

Car Park Strategy Steering Group

Minutes

Tuesday, 15 April 2014 at 14:00

PRESENT:

Councillor Castle (GYBC) (in the Chair), Councillor's Hanton, Jeal and Pettit (GYBC).

County Councillor Rex Parkinson Hare (NCC).

David Law (Norfolk Constabulary) and Peter Fitzgerald (Great Yarmouth Residents Association)

Jane Beck (Director of Customer Services, GYBC), Karline Smith (Senior Member Services Officer, GYBC) and Phillip Schramm (Norfolk County Council).

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C Walker, David Marsh, Jonathan Newman, Paul Donnachie and Phil Reilly.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2014 were confirmed.

3 MATTERS ARISING

Priory Gardens

The Cabinet member for Tourism and Business Services stated that they had looked into the issue of Priory Gardens and was unable to take any action but an officer would be asked to provide the complainant with an update.

4 COMPOSITION OF THE CAR PARKING STRATEGY STEERING GROUP

The steering group were asked to note that Councillor Castle was replacing Councillor C Walker as the County Council representative on the committee.

5 JPH/JENNER ROAD AREA RESTRICTED PARKING ZONE

It was reported that so far 20 people had objected and 28 people were in support of

the scheme and it was hoped that the restricted zone would start in Late May or early June. Barnard Close had not been included in the scheme and this area would be monitored once the scheme was implemented. The sign at the entrance to the estate stating staff access only would be removed in time for the start of the scheme.

6 ZONE A - IMPLEMENTATION OF ADDITIONAL VISITOR PARKING PILOTS FROM SUMMER 2014

It was reported that 556 letters were sent out to residents and businesses with a return date of 29 April 2014. Of the returns received so far 67% had objected and 33% were in favour. It was pointed out that many of the responses received had in the main been local residents opposing the introduction of the pilot as this would leave less places for them to park. Two years ago Norfolk County Council and Great Yarmouth Borough Council agreed to retain the Zone A residents permit parking scheme but would involve raising permit fees from 2013 and the introduction of an element of paid additional visitor parking in streets where there was acknowledged spare capacity. County Councillors for the Zone A area would give their decision based on Officer advice but as visitors to the town would not have been able to give their views during the initial consultation the success or otherwise of the scheme would not be known in advance of the 2 year trial. All submissions from the public would receive acknowledgement.

7 NORTH DRIVE - IMPLEMENTATION OF CHEAPER ON-STREET PARKING BETWEEN SALISBURY ROAD/SANDOWN ROAD FROM

It was reported that Norfolk County Council had not received any objections to the scheme but a wider consultation with Great Yarmouth Borough Council needed to take place about the Winter Cheaper Parking prices. It was also reported that there was a resource issue at Norfolk County Council and that work would therefore take place in 2015 and not in 2014 as originally anticipated.

8 YARMOUTH SEAFRONT - NEW TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS FOR SOUTH BEACH PARADE/ST NICHOLAS CAR PARK

It was reported that Norfolk County Council would like to start the scheme now but due to resource implications at Norfolk County Council this would delay the start to 2015/16.

The Director of Customer Services stated that she had been informed that the traffic regulation orders would be in place by June 2014 for the Market Place and Regent Road. Phillip Schramm agreed to seek clarification on this issue.

9 GYBC CAR PARKING AND CPE STATISTICS

The Steering Group considered the Car parking and CPE statistics. It was reported that the figures were slightly above target. Pay and Display income had increased over the last few months.

10 CPE FINANCE REPORT

It was reported that the figures for Great Yarmouth and Kings Lynn were better than budgeted.

11 CPE SURPLUS BID

(Councillor Hanton declared a no prejudicial interest in the following item as the Chairman of the CCTC company.)

The Steering Group approved the schedule as presented including £9,242 in 2014/15 and 2015/16 for the Great Yarmouth CCTV, £16,000 in 2014/15 for the Temporary Seafront CCTV Camera, £23,000 in 2014/15 for the Town Wall road Parking improvements, £16,000 in 2014/16 for the Goal Row/South Quay Cycle Link, £10,000 in 2015/16 for the Seafront On Street pay and display changes and £10,000 in 2015/16 for the South Beach Parade/St Nicholas Car Park TRO changes. £21,220 remained uncommitted. Phillip Schramm would provide an updated schedule to send out to the Steering Group members with the April minutes.

The Director of Customer Services stated that there had been three thefts in the last week in car parks and felt that the mobile CCTV camera should be used.

RESOLVED:

(i) That the steering group agreed to fund £9,242 and to keep the temporary CCTV camera.

12 PRE-CPE PAY AND DISPLAY SURPLUS FUNDS ACCOUNT

It was agreed to add £9,242 to Great Yarmouth CCTV Company.

£10,000 on street parking

£21,220 remains uncommitted, which would be reduced in due course to take account of new bollards being installed at South Market Road junction with Regent Road/Nelson Road.

It was agreed that Property Services would be contacted regarding the £5,000 already committed towards the Great Yarmouth Borough Council residents parking scheme for Nursery Terrace.

13 FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME

It was agreed that an update on Parking next to the Marina Centre would be given at the next meeting.

June 2014 -Zone C Seafront area between St Peters Road and the Pleasure Beach - to determine whether to proceed to public consultation on a seasonal or an "all year round permit scheme".

14 CYCLE ROUTE

At the Great Yarmouth Cycle Forum meeting held on 24 March 2014 two Options were presented:-

Option 1 was to carry out the minimum scheme which involved converting the footway in Gaol Row and the footway in South Quay between Gaol Row and the existing toucan crossing opposite Row 112 to a 'shared use'. this will then link into the existing 'shared use' facility on the west side of South Quay. The cost estimate for Option 1 is in the region of £11,000.

Option 2 is the same as Option 1 but includes improving the footway surface along Gaol Row with a 'golden gravel' type of surfacing because the existing surface is not in very good condition. Also Option 2 includes converting the footway on South Quay between Gaol Row and Yarmouth Way to 'shared use' in order to give cyclists the option of dismounting and using the pedestrian crossing at Yarmouth Way to cross South Quay. This would give cyclists a more direct link with the existing cycle route on the west side of South Quay towards Haven Bridge. Converting the existing pedestrian crossing at Yarmouth Way to a Toucan facility would be too expensive to include within this scheme. The cost estimate for Option 2 is in the region of £16,000.

The Cycle Forum's preference was for option 2 as it provides both an off road facility between Goal Row and Nottingham way and between Goal Row to Yarmouth Way where cyclists would be able to use the pelican crossing to continue their journey via Haven Bridge. The Cycle Forum have requested the required £16,000 funding from on-street 'pay and display' surplus funds.

RESOLVED:

That the Car Parking Strategy Steering group noted the two options and agreed with the Cycle Forum's preference.

15 COACH BAY OUTSIDE NEW BEACH HOTEL

Councillor Castle stated that he had requested an Officer from Norfolk County Council to check that the Coach Bay outside the New Beach Hotel was the correct width and it was reported that it was. The Great Yarmouth Resident's Association representative stated that although it was the correct width the bay was not positioned into the pavement enough which meant that coaches extended out into the carriageway. It was agreed that this would continue to be monitored and if this still caused a problem this issue would be discussed again at the July meeting.

16 VISITOR PARKING PERMIT NUMBERS

A member of the public had asked if parking permit holders could have two visitor passes and why two permit holders living in a property could not have a visitor permit pass each.

The Director of Customer Services stated that the visitor pass was for the property and not for the number of cars in the family.

It was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.

RESOLVED:

That Visitor Car Parking Permit numbers be an agenda item at the next meeting.

Date of next meeting

That the next meeting be held on 15 July 2014 at 2pm.

The meeting ended at: 14:50