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JOINT PARKING COMMITTEE

6 June 2011

Present:- Councillor Sweeney in the Chair

Councillors D Clarke, Robinson and Sinnott

County Councillors Mrs Cornes, Cooper, Locke and Tagg

71. * **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

Resolved:- That Councillor Sweeney be appointed Chair of the Committee for 2011/12.

72. * **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 12 April 2011 be approved as a correct record.

73. * **PARKSTONE AVENUE, NEWCASTLE - PETITION**

Receipt was reported of a petition signed by residents of Parkstone Avenue requesting consideration to be given to parking restrictions being imposed in the road to prevent parking by non-residents.

The petitioners had suggested that since the implementation of the Traffic Regulation Order introducing parking restrictions in The Avenue and adjoining streets, vehicles had been displaced and were now parking in Parkstone Avenue.

It was indicated that the situation had been monitored by officers of the County Council but no major problems had been observed.

Resolved:- That this report be added to the list of 'existing requests awaiting priority' and reconsidered in 6 months.

74. * **NEWCASTLE HIGH SCHOOL, MOUNT PLEASANT – PARKING PROBLEM**

The Chair reported that since the previous meeting he had contacted the Head of Newcastle High School concerning alleged problems caused by Sixth Form pupils parking their vehicles in the roadway.

The Chair had been assured that the majority of pupils parked in the school grounds and not on the highway. However, a meeting had been arranged with the Head to discuss this and other related issues

Resolved:- That the information be received.

75. * **OLD BUTT LANE, BUTT LANE – REQUEST FOR PRIORITISATION (711/11)**

Pursuant to the above resolution, a further report was submitted on a request from residents for the removal of the current parking restrictions in Old Butt Lane, Butt Lane.

Details of the Committee's priorities previously agreed for new or amendments to existing parking related Traffic Regulation Orders were submitted, but it was indicated that it may be possible to 'put back' the proposed scheme at Quarry Bank Road, Keele pending consideration of a planning application for the area to accommodate any scheme at Butt Lane.

This would not preclude the provision of pedestrian guard railing at the school entrance to prevent children crossing the entrance close to Quarry Bank Road.

However it was indicated that the County Council were reviewing the number of schemes to be undertaken in each District Council area during a year with a view to an increase to 5 and a decision would be known shortly.

Resolved:- That, pending a decision of the County Council on its review of the number of schemes to be undertaken in each District Council in any one year, the proposed scheme at Quarry Bank Road, Keele be deferred to later in the year when further details are known about the planning application and this be replaced by the proposals for Old Butt Lane, Butt Lane.

76. * **SOUTH EAST AREA OF NEWCASTLE TOWN CENTRE – PROPOSED RESIDENTS PARKING ZONE (270(b)/11)**

Pursuant to the above resolution, a further report was submitted detailing some minor amendments to the proposals for a Residents Parking Zone at the above location following a public consultation exercise.

Details of the streets concerned were considered.

Resolved:- That the proposals for a Residents Parking Zone in the south east of the town centre be approved and the Order proceeded with.

77. * **HATRELL STREET AND ADJOINING ROADS, NEWCASTLE – PARKING ISSUES**

Members were informed that Hatrell Street, Stubbs Gate and Refinery Street had a 'No Entry – Except for Access' Traffic Regulation Order in place to control parking in the area.

The enforcement of such an Order was the responsibility of the police but due to resource limitations, parking issues generally did not attract a high priority.

The residents supported by the Ward Councillors and local MP had therefore requested that a residents parking zone be introduced, the responsibility for enforcement resting with the Borough Council.

Resolved:- That Hatrell Street, Stubbs Gate and Refinery Street be included on the list for Residents Parking Zones.

78. * **JUNCTION HASSELL STREET/CASTLE WALK, NEWCASTLE – PARKING OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLES**

Councillor Clarke indicated that he had received a letter from a resident/Blue Badge holder concerning the parking of Hackney Carriage vehicles at the above junction when the taxi rank in Hassell Street was full.

It was explained that whilst this was illegal it was extremely difficult to take any action as the vehicles would drive off if Civil Enforcement Officers were in the vicinity.

Resolved:- That the situation be monitored and a further report submitted to Committee, if necessary.

79. * **KIDSGROVE STATION REDEVELOPMENT**

County Councillor Locke indicated that there were proposals for the redevelopment of Kidsgrove Station which may have an effect on the car parking situation in the area.

Significantly the train operator had already introduced parking charges which could lead to more on-street parking

Resolved:- That the situation be monitored and a further report submitted to Committee if necessary.

S J M SWEENEY
Chair