants on duty. Therefore a number of Sunday and evening patrols had taken place to address this.

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the report be noted.

7. Joint Staffordshire Parking Board

Mark Keeling, Community Infrastructure Liaison Manager provided Members with an update in respect of the draft business case for the delivery of CPE in Staffordshire post March, 2015.

He advised that a paper was presented to Joint Staffordshire Parking Board last week on the progress of the CPE review. This was primarily to give the Board the opportunity to comment on the draft business case before it was finalised for approval by the Cabinet Member before the end of July.

The preferred option identified in the draft business case was to create a partnership with Stoke-on-Trent City Council for the operational management, enforcement and processing of Penalty Charge Notices county wide.

A report would be provided to a future meeting of the Local Parking Committee post end of July.

Given that Cannock Chase District Council had indicated that they no longer wish to be involved in on-street enforcement irrespective of the decision taken, a different method of commissioning on-street enforcement would be in place post April 2015 within the district.

In terms of the Local Parking Committee, it is unlikely that they will continue to exist post April 2015. Parking requests will possibly be delivered via members Divisional Highway Programmes. However further works are still to take place in terms of the solution with Stoke and more information will be available at the next Joint Parking Committee.

RESOLVED:

That the update be noted.

8. Date of Future Meetings

Members noted that the meetings of the Joint Parking Committee were scheduled for 22 October, 2014, 4 February, 2015 and 29 April, 2015 at 4.00pm.

The meeting closed at 4.40pm

CHAIRMAN