

JOINT PARKING COMMITTEE

Monday, 11th August, 2014

Present:- Councillor Robert Wallace – in the Chair

Councillor Huckfield – Newcastle Borough Council

Councillor Loades – Staffordshire County Council

Also in Attendance: Angela Nutter – Staffordshire County Council
Graham Williams – Newcastle Borough Council

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Kearon

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest stated.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved:- That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 March, 2014 be agreed as a correct record.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Arising out of consideration of the above minutes, the Chair asked for an update on the Traffic Regulation Order for Duke Street.

In response, it was indicated that staff shortages had meant that little work had been done by the County Council on residents parking schemes throughout the County but that they were looking to acquire additional resources in order to progress them at a quicker rate.

Resolved:-

- (i) That the information be received.
- (ii) That Members be kept informed of any timetable that may emerge for this work and that the County Council be asked to provide such information to this joint committee when it becomes available.

5. PRIORITISATION OF TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS FOR 2014/15

The joint committee was asked to decide upon the four traffic regulation requests to be progressed by the County Council during 2014/15.

To assist in their deliberations, the officers report included an appendix showing the previously approved schemes and including a new scoring matrix that could be used when prioritising future schemes in subsequent years.

- Resolved:-**
- (a) That the undermentioned locations be prioritised for implementation by the County Council in 2014/15:
 - (i) Chester Road, Audley
 - (ii) Duke Street, Newcastle
 - (iii) Kimberley Road, Newcastle
 - (iv) Eccleshall Road, Loggerheads.
 - (b) That the County Council be requested to complete the priority scoring matrix for any new and remaining parking related requests which should be available to this Committee when it looks at setting priorities for 2015/16.

6. RESIDENTS PARKING ZONES

The Joint Committee considered a report reviewing the number and type of residents parking permits that were available to the users of the premises in designated residents parking areas.

The review was taking place in accordance with an earlier resolution of the Joint Committee that the permit types introduced last year be reviewed after they had been in place for twelve months.

A summary of the existing permit types, including proposals to introduce a new general visitor permit at a cost of £45 was appended to the officer's report.

Two other proposals put forward for approval were as follows:

- (a) Reduction in cost of visitor permit to £30
- (b) Removal of vehicle registration number from the relevant permits.

- Resolved:-**
- (i) That the revised residents parking permit types, as set out in the officers report, be approved.
 - (ii) That concern be expressed to Staffs County Council regarding the cost of permits for those residents who required a carer to visit them and that the offer made by Councillor Loades to have this matter included on the work programme of the County Council's Health Select Committee, of which he was vice-chair, be welcomed.

7. STAFFORDSHIRE PARKING BOARD

The Joint Committee received a report referring to the meeting of the Staffordshire Parking Board held on 8 July, 2014.

Detailed discussions were ongoing regarding the way in which civil enforcement was being implemented across the County. The current preferred option related to a joint County wide procurement for the districts with Stoke on Trent City Council providing on-street enforcement throughout the County. This proposal had been placed before the Board and a final decision was expected to be made and would be notified to Members of this Joint Committee when it was issued.

Resolved:- That the information be received.

8. URGENT BUSINESS

(i) Duke Street / Slaney Street, Newcastle

The Chair referred to problems with access into Duke Street from Slaney Street due to the absence of parking restrictions on a short length on each of these streets at their junction.

In particular, larger vehicles such as ambulances and refuse wagons were experiencing difficulty in negotiating the junction safely.

Resolved:- That the County Council be requested to investigate this problem, that had been the subject of earlier representations, and to consider placing it on the list of Residents Parking Zones for future action.

(ii) West Brampton / Florence Street, Newcastle

Concern was expressed that the police were not adequately enforcing the Traffic Regulation Order in place for the above streets.

Resolved:- That the concerns be forwarded to Staffordshire Police.

COUNCILLOR ROBERT WALLACE
Chair