

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
JOINT PARKING COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY 15 JANUARY, 2009 AT 4.00 P.M.  
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK  
PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Williams, A. (Chairman)  
Freeman, M.P. (Vice-Chairman)

Alcott, G.                      Easton, R.

Staffordshire County  
Council Members:              Davies, D.N.                      Dixon, D.I.

(Apologies for absence were received from Staffordshire County Councillors J.O'Leary and J. Toth).

**1. Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman**

RESOLVED:

Councillor A. Williams was appointed Chairman and Councillor M.P. Freeman was appointed Vice-Chairman of the Joint Parking Committee for the remainder of the municipal year.

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

<u>Member</u>	<u>Nature of Interest</u>	<u>Type</u>
Easton, R.	Blue Badge Holder	Personal
Freeman, M.P.	Blue Badge Holder	Personal

**3. Terms of Reference**

Consideration was given to the Terms of Reference of the Joint Parking Committee (Enclosure 4.1 – 4.4 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That the Terms of Reference of the Joint Parking Committee, be received.

4. **Civil Parking Enforcement – Proposed Policies Under Which the Parking Service Operates (2004 Traffic Management Act Part 6)**

Mr. Nick Miller, Parking and Regulation Manager gave a presentation on Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE).

He reported that the principals of civil on-street car parking enforcement provided powers to the Local Authority to carry out parking enforcement. It was anticipated that 9000 tickets would be issued each year by 6 Enforcement Officers and the scheme was overall self-financing. Some of the benefits of CPE included freeing up Police resources to deal with criminality and allowing the Council's and partners to decide on the enforcement required.

Information was provided on the steps to implementation and the current Countywide financial position. He stated that the Council's role included that of the day-to-day operation and management and operational enforcement.

He reported that CPE allowed the County Council to take over the majority of the enforcement of parking restrictions from Staffordshire Police. He provided information on the Traffic Penalty Tribunal and operational policies such as residents parking schemes whereby residents would pay an annual fee of around £50 for each standard permit issued and costs were also provided for parking offences. He stated that special consideration would need to be given to organisations such as the Police, Ambulance and Fire Service where parking was concerned.

The application for the necessary powers for CPE were made to the (Department for Transport) DfT and it was originally envisaged that the powers would be made available in February 2009. However the DfT were unable to meet the date and discussions are therefore ongoing.

Members were provided with details of the financial situation and advised that it would take the Council 4/5 years to payback the initial investments. Therefore any additional monies secured after this time would be re-invested into transport schemes for the District.

Members asked a number of questions surrounding illegal parking, blue badge holders, residents parking zones and ticketing.

Mr. Miller reported that warning notices would be displayed in the District on 9 March, 2009 and implementation of the scheme would commence on 23 March, 2009. He also stated that a review of the policy would take place around summer time.

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the revised CPE Enforcement, Residents Parking Zones (RPZ's) and On street Charging Policies, be approved.
- (B) That the progress towards Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE), be noted.
- (C) That the Committee's commitment to publishing the move to Civil Parking Enforcement utilising the Media and Communications Strategy, be confirmed.

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CHAIRMAN