

# Car Park Strategy Steering Group

## Minutes

Tuesday, 07 October 2014 at 14:00

Present:

Councillor Jeal (GYBC) (in the chair), Councillors B Walker, Bird and Plant (GYBC).

County Councillor Castle (NCC).

Phillip Schramme and Phil Reilly (NCC Officers).

David Law (Norfolk Constabulary).

Miranda Lee (Group Manager Customer Services), Michael Chillingworth (Car Parking Service Unit Manager) and Karline Smith (Senior Member Services Officer).

### **1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Castle declared a personal interest in item 15 relating to Town Wall Road highways work.

### **2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr D Marsh, Mrs J Beck and Mr P Fitzgerald.

### **3 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2014 were confirmed subject to the addition of the following wording 'for streets north of Kitchener Road' to item 9.

### **4 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

### **5 ZONE A ADDITIONAL VISITOR PARKING**

It was reported that the Zone A Additional Visitor Parking Scheme had been implemented. Road signs had been removed from Apsley Road by residents who

had objected to the scheme and tamper proof fixings had been ordered for the next sign. Tickets/Vouchers had been issued to retailers and an additional outlet at St Peters Road was also selling these and some had now been sold.

## **6 NORTH DRIVE AMENDMENTS**

It was reported that the North Drive amendments were scheduled for 2015 and that resources now allowed this scheme to be progressed in 2014 with the scheme implemented in April 2015.

A transformation team car parking group had been created to look at car parking prices and it was agreed that any proposals would be presented to this committee for consideration.

## **7 YARMOUTH SEAFRONT**

It was reported that the slow lane parking issue would be looked at this financial year.

## **8 JPH/JENNER ROAD AREA RESTRICTED PARKING ZONE**

It was reported that the scheme had been implemented and that the restricted zone would now be extended into Barnard Road with new signs being installed in the near future.

## **9 ENFORCEMENT ISSUES**

It was reported that following the discussions at the last meeting on the misuse of visitor parking permits a new scratch card proposal was being investigated and details of this would be presented at the next meeting, with a view to implementing the new scheme in April 2015.

## **10 CAR PARKING STATISTICS**

It was reported that the individual car parking income had shown an increase on last year. Civil Parking Enforcement Officer resource issues had affected the number of tickets issued, however, the recovery rate is good and there are a low number of tickets cancelled.

Councillor Bird asked if the Marina Centre Car Park signs could be simplified and it was reported that this was being looked into.

## **11 CAR ENTHUSIASTS**

It was reported that members of the public and local residents had made some suggestions to discourage the car enthusiasts on Yarmouth Seafront and these included changing the car parking space layout, including a space for a police vehicle and introducing pay and display in the evenings. A discussion ensued around the time that the parking fee should commence from and it was pointed out that free parking is offered in the winter months on the seafront.

**RESOLVED:**

It was agreed that parking charges would be implemented up until midnight.

## **12 BIKE PARKING IN THE BOROUGH**

The Chairman reported that he had received an email from a resident who had expressed concern at the lack of bicycle park provision in Gorleston compared to Great Yarmouth.

### **RESOLVED:**

It was suggested that the Great Yarmouth Cycle Forum be asked for their suggestions on this issue.

## **13 MARKET PLACE AND REGENT ROAD CIVIL PARKING ENFORCEMENT**

It was reported that this scheme would be advertised this month with a leaflet drop to all shops along Regent Road and the Seafront with the scheme being implemented by Christmas.

## **14 ON STREET CIVIL PARKING ENFORCEMENT**

The steering group discussed the current agreement which stated that on page 82 under 2.6 the following wording "For this district council areas where there is a positive net income the surplus will be shared in a proportionate manner" and that this wording continue to be included in the new agreement.

It was reported that the Steering Group's concerns should be directed to the Norfolk Parking Partnership meeting.

The steering group agreed that a letter should be written from the leader of the Borough Council to the leader of Norfolk County Council.

### **RESOLVED:**

- (i) That Councillor Castle present the Norfolk Parking Partnership meeting figures for CPE surplus to the next Steering Group meeting.
- (ii) That Councillor T Wainwright be requested to write to the leader of Norfolk County Council about the inclusion of 2.6 in the new agreement.

## **15 FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME**

Bicycle parking provision in Gorleston.

The steering group were asked to consider the Town Wall Road parking issues Surplus CPE funding be increased from £23,000 to £33,000 due to the cost of the kerb stones.

### **RESOLVED:**

That the steering group agreed to the extra costs incurred being covered by the CPE surplus.

## **16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

## **17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The steering group would be informed of the next meeting date in the near future.

The meeting ended at: 15:20