

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
JOINT PARKING COMMITTEE
MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER, 2009 AT 4.00 P.M.
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK
PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors Corfield, P. (Chairman)

Easton, R. Williams, A.

Staffordshire County
Council Members: Martin, G. Rowley, J.

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G. Alcott and D. Davis (Vice-Chairman)).

10. 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

11. Minutes

Arising from the Minutes Councillor T. Williams stated that he had submitted an apology for the meeting.

The Chairman, Councillor P. Corfield stated that there were a number of items arising from the Minutes which needed to be addressed for either the next or future meetings of the Committee. Those items related to: -

- (A) A report detailing the feedback and procedures that are in place in other Local Authorities to alleviate the problem of inappropriately parked vehicles on the highway.
- (B) That a representative from the Police be invited to future meetings of the Committee.
- (C) 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.

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 September, 2009 be approved as a correct record.

12. CPE Progress Report for the Period April – September 2009

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Environmental Services (Enclosure 4.1 – 4.13 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

Mr. L. Neate, Waste and Engineering Services Manager reported on the Penalty Charge Notices (PCN's) for the period 1 April – 30 June, 2009. He stated that there were 296 PCN's cancelled during this period in the District, and advised that the 'blue book' which contained information on the rules of displaying blue badges had been reviewed, and although the rules were clear, the Authority was still obliged to cancel any PCN's issued.

A Member of the Committee raised concern that Civil Enforcement Officers (CEO's) were issuing PCN's to those that had blue badges who had failed to display their badge correctly making them easy targets. Members of the Committee then raised issues around the sun fading the print on badges when placed in car windows. It was suggested as a possible solution that the badge could be displayed on the underside of the sun visor which could also help alleviate the print problems.

The Waste and Engineering Services Manager then provided information in respect of the streets covered by CPE in the area of Cannock Chase. He stated in response to a question by the Chairman that neither Police Officers nor members of Staff could change the beat pattern.

Members discussed the problems with illegal and obstructive parking and the potential for accidents outside of schools by parents dropping their children off, and it was felt that this should be addressed by the Committee.

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the report be noted.
- (B) That a report regarding the displaying of blue badges to the underside of sun visors in cars be produced, and reported to the Staffordshire County Council Joint Staffordshire Parking Board and that feedback be received at a future meeting of the Joint Parking Committee.
- (C) That an invite be extended to Superintendent Baker of Staffordshire Police to attend the next Joint Parking Committee on Wednesday 20 January, 2009 to discuss the problems associated with illegal/obstructive parking.
- (D) That a letter be produced and forwarded to Headmasters of schools within the District which provides advice to help combat illegal parking.

13. Proposed Parking Restrictions at Mill Green Nature Reserve

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Environmental Services (Enclosure

5.1 – 5.5 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

A Member was keen to know why restrictions were needed on the Mill Green Nature Reserve car park and also asked if the Council were losing revenue. The Waste and Engineering Services Manager advised that people who wished to visit the nature reserve had problems parking due to commuters parking there in order to avoid charges on the official train station car park. Members were keen to know if there would be any signage stating the enforceable restrictions if it were introduced. The Officer advised that there would be a large sign to the entrance of the nature reserve detailing the restrictions and advised that there would be a period of time where notices would be issued prior to implementing a fixed penalty.

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the introduction of parking restrictions to Mill Green Nature Reserve, be agreed.
- (B) That the Director of Service Improvement be requested to implement the parking restrictions at Mill Green Nature Reserve under powers in the Council's Scheme of Delegations relating to car park operations.

14. Prioritisation of Parking Related Traffic Regulations Orders

Members received the Staffordshire Joint Parking Board 14 September, 2009 – Prioritisation of Parking Related Traffic Regulation Orders report for information.

Mr. D. Wright, Staffordshire County Council reported that a list would be drawn up and submitted to the Committee which would detail 60 parking related Traffic Regulation Orders. It was intended to identify 4 of the orders which would take priority for the forthcoming year, although this was the minimum that could be undertaken.

Mr. Wright stated that he would provide a process map for the next meeting detailing the timescales.

15. Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) – Residents Parking Zone Requests (RPZ's)

Consideration was given to the Staffordshire County Council's Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) – Residents Parking Zone Requests (RPZ's) report (Enclosure 7.1 – 7.4).

Members discussed the report and it was noted that there was a need for the Council's switchboard to be informed of information associated with residents parking zones when dealing with enquiries from the public.

RESOLVED:

That further investigation be carried out into the possible introduction of a RPZ in the Heron Street/Talbot Street area of Rugeley and that the results of the investigation be submitted to a future meeting.

CHAIRMAN

The meeting closed at 5.10 p.m.