CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
JOINT PARKING COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, 2 NOVEMBER, 2010 AT 4.00 P.M.
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors
Bernard, J.D. (Chairman)
Alcott, G.

Staffordshire County Council Members:
Davis, D.J.
Rowley, J.

Also in attendance: Councillor G. Adamson (for the report on Parking Concessions for Cancer Patients)

(Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Chairman explained that he had agreed to consider an additional report from Staffordshire County Council entitled Prioritisation of parking related Traffic Regulation Orders. He then welcomed Councillor G. Adamson to the meeting who was in attendance for the report on Parking Concessions for Cancer Patients).

16. Apologies

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors A. Williams (Vice-Chairman), M.R. Green, P. Corfield and G. Martin.

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

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18. Minutes and Matters Arising

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 July 2010 be approved as a correct record.

Arising from Minute 11 the Officer confirmed that the drainage clearing service vehicle had received a parking ticket as he had left his vehicle unattended on double yellow lines over the 5 minute observation period.
19. Parking Concessions for Cancer Patients

Consideration was given to the Briefing Note of the Head of Environmental Services (Enclosure 4.1 – 4.4 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Chairman invited Councillor Adamson to address the Committee. Councillor Adamson explained that he was representing the Mid Staffordshire Cancer User Forum who was spearheading support for a pilot study to improve the quality of life for cancer patients as they go through their treatment. The aim of the project was to undertake a pilot scheme to assess whether the provision of a blue badge for a temporary period would improve the cancer patient experience. It would allow cancer patients to park free on Council owned car parks to enable them to continue with their activities of daily living such as shopping.

Members expressed their support for the pilot scheme but considered that the colour of the badge should not be blue so it would not be confused with the blue badges issued to those with a disability.

Mr. K. Lawlor, Head of Environmental Services, explained that it was proposed to issue permits (rather than blue badges) and these would be easily identifiable to parking attendants. It was further proposed that permits would be issued for a trial period of 3 months to a maximum of 15 patients who all resided in the Cannock Chase District. The patients would be referred to the Council by the Mid Staffs Health Authority. The pilot scheme could be undertaken within existing resources and then be evaluated to ascertain the use of the permits and the costs involved in potentially rolling out the scheme on a permanent basis. Any revenue and budgetary implications on rolling out the scheme on a permanent basis, following the pilot scheme and its evaluation, would require a detailed report to Cannock Chase Council’s Cabinet.

RESOLVED:

(A) That Members agree to a temporary pilot scheme to be undertaken over a trial period of 3 months which would allow 15 cancer patients to be issued with parking permits for use on Council owned car parks within the district.

(B) That a further report on the outcome of the trial be presented to a future meeting of the Committee.

20. Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) – Residents Parking Zone Requests

Consideration was given to the report of Staffordshire County Council’s Corporate Director of Development Services (Enclosure 5.1 – 5.4 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

Nick Miller, Staffordshire County Council Traffic Manager briefly explained that Residents Parking Schemes reduce the amount of parking that is available as residents are issued with parking permits. There would be an annual charge for the permit of around £50. He advised that where Residents Parking Zones are implemented the Council are not able to sell an unlimited number of parking permits and it may be that only one permit would be issued per household.
With regard to the possible introduction of a Residents Parking Scheme in Victoria Street, Cannock, Members discussed the possibility of introducing a Residents Parking Zone for a temporary period of 12 months. However, due to the lengthy consultation that was involved in implementing or withdrawing any such scheme Members considered that Officers should bring a report to the Committee following consultation with residents.

RESOLVED:

(A) That Members note the contents of the report.

(B) That Members agree not to pursue further investigation into the introduction of a Residents Parking Zone in Heron Street/Talbot Street area of Rugeley.

(C) That Members support further investigation into the possible introduction of a Residents Parking Scheme in Victoria Street, Cannock (off Wolverhampton Road in Cannock Town Centre) and a report be submitted to the Committee following the consultation with residents.

(D) That Members note that all requests for Residents Parking Zones received after 16 June are recorded and submitted for consideration to a future meeting of this Committee.

21. CPE Progress Report for the Period July 2010 – September 2010

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Environmental Services (Enclosure 6.1 – 6.8 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

Mr. J. Presland, Waste and Engineering Services Manager presented the report and 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 for the period 1 July to 30 September 2010.

With regard to the issue of cancelled tickets in relation to offenders failing to display a disabled badge, clarification was sought as to whether there was any way of checking if the offenders were repeat offenders. Mr. Presland explained that the PCN was issued to a vehicle and not an individual and therefore this information could not be checked.

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the report be noted.

22. Confirmation of how many blue disabled badges have been issued in the Cannock Chase area

Mr. Clive Thomas, Parking Services Manager advised that the total number of blue badges issued for the whole of the County and Stoke on Trent was 55,861. The number issued in Cannock Chase was the second highest in Staffordshire. Members noted that this may be due to residents of Cannock Chase having poorer health due to traditional
industries. Additionally, residents from outside of the district have badges issued here (for example, Huntington, Great Wyrley and Cheslyn Hay). It was further explained that from April 2010 self assessment for the re-issue of the blue badges had been introduced and the GP form requirement had been removed. The first year cancellation levels were similar to Tranche 1 Authorities; however, their cancellation figures had now started to decrease. Members also noted that the PCN’s were not recorded against the badge holder but against the vehicle registration. The Committee was shown the following table outlining the number of blue badges issued between April 2009 to March 2010:

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Members were informed that when a blue badge was issued it remained in force for 3 years. It was impossible to confirm how many active badges there were as badges were not always returned when a person died. It was confirmed that the holder of the blue badge had to be in the vehicle when the badge was being displayed and it was an offence of the badge holder if the badge was used incorrectly.

23. Reduction in Observation time for specific PCN issue to 3 minutes

Mr. Nick Miller advised Members of the resolution agreed by Stafford Borough Council’s Parking Committee seeking the Staffordshire Parking Board to agree to reduce the observation time for specific PCN issue to 3 minutes.

He explained that when a vehicle was parked on double yellow lines and was loading or unloading there was an observation time of 5 minutes for domestic purposes and 10 minutes for commercial purposes. However, it was considered that this observation time should be reduced to 3 minutes to reflect special circumstances outside schools, fish shops and takeaways where it was considered that 5 minutes was too long.

The Committee were in agreement to reducing the observation time for specific PCN issue to 3 minutes. It was requested that the District Council’s representative on the Staffordshire Parking Board (Councillor A. Williams) should be made aware of the Committee’s support to reducing the observation time in order that he can inform the Staffordshire Parking Board meeting.

RESOLVED:

(A) That the reduction to the observation time for specific PCN issue from 5 minutes to 3 minutes be supported.

(B) That Councillor A. Williams (the District Council’s representative on the

Consideration was given to the report of the County Council’s Corporate Director for Development Services (Enclosure 7 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

Mr. D. Wright, Community Highway Liaison Manager, explained that a priority list of Traffic Regulation Orders had been developed and this ran until 2015. The report detailed the requests for Traffic Regulation Orders that had been raised at the previous meeting in addition to the new requests that had been received. The Committee gave consideration to the requests and agreed which ones should be progressed.

Members considered that no further action should be taken regarding the following requests for parking related Traffic Regulation Orders:

- Hillside Close, Hednesford
- Baltic Close, Cannock
- Hagley Road, Rugeley
- Skipton Place, Cannock
- Spinney Farm Road, Cannock
- Upper Cross Road, Rugeley
- Cross Road, Rugeley
- Boston Close, Heath Hayes
- Spindewood Close, Heath Hayes
- Clarion Way, West Chadsmoor
- Jerome Road, Norton Canes
- Longford Road (near to the junction of Ascot Drive)

Members considered that the following requests for Traffic Regulation Orders should be approved for further investigation:

- Girton Road and Remington Drive, Cannock (Members considered these roads should be looked at together)
- Ascot Drive, Cannock

Members asked that monitoring be undertaken between the hours of 5.00pm and 6.00pm along Norton Terrace, Norton Canes and a report be submitted to a future meeting.

With regard to Springfield Rise, Hednesford it was requested that consideration be given to alternative engineering measures in the area and to the possibility of the implementation of junction protection on Springfield Rise. Members asked that an assessment be undertaken over a period of time before bringing a detailed report back to the Committee.

Members expressed concern regarding parking along New Penkridge Road. It was
requested that Officers look at the strategic issues relating parking along New Penkridge Road and report back to the Committee in 6 months time.

Members discussed the request relating to Longford Road (service strip outside the One Stop Shop and Bargain Booze) and suggested that officers investigate alternative engineering measures in the area.

RESOLVED:

(A) That the requests for parking related Traffic Regulation Orders for Girton Road, Cannock, Remington Drive, Cannock and Ascot Drive, Cannock be approved for further investigation.

(B) That the new requests for parking related Traffic Regulation Orders for Hillside Close, Hednesford, Baltic Close, Cannock, Hagley Road, Rugeley, Skipton Place, Cannock, Spinney Farm Road, Cannock, Upper Cross Road, Rugeley, Cross Road, Rugeley, Boston Close, Heath Hayes, Spindledown Close, Heath Hayes, Clarion Way, West Chadsmoor, Jerome Road, Norton Canes and Longford Road (near to the junction of Ascot Drive) should not be progressed.

(B) That monitoring be undertaken along Norton Terrace, Norton Canes between the hours of 5.00 pm and 6.00 pm and a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

(C) That an assessment of the Springfield Rise, Hednesford area be undertaken and consideration be given to alternative engineering measures in the area and the possibility of the implementation of junction protection on Springfield Rise and a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

(D) That Officers investigate the strategic issues relating to parking along New Penkridge Road and a report be submitted to the Committee in 6 months time.

(E) That Officers investigate alternative engineering measures along the Longford Road service strip (outside the One-stop shop and Bargain Booze, Cannock).

25. Parking Problems outside the One-Stop shop and Bargain Booze, Longford Road, Cannock

This item has been dealt with under the above report – Prioritisation of parking related Traffic Regulations Orders.

26. Future Meeting and items for agenda

Members noted that the next meeting of the Joint Parking Committee was scheduled for Wednesday 19 January 2011. Councillor Alcott requested that the following items be placed on the agenda for the meeting:

- Parking on the Corner of Station Road/McGhie Street, Hednesford
RESOLVED:

That the Joint Parking Committee receive further information at the next meeting regarding:

- Parking on the Corner of Station Road/McGhie Street, Hednesford
- Parking along Brunswick Road towards Hamelin Street, Cannock

The meeting closed at 5.50pm.

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CHAIRMAN