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CAR PARKING STRATEGY STEERING GROUP

30 July 2013 - 2.00 pm

PRESENT:

Councillor Castle (Great Yarmouth Borough Council) (in the Chair); Councillor Pettit (Great Yarmouth Borough Council), Councillor B Walker, Mr M Bird (Great Yarmouth Residents Association) and Mr D Law (Norfolk Constabulary).

Councillor B Walker (attended for item 6 and 8) Councillor Collins (attended for item 6)

Mr Philip Schramm (Norfolk County Council Officer) and Mr Paul Donnachie (Norfolk County Council)

Mrs J Beck (Director of Customer Services) and Mrs K Smith (Senior Member Services Officer).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Rex Parkinson-Hare (Norfolk county Council), Peter Fitzgerald (Great Yarmouth Residents Association), David Marsh (Great Yarmouth Residents Association) and Michael Chillingworth (GYBC).

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 May 2013 were confirmed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

(i) Beach Coach Station

It was reported that Norfolk County Council Officers were progressing a Traffic Regulation Order for the Beach Coach Station but appropriate steps had been taken to ensure vehicular access.

(ii) 24 Hour Parking

Similar problems as that detailed at the last meeting had also been experienced in Norwich and this had been resolved by invoking the Provisions Act which does not allow the sale of items on the highway.

(iii) Membership

Councillor C Walker and Cllr Rex Parkinson-Hare had been appointed to the Committee as Norfolk County Council representatives.

4. ZONE B PERMIT PARKING – UPDATE ON PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS

Consultation for the zone B Permit Parking Zone would be ending on 2 August 2013. A total of 485 responses had been received so far. Officers anticipated a final total of around 600 responses. These would be analysed taking account of the views of those living within the proposed permit zone, businesses operating in that area and those living outside the proposed zone. A decision would then be taken as to whether to progress the scheme for 2014.

5. ZONE A PERMIT PARKING - UPDATE ON PILOT SCHEMES FOR ADDITIONAL VISITOR PARKING

Norfolk County Council are working on refining the proposals and would be reporting with the Nelson Ward Councillors and Peter Fitzgerald with the intention of launching the pilots in time for the 2014 Summer Season.

6. GORLESTON PARKING PROBLEMS CLOSE TO JAMES PAGET HOSPITAL (JENNER ROAD ETC) -

It was reported that Norfolk County Council had started work on the consultation for double yellow lines and not on the single yellow line as had previously been discussed. It was reported that this was at the request of Councillor M Smith the new county councillor for Gorleston. Norfolk Constabulary stated that they had informed the local residents that this would stop their visitors parking there when they come to visit. Councillor C Walker expressed concern that this would then have a knock on effect in neighbouring roads or areas spreading into the Magdalen Estate. Norfolk Constabulary stated that they would like to see only single yellow lines implemented on the Magdalen Estate in the future and not double yellow lines as many of the properties do not have provision for off road parking.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the committee asked that parking issues that affect more than one ward in the Borough should be considered by the Car Parking Strategy Steering Group and not be a Norfolk County Council single ward member decision.
- (ii) If residents refused the proposal for double yellow lines in Jenner Road, Norfolk County Council officers could consult on the single yellow line proposal.
- (iii) That County Councillor Matthew Smith be invited to attend the next meeting with regard to next steps for parking restrictions in the Jenner Road area.

7. PARKING STATISTICS FOR CPE AND GREAT YARMOUTH BOROUGH COUNICIL CAR PARKS

The Committee were tabled the figures for CPE and Great Yarmouth Borough Council Car Parks. The Director of Customer Services reported that the layout would be amended before the figures were presented at the next meeting and that these would be presented in a chart next time to show where they were in relation to the annual performance. The new car park ticket machines had now been installed.

8. PRE-CPE CAR PARKING SURPLUSES

- (i) Phillip Schramm presented a paper showing current commitments for the spending of the remaining surpluses £403,220 built up prior to the introduction of CPE. It was agreed that contributions to Gorleston CCTV for the years 2014/15 to 2018/2019 be fixed at £5,000 per annum to match the contribution from GYBC. This would free up £12,500 towards a parking scheme on the Magdalen Estate. Norfolk County Council Officers agreed to revisit the costs for the provision of these 5 parking spaces to get a more cost effective solution for that location an initial estimate of £32,000 was felt to be excessive.
 - (ii) Councillor B Walker stated that his understanding was that GYBC should still be entitled to receive surpluses from seafront pay and display once the performance of the first year of CPE was settled. He understood that a letter had been received from Norfolk County Council regarding this. Councillor Castle stated that he had attended one meeting of the Norfolk Parking Partnership and was not aware of any resumption of payment of surpluses to GYBC. It was agreed to seek clarification on this issue and report back to the October meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the Car Parking Strategy Steering group agreed to pay £32,000 from the Great Yarmouth Car Parking on Street Pay and Display Surplus funds to finance works on the Magdalen Estate and that County Councillor Matthew Smith be invited to attend the next meeting.

9. AUDIT OF PARKING SPACES IN CORE CPE AREA

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

10. SEAFRONT SOUTH OF ST PETERS ROAD

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

11. WORK PROGRAMME

October 2013:-

- Seafront South of St Peters Road to receive results of further research (Michael Jeal)
- Seafront Parking Issues Peter Jay invited to address the Steering Group
- Audit of Parking Spaces in Core CPE area presentation of final report
- Parking Statistics for CPE and GYBC car park revenues
- Gorleston Jenner Road parking restrictions update
- Clarification with regard to seafront pay and display parking surpluses (Philip Schramm/Paul Donnachie)
- Update on Zone A improvements and Zone B implementation (subject to results of consultation process)
- Future of car parking area in front of Town Hall possibility of transfer to GYBC
- Nuisance caused by horse drawn carriages with no dung catchers refer to Yarmouth Area Committee (not a parking issue)

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on 22 October 2013 at 2pm

13. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting ended at 3.05 pm