

JOINT PARKING COMMITTEE

Wednesday 18 April 2012

Present:- Councillor S Sweeney – in the Chair

Councillors Cairns and Clarke

1. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Robinson.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved:- That the minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on 16 January 2012 be approved as a correct record.

4. RESIDENTS PARKING SCHEME - SOUTH EAST OF THE TOWN CENTRE

The Committee received a verbal update on this matter.

A number of responses had been received to the public consultation exercise with those concerns relating to traffic management and/or residents parking zone issues being dealt with separately.

In the event that implementation of the scheme was considered to be viable, decisions would have to be made on a joining fee and the cost, type and allocation of permits to residents.

Concern was again expressed about speeding vehicles in The Avenue and it was stated that as indicated at the last meeting, this matter was being dealt with as part of the County Council's Divisional Highway Programme.

Resolved:- That the information be received.

5. RECENT REQUESTS FOR NEW OR AMENDED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

The committee received a verbal update on requests made since the last meeting. They were as follows:-

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| (i) | Baldwins Gate A53 | Limited waiting in lay-by adjacent to "Sid's Shop". |
| (ii) | Porthill Bank A527 | Poor visibility at junction with St Edmund's Avenue, Porthill. |
| (iii) | Knype Close, Bradwell | Parking problems on this narrow street. |
| (iv) | East Lawns, Betley | Request for double yellow lines in turning head. |

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| (v) | Chapel Street, Talke | Inappropriate parking on both sides – parking restrictions requested. |
| (vi) | Peebles Road, Silverdale | Request for double yellow lines opposite to No 5. |
| (vii) | Chapel Street, Harriseahead | Request for double yellow lines outside property known as Beulah next door to the school. |
| (viii) | Church Street, Silverdale | Request for current restrictions to be removed. |
| (ix) | Sidmouth Avenue, Newcastle | Request for review of current restrictions (this issue to be dealt with alongside an earlier request relating to Sidmouth Avenue. |

In respect of (viii) above, it was agreed that consideration should be given later on the agenda to this problem being added to the Priority 3 list as one of the four chosen for 2012/13.

- Resolved:-**
- (a) That the information be received.
 - (b) That parking problems in Church Street, Silverdale be considered for inclusion on the Priority 3 list.

6. NEW REQUESTS FOR RESIDENTS' PARKING SCHEMES

It was indicated that no new requests had been received since the last meeting.

In terms of earlier requests, the officers had kept the residents of London Road, Newcastle and Wilbrahams Walk, Audley advised on progress.

Resolved:- That the information be received.

7. PRIORITISATION OF PARKING RELATED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

The committee reviewed the current list of requests for parking related Traffic Regulation Orders and debated the priority order for further investigation in the 2012/13 financial year including the revisions. The Committee was also asked to approve the suggested changes to the list of issues awaiting priority.

The Committee was reminded that whilst the priorities were set annually, all new requests were reported to each committee meeting to ensure that Members had the opportunity to reconsider priorities in the light of changing circumstances and/or any very urgent requests received during the year.

It was indicated that although set previously, the provisional priorities for 2012/13 required the committee to confirm that they were still appropriate before investigation of the locations commenced. Since the provisional priorities for future years had been set it was indicated that a number of further requests had been received and reviewed along with the priorities set. As a result the officers recommended three changes be made to the priority order of requests and a list of prioritised locations for 2012/13 to 2014/15 was attached to the officer's report as Appendix 1.

The officer's report also recommended that a number of locations be removed from the list or re-prioritised.

The requests/locations recommended for removal from the list of issues to be prioritised (set out in Appendix 2) were as follows:-

- (i) Clayton Road, Clayton
- (ii) Cypress Grove, Chesterton
- (iii) Gainsborough Road, Chesterton
- (iv) Wolstanton Road, Chesterton
- (v) Ravens Lane, Bignall End
- (vi) John Street, Knutton
- (vii) Church Street, Audley
- (viii) Loring Road, Dimsdale
- (ix) Spencroft Road, Chesterton

Those requests/locations recommended for re-prioritisation in the report were:-

- (i) Quarry Bank Road, Keele - to priority 3 replacing Eccleshall Road, Loggerheads
- (ii) Brutus Road, Chesterton - lower priority
- (iii) Hollinwood Road/Hollinwood Close, Kidsgrove - move to priority 4
- (iv) Saunders Road, Milehouse - lower priority
- (v) Etruria Way, Basford - move to priority 4

In considering the above, specific mention was made of problems at the undermentioned locations that were included in the list of issues to be prioritised.

- (i) Alexandra Road (Taylor Street, Adams Street and Blunt Street) – No 82 on list.
- (ii) Vernon Avenue/Wereton Road, Audley – No 33 on list.
- (iii) Congleton Road, Butt Lane – No 67 on list.
- (iv) The Avenue, Kidsgrove – No 27a/27b on list.

As a result of the above, the top priorities for 2012/13 should be as follows:-

- (i) Quarry Bank Road, Keele.
- (ii) Hollinwood Road/ Hollinwood Close, Kidsgrove.
- (iii) Stubbs Gate/Refinery Street, Newcastle (including junction with Hatrell Street).

In addition, it was suggested that locations in the vicinity of schools should be considered for a higher priority.

In terms of the fourth location for inclusion on the above list it was agreed that the residents' parking problems in Church Street, Silverdale raised by Councillor Cairns be investigated.

Resolved:- (a) That the information be received.

(b) That locations at Quarry Bank Road, Keele, Hollinwood Road/Hollinwood Close, Kidsgrove and Stubbs gate/Refinery Street be treated as priority 3.

(c) That the officers investigate the possibility of adding the parking problems in Church Street, Silverdale to those locations as outlined in (b) above and report back to the next meeting.

(d) That the suggestion made by the officers to re-prioritise locations on the list or to remove them completely be approved.

(e) That Members be invited to make suggestions for further re-prioritisation or removal from the list and to forward them to the officers for discussion at the next meeting.

8. RESIDENTS' PARKING SCHEMES - PERMIT TYPES

The committee considered a report prepared by the officers recommending how permits could be charged for, and allocated, when Residents' Parking Schemes were established.

Resolved:- (a) That permits be allocated in the following order recognising that there may not be sufficient spaces to offer permits in the lower categories:-

Category	Description	Charge
1	Residents with one or more vehicles offered one permit. Registration number of vehicle to be included on the permit although it can be used in another vehicle. Residents who are Blue Badge Holders or over 65 with one or more vehicles, offered one permit.	100% 50%
2	Residents who require a carer* offered one permit.	50%
3	Residents who are considered vulnerable (Blue Badge Holder or over 65) and without a vehicle, offered one permit.	50%
4	Residents' second car owners offered one additional permit.	100%
5	Residents without a vehicle who are not a Blue Badge Holder, not over 65 or require a carer offered one permit.	100%

* Residents in receipt of higher rate element of the mobility allowance.

(b) That the arrangement set out below in respect of the allocation of permits be agreed:-

- (i) Multiple Occupancy Properties (100% charge each permit)
Up to 3 permits would be offered to residents in a multiple occupancy dwelling, on a first come basis.
Should any property change to multiple occupancy, flats or apartments the building would only be considered as a single dwelling.
- (ii) Landlords (100% charge)
One provided with vehicle identification number on the permit.
- (iii) Visitors (75% charge)
Each property would be eligible for 25 permits each valid for a maximum period of 4 hours. These could be scratch cards, tickets or an other suitable system.

(iv) Businesses

1 per 5 employees up to maximum 3 permits per business (100% charge). If the business has off-street parking then the charge would be 200% per permit.

(c) That the cost of Residents' Zone Parking Permits be set at £45 and that a one-off joining fee be also charged the cost of which will be determined by the number of residents applying for permits and the cost of implementing the scheme.

S SWEENEY
Chair