

**CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**  
**JOINT PARKING COMMITTEE**  
**WEDNESDAY 20 JANUARY, 2010 AT 4.00 P.M.**  
**IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK**

**PART 1**

PRESENT: Councillors

Corfield, P. (Chairman)

Staffordshire County  
Council Members:

Easton, R.	Williams, A.
Freeman, M.P.	
Martin, G.	Rowley, J.

By Invitation: Sgt J. Browning, Rugeley Neighbourhood Policing Team,  
Staffordshire Police on behalf of Inspectors Shannaghan and  
Ellerton

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillor G. Alcott, Inspector Shannaghan and Inspector Ellerton, Staffordshire Police).

**16. 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

**17. Minutes**

Arising from consideration of the Minutes, it was noted that there were still a number of items which needed to be addressed at either the next or a future meeting of the Committee. Those items related to:-

- (A) That a report be received on the possibility of holding an annual conference after Christmas with Parish/Town Council's to discuss the work being undertaken with CPE.
- (B) That a letter be produced and forwarded to Headmasters of schools within the District which provides advice to help combat illegal parking.

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 November, 2009 be approved as a correct record.

**18. Parking Issues in the District**

The Chairman and Members of the Committee welcomed Sgt J. Browning to the meeting to discuss parking issues in the District.

The Chairman referred to the previous meeting and recent changes in legislation where Members had agreed that there were areas which were outside of the Council's remit but within the remit of the Police in respect of parking.

A Member of the Committee reported that he had received numerous complaints in respect of parking issues outside of Hobhill School, Armitage. He stated that he was currently seeking the views of local residents as to what action should be taken to try and alleviate the situation and asked if the Council's Contractors could ensure that parking attendants reviewed the area. He also stated that persistent parking issues were also a problem around the Talbot Road/Cherrytree Road area in Rugeley, although the problems had eased slightly with parking attendants operating in the area. Mr. D. Wright, Staffordshire County Council advised that he had been to the location to establish what the parking problems were.

The Chairman reported that parking problems in other areas also existed such as access for the emergency services in Wolverhampton Road, Cannock.

Sgt J. Browning, Staffordshire Police stated that the Police were aware of the parking issues around Redbrook Hayes and Hobhill Schools and currently had a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) who patrolled those areas. She explained that a partial problem was due to one of the schools having two different finishing times although there was currently a consultation period with parents on the finishing times. She advised that the Police had discussed with the Redbrook Hayes School the various ways parents could drop their children off which included the 'walking bus'.

A Member of the Committee advised that parking problems were also an issue around Churchfields Primary School, Rugeley. Sgt. Browning indicated that the catchment area for this school covered a wider area and would therefore pose more difficulty trying to ease the parking problems.

With regard to Churchfields Primary School, Rugeley a Member advised the Committee that the School Crossing Patrol person would not be replaced given that a pelican crossing was already installed for use. He stated that this posed some danger for both children and parents dropping their children off for school given the School location. The Chairman suggested that a site visit take place to assess the parking problems in this particular location.

A Member advised that the Chaseview Primary School, Rugeley also experienced parking issues, and was of the opinion that traffic calming was needed on the Flaxley Road due to concern with speeding motorists. He also indicated that Flaxley Road operated a one-way system. The Chairman suggested that a report be submitted to the next meeting on how the problems could be tackled.

A Member referred to service areas used by traders and asked how parking permits were allocated. Mr. S. Schofield, Senior Technical Assistant stated that there were a certain number of spaces for traders and a waiting list was in operation for when a space became available which would then be allocated to the next on the list. Although he stated that there was no policy on this.

The Chairman reported that a letter had been received from Brereton and Ravenhill Parish Council in respect of parking problems at Redbrook Hayes School. The Chairman suggested that a site visit take place to assess the parking problems in this particular location.

**RESOLVED:**

- (A) That a site visit takes place at the Churchfields Primary School, Rugeley to assess the parking problems around the vicinity of the School.
- (B) That a report be submitted to the next meeting detailing how problems could be tackled with parking issues and speeding motorists around the vicinity of Chaseview Primary School, Rugeley and Flaxley Road area.
- (C) That an invite be extended to Inspector Shannaghan and Inspector Ellerton to attend the next meeting on 12 April, 2010.
- (D) That a site visit takes place at Redbrook Hayes School, Rugeley to assess the parking problems around the vicinity of the School.

**19. CPE Progress Report for the Period April-December, 2009**

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Environmental Services (Enclosure 5.1 – 5.12 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

Mr. J. Presland, Waste and Engineering Services Manager presented the Report to Members and referred to Page 11, Annex 4 which provided a breakdown of all cancelled Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs).

A Member raised concern that the (PCNs) cancelled still remained at 20% which in his opinion were still too high. He stated that this was possibly due to operator error and that the operator should make relevant checks before issuing a ticket.

A Member referred to Annex 4 and asked what the cost was for a cancelled ticket. Mr. N. Miller, Staffordshire County Council stated that there was a back office administrative charge of £5.40p given that the ticket would go through to Stoke to be cancelled.

In response to a question raised by a Member, the Waste and Engineering Services Manager informed the Committee that if PCNs were cancelled due to the fact that signage displays had been visually obstructed, an Officer would be asked to visit the area concerned and forward appropriate information back to Stoke on Trent City Council.

The Waste and Engineering Services Manager stated that a meeting had taken place with

Staffordshire County Council in respect of how blue badges were printed. He stated that the County had indicated that the way in which they were printed was a national standard and therefore outside their control.

**20. Joint Staffordshire Parking Board**

Consideration was given to the Prioritisation of Parking Related Traffic Regulation Orders Report (Enclosure 6.1 – 6.4 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

Mr. D. Wright, Staffordshire County Council referred Members of the Committee to the Priority Lists and indicated that they were fixed for the current year.

The Chairman stated that the report was first circulated to the Parking Board at the County where feedback was requested, none was received. However, he stated that he had been approached by a member of the public in respect of the proposed medical centre in Mill Street, Cannock asking if any plan had been put in place with regard to the potential for problems with parking given the number of spaces that would be required at the Centre.

Mr. Wright advised the Committee that this could be added to the current list of Traffic Regulation Orders although an order could be put in place when the proposed development commenced.

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the priority order of parking related Traffic Regulation Orders identified at Appendix 1 of the report, be agreed.
- (B) That further investigation and implementation subject to Statutory Consultation, be approved.

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CHAIRMAN

The meeting closed at 5.20 p.m.