



GREAT YARMOUTH
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Yarmouth Area Committee

Date: Tuesday, 05 December 2017

Time: 19:00

Venue: Council Chamber

Address: Town Hall, Hall Plain, Great Yarmouth, NR30 2QF

AGENDA

Open to Public and Press

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

You have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in a matter to be discussed if it relates to something on your Register of Interests form. You must declare the interest and leave the room while the matter is dealt with.

You have a Personal Interest in a matter to be discussed if it affects

- your well being or financial position
- that of your family or close friends
- that of a club or society in which you have a management role
- that of another public body of which you are a member to a greater extent than others in your ward.

You must declare a personal interest but can speak and vote on the matter.

Whenever you declare an interest you must say why the interest arises, so that it can be included in the minutes.

- 3 MINUTES 3 - 6**
- To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 12 September 2017.
- 4 MATTERS ARISING**
- To consider any matters arising from the above minutes.
- 5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**
- To consider any questions from Members of the Public.
- 6 BEACH COACH CAR PARK AND LORRY - COACH STATION 7 - 8**
- The Committee to note the Head of Customer Services report.
- 7 MARKET GATES BUS STATION IMPROVEMENTS 9 - 10**
- To consider a report from the Travel Information Officer, Travel & Transport Services at Norfolk County Council.
- 8 THE WINTERGARDENS**
- To discuss the repair and restoration of the Wintergardens.
- 9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
- To consider any other business as may be determined by the Chairman of the meeting as being of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration.

Yarmouth Area Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, 12 September 2017 at 19:00

Present :

Councillor Jeal (in the Chair); Councillors Bird, Davis, Hammond, Jones, Walch and Waters-Bunn.

Mrs J Fitzgerald (PoNY), Mrs J Langley (Great Yarmouth Joint Community Resilience), and Mr J Langley (North Yarmouth Joint Community Resilience).

Mrs S Wintle (Senior Member Services Officer)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Robinson-Payne and Stenhouse, County Councillors Castle and Smith and Mr P Fitzgerald.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest declared at the meeting.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 20 June 2017 were confirmed subject to the following amendments :-

(1) That Councillor Jones be removed from those present

(2) That in item 5 Pnny be amended to PoNY

4 MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Walch asked in relation to item 7 and whether this matter had been taken forward to the relevant Committee, the Chairman advised that this matter had been discussed at the Transport and Infrastructure Steering Group but that it had been decided that no further action would be taken on this matter.

5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Alderman Swindell School

Mrs Esherwood, summarised residents and parents concerns in respect of the proposed consultation for closure of Alderman Swindell Primary School, and she asked Members of the Committee to consider sending a formal response in opposition to the proposals to Norfolk County Council.

Councillor Jones stated that 57.3% of residents / parents who had been contacted in respect of the consultation had opposed to the proposals and recommended that the Committee show their support in this matter. Councillor Waters-Bunn advised that she had attended a number of consultation events in respect of the proposals and advised that it had been made apparent that not all residents had received the consultation paperwork.

The issue of whether the schools were to be merged was discussed and it was advised that teachers at the Alderman Swindell School had been advised that their current roles should the school be closed would be at jeopardy.

In discussing the consultation Members of the Committee agreed to show the support of the Yarmouth Area Committee in opposition to the proposals for closure of the Alderman Swindell School.

RESOLVED :

That a letter be sent on behalf of the Yarmouth Area Committee to Norfolk County Council stating the Committee's opposition to the consultation proposals.

North Quay

Mr Atwood, resident, summarised his concerns in relation to the excessive speed of vehicles travelling on North Quay, he stated that he had been in contact with the police on numerous occasions however this issue still remained.

Members suggested that there was a need for either a speed camera or speed limit indicator along the stretch of road, it was suggested that this matter be referred to the Council's Transport and Infrastructure Steering Group and that

a representative from the local Police be invited to the next meeting of the Yarmouth Area Committee to discuss issues raised.

Councillor Walch asked whether County Councillor Castle had been made aware of the issues discussed, Mr Atwood confirmed this.

6 BEACH COACH STATION CAR PARK

The Chairman read an email that had been received in relation to issues raised by the Committee in respect of the Beach Coach Station Car Park from the Head of Customer Services.

Mr Bond, resident representative advised that Committee that there had been no changes seen at the coach station since the last meeting of the Committee, he expressed his concerns and stated that he felt that the Council were ignoring this matter. The Chairman stated that an assurance had been given from the Head of Customer Services and the Parking Manager that leaflets were distributed to drivers to ensure drivers were aware of the rules on the car park. Councillor Davis suggested that Mr Bond contact his local MP expressing his concerns.

Councillor Walch stated that in his opinion this matter needed addressing as he felt it was inappropriate that residents of the Borough were policing the coach park when it was the duty of the Council.

Mrs Fitzgerald suggested that Mr Bond document all incidents and issues that occur in order to provide evidence to the Borough Council.

Mr Bond asked whether any further update could be provided on the 40 parking spaces that were in situ on the Beach Coach Station car park, that had been assigned for Council staff parking as he pointed out that this had remained unused over the summer period. It was agreed that confirmation be sought from the Head of Customer Services and that this matter be referred to the Economic Development Committee.

RESOLVED :

(1) That the concerns raised by Mr Bond in respect of the Beach Coach Station Car Park be reported to the Head of Customer Services and the Leader of the Council.

(2) That the matter in respect of the allocated Staff car parking within the Beach Coach Station be referred to the Economic Development Committee.

7 MINISTER

The Chairman advised that there was no update on this matter, it was suggested this matter be brought to the next meeting of the Yarmouth Area

Committee.

8 COBHOLM

Councillor Waters-Bunn raised concern in relation to the significant volume of traffic travelling throughout Cobholm, she reported that a 20 mile an hour restriction was in place, however in her opinion many drivers failed to adhere to the speed limit set.

The Chairman suggested that this matter be referred to the Council's Transport and Infrastructure Steering Group.

RESOLVED ;

That this matter be referred to the Council's Transport and Infrastructure Steering Group.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman reported that there was no other business as being of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration.

The meeting ended at: 21:00

Subject: Beach Coach Car Park & Lorry/Coach Station

Report to: Management Team 30th October 2017
Economic Development Committee 20th November 2017

Report by: Miranda Lee Head of Customer Services

SUBJECT MATTER/RECOMMENDATIONS

Beach Coach Station – Provision of Reserved Bays/Parking for surrounding Businesses within Gated Area of Beach Coach Station

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to specifically address the questions raised by Councillor Walsh on behalf of the Yarmouth Area Committee in relation to currently unused land on Beach Coach Station Car and Lorry/Coach Park and the need by local Guest House Owners for additional parking.

2. QUESTIONS ASKED

- 2.1 The following questions were raised in relation to the provision of reserved bays within the gated area of the Beach Coach Station and the use of the gated area of the Beach Coach Station.

1. Why this carpark cannot be used for the small bed-and-breakfast which desperately need private parking?
2. Why has the car park been left all these years without any form of revenue?
3. Why is the price £600 per space?
4. Why this carpark cannot be used in the same way as other gated car parks that the council have?

2.2 Responses to Questions

In answer to question 1, this area of the car park could not currently be used for provision of parking for businesses without works undertaken on the surface of the car park including lining, lighting and security considerations. Changes to the use of this area is also likely to require a change in the current Traffic Order in place.

In answer to question 2, originally this gated area was for the provision of parking for staff working from the Beach Coach Station building. Whilst this

area has been tentatively looked at for potential income opportunities in prior years in consideration of works required to be undertaken there are no current plans in place to look at other options.

In answer to question 3, Parking Services gave an indication of estimated annual cost of a reserved bay on the main Beach Coach Station Car Park based on the current reserved bays on the seafront car parks which are currently £550.00 per year.

In answer to question 4, there are a number of barrier car parks around the borough but these tend to be non-fee paying car parks within residential areas. It would not be appropriate to use this area of the Beach Coach Car Park for free public parking because of its location.

3. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

3.1 It should be noted that this area has been identified as one of the compound areas for the Venetian & Waterways project which commences April 2018 for a 12 month period. Therefore, this area will be in use until April 2019 under current timescales of the project.

3.2 There is already parking provision in place which could accommodate the Guest House Owners requirements. A monthly parking permit for the main Beach Coach Station Car Park is currently is already available for £32 per month. From November through the winter, daily charging is reduced to £1 per day and £1 for overnight.

Areas of consideration: e.g. does this report raise any of the following issues and if so how have these been considered/mitigated against?

Area for consideration	Comment
Monitoring Officer Consultation:	
Section 151 Officer Consultation:	Yes
Existing Council Policies:	
Financial Implications:	Yes
Legal Implications (including human rights):	Yes Traffic Orders
Risk Implications:	Yes
Equality Issues/EQIA assessment:	
Crime & Disorder:	
Every Child Matters:	

GYBC Yarmouth Area Committee – Tuesday 5th December 2017
Item - Market Gates Bus Station improvements

This report provides the up-to-date position on scheduled improvement works to Yarmouth's Market Gates Bus Station which will be delivered over the coming period December 2017 to March 2018.

Dear Cllr Castle,

Thank you for your enquiry regarding the improvements to Market Gates.

Phase 1 of the project was delivered earlier this year with the introduction of a new hexagonal travel information 'hub' including a large electronic bus departure board. Phase 2, which is now underway, will be focused on improving the environment of the area, with the hope of turning Market Gates into a modern, functional transport interchange where bus passengers can partake in an enhanced travelling experience.

Below is a brief summary of deliverables in Phase 2 and approximate completion date:

· Replacement of existing bus shelters

The current shelters are 'tired' and will be replaced by new, modern version – examples attached. Each shelter will be retrospectively fit with the existing Real-Time Passenger Information (RTPI) displays currently installed.

Approx. completion – March 2018

· Replacement of existing pedestrian barriers and cycle racks

Again, the barriers and racks are looking 'tired' and many are damaged from impacts therefore these will be replaced by new galvanised steel versions, coated in the existing blue. An order for the barriers has now been placed. The provision of cycle racks will be increased to accommodate the high volume of demand.

Approx. completion – February/March 2018

· Refresh of road markings

We have agreed with NCC Highways to refresh the existing road markings to ensure they complement the rest of the improvements.

Approx. completion – December 2017

· Tunnel support pillar cladding

To improve the aesthetics of the area, particularly through the tunnel under the shopping centre, each support pillar will be fixed with enamel plates. A supplier has been found and an order is imminent.

Approx. completion – February/March 2018

·Lighting upgrade

Sodium lighting fixed to the tunnel ceiling will be replaced by new, efficient LED equivalents which should illuminate the whole area to provide more visual harmony and passenger security. An order for this has been placed.

Once the new lighting is installed and the impact monitored, additional pedestrian lighting around the bus stops may also be provided.

Approx. completion – February/March 2018

The aim is to have the project completed before Easter 2018 to ensure impact to bus passengers and local business is minimal. We also have appointed a new dedicated project manager, Henry Marshall-Nichols from NPS Property, who will be overseeing the delivery until completion. If you require any further details of each deliverable or the project as a whole please be in contact with either Henry or myself.

As part of the project communication plan, we propose to distribute a monthly email to all stakeholders to update them on the current status of the project. You will of course be included in this.

Robert Pratt

Travel Information Officer

Travel & Transport Services, Norfolk County Council