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COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 5 December 2017 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Matlock at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT

Councillor Joanne Wild - In the Chair

Councillors Jason Atkin, Sue Bull, Martin Burfoot, Albert Catt, Susan Hobson, Dermot Murphy, Joyce Pawley, Mike Ratcliffe and Colin Swindell

Councillor Tom Donnelly attended as an observer.

Dorcas Bunton (Chief Executive), Paul Wilson (Corporate Director), Sandra Lamb (Head of Corporate Services), Ash Watts (Head of Community and Environmental Services), Keith Postlethwaite (Parks and Street Scene Manager), and Christine Laver (Democratic Services Team Leader).

25 members of the public

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ann Elliott, Vicky Massey Bloodworth, Tony Morley and Lewis Rose, OBE. Councillor Dermot Murphy attended as Substitute Member.

Councillor Colin Swindell arrived at 6.04pm.

236/17 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Mrs Carol Easton presented, and spoke in support of, a petition, with 189 signatures, which stated:

“Derbyshire Dales are trying to put parking meters on the Market Place and across the Lime Yard. This would be highly detrimental to local businesses and residents. Please sign here if you wish to protect our village”.

- Mrs Barbara Bowman, Vice Chairman of Cromford Parish Council, Mrs Pat Gibson, Cromford resident and local trader, Mr David Dempsey (on behalf of Mr Dave Mountford

of The Boat Inn, Cromford), Mr Doug Robbins, local resident, Ms Kelly Holden, local resident, Mr Ian Pidcock, local resident and business owner, and Mr David Mitchell, local resident, all spoke against the proposals for Cromford.

Concerns raised included:

- Security at the Lime Yard car park
 - Impact on traders in the Market place in terms of both customer and staff parking
 - Cost of parking permits and imbalance between number of permits available and eligible households
 - Displacement of parking into surrounding streets
 - Lack of signage for parking at Cromford Mill
 - Impact on financial viability of businesses
 - Impact on property values
 - Disproportionality between estimated income from the proposed changes and their impact on local residents and businesses
 - Physical impact of scheme on Market Place
- Mr Dave Boston, Wirksworth Town Centre Parking Action Group, requested that a hold be placed on the proposals for Wirksworth pending an analysis of the links between parking provision and the financial viability of the town centre.
 - Mrs Kit Salt, resident of St John Street, spoke against the proposals for Canterbury Road, Wirksworth.

REVIEW OF CAR PARKING POLICY 2017 – CONSULTATION RESULTS

Following the District Council's detailed Review of its Car Parking Policy in 2013, implementation of some recommendations was deferred for further consultation. The scope of the current Review was based on those deferred recommendations, which included the possibility of charging for some existing free car parks and revising charges for season tickets.

The current Review was further informed by the District Council's current financial position, in the light of ongoing central government cuts to local government funding and the need to achieve an additional saving of £1.6 million over the next three years.

The methodology of the Review was detailed in the report. 1434 questionnaire responses were received together with 12 written submissions and the petition referred to in Public Participation, above.

Respondents had the opportunity to comment on specific proposals and more generally. Common themes that emerged from the comments were;

- Concerns for the continued viability of local business where free parking was perceived to be a significant factor in attracting their clientele.
- Cost implications for residents without access to on-street parking
- Displacement from car parks to on-street parking.

The report discussed each of the recommendations in detail and the Chairman announced that

the Committee would consider, and vote separately, on each of the points under recommendation 1. Recommendations 2 and 3 would also be considered separately.

It was also noted that the initial proposals had been modified in the light of the recent consultation. If approved, there would be a further opportunity for comment and objection during the statutory process for the introduction of changes to the District Council's Parking Order, the timeline for which was detailed at item 12.1 of the report.

The Head of Community and Environmental Services also noted that responses would be provided to the questions submitted prior to the meeting.

237/17 – 1a - Cokayne Avenue Car Park Ashbourne

It was recommended that Cokayne Avenue at Ashbourne become a pay and display car park, with a two hour free stay option. The rationale for this was that it was currently being used as a long stay car park by workers and visitors to Ashbourne and this limited the availability of spaces available to those who wished to use the nearby leisure and sporting facilities. A two hour free period would accommodate those using those facilities and discourage the all-day parking that was limiting availability to leisure users.

It was moved by Councillor Albert Catt and seconded by Councillor Jason Atkin

That a proposal for Cokayne Avenue Car Park, Ashbourne to become a 24 hour pay and display car park, with a free 2 hour stay ticket, be approved and published for a period of statutory consultation as an amendment to the Derbyshire Dales Off-Street Parking Places Order 2013.

Voting	In Favour	3
	Against	7
	Abstentions	0

The Chairman declared the motion LOST.

238/17 – 1b - Market Place Cromford

It was recommended that Cromford Market Place should become a pay and display car park, in line with other car parks in the area and for consistency with other car parks that the District Council operates. In light of the large number of concerns raised about the impact of this change on local businesses it was proposed that there be a free 30 minute period. It was hoped that this would deter the influx of long-stay parking that has increased recently following the introduction of charges for privately operated car parks in the vicinity.

It was moved by Councillor Jason Atkin and seconded by Councillor Albert Catt

That a proposal for Market Place, Cromford to become a 24 hour pay and display car park with a free 30 minute stay ticket' be approved and published for a period of statutory consultation as an amendment to the Derbyshire Dales Off-Street Parking Places Order 2013.

Voting	In Favour	3
	Against	7
	Abstentions	0

The Chairman declared the motion LOST.

RECOMMENDATION 1

239/17 – 1c - Lime Yard Cromford

It was recommended that, to alleviate the impact of the proposed pay and display car park, on householders in properties directly adjacent to Cromford Market Place, the Lime Yard would become a permit holder only car park at a cost of £331 per annum.

It was moved by Councillor Albert Catt and seconded by Councillor Jason Atkin

That, subject to discussion with the local Ward Member regarding properties to be included in the catchment area, a proposal for Lime Yard, Cromford to become a permit holder only car park, with a limited catchment area, and that the charges for those purchasing permits be phased in over a three year period, be approved and published for a period of statutory consultation as an amendment to the Derbyshire Dales Off-Street Parking Places Order 2013.

Voting	In Favour	3
	Against	7
	Abstentions	0

The Chairman declared the motion LOST.

240/17 – 1d - Edgefold Road, Matlock

It was recommended that the small car park on Edgefold Road remain free but become short stay, in line with the on-street parking in the area, to encourage the turnover of vehicles. It was considered that, because of the limited number of spaces available here, the introduction of pay and display would not be cost effective at present.

It was moved by Councillor Albert Catt, and seconded by Councillor Jason Atkin and

RESOLVED That a proposal for Edgefold Road car park, Matlock to become a free 1 hour short stay car park, be approved and published for a period of statutory consultation as an amendment to the Derbyshire Dales Off-Street Parking Places Order.

In accordance with the District Council's Rule of Procedure 19d the mover and seconder requested a recorded vote on this item.

Voting	In favour	
	Councillors Atkin, Bull, Catt, Hobson, Murphy, Pawley and Wild (7)	
	Against	
	Councillors Burfoot, Ratcliffe and Swindell (3)	

The Chairman declared the motion CARRIED.

241/17 – 1e - Canterbury Road, Wirksworth

Following the 2013 Car Parking Review, Canterbury Road car park in Wirksworth had been upgraded to pay and display standard, at significant cost and it was recommended that it now become a 24 hour pay and display car park. In response to public comments it

was also recommended that there should be a two hour free stay period to support the local economy.

It was moved by Councillor Albert Catt and seconded by Councillor Jason Atkin

That a proposal for Canterbury Road car park, Wirksworth to become a 24 hour pay and display car park with a 2 hour free period, be approved and published for a period of statutory consultation as an amendment to the Derbyshire Dales Off-Street Parking Places Order.

In accordance with the District Council's Rule of Procedure 19d the mover and seconder requested a recorded vote on this item.

Voting In favour
 Councillors Atkin, Catt, and Wild (3)
 Against
 Councillors Bull, Burfoot, Hobson, Murphy, Pawley, Ratcliffe and Swindell
 (7)

The Chairman declared the motion LOST.

242/17 – 1f - North End, Wirksworth

Councillor Colin Swindell left the meeting at 7.50pm prior to consideration of this item

It was noted that there was an error in the plan of the catchment area, which would be rectified if the proposal went forward.

This area had not previously been included in the Parking Order and, although it was not of sufficient standard to provide pay and display parking it was considered suitable to be brought into regulation as a permit holder car park with a charge of £331 per annum.

It was moved by Councillor Albert Catt and seconded by Councillor Jason Atkin

That a proposal for an area of land at North End, Wirksworth to become a permit holder only car park, with a limited catchment area, and that the charges for those purchasing permits be phased in over a three year period, be approved and published for a period of statutory consultation as an amendment to the Derbyshire Dales Off-Street Parking Places Order 2013.

In accordance with the District Council's Rule of Procedure 19d the mover and seconder requested a recorded vote on this item.

Voting In favour
 Councillors Atkin, Catt, Murphy and Wild (4)
 Against
 Councillors Bull, Burfoot, Hobson, Pawley, and Ratcliffe (5)

The Chairman declared the motion LOST.

243/17 – 1g – Old Lane, Wirksworth

Old Lane, Wirksworth was designated as a residents parking area in 2004 and, as such, is included in the Parking Order. However, there was currently no defined catchment area or permit scheme related to this area. It was recommended that a defined catchment area and permit scheme should be introduced to bring this area into line with other car parks in the District Council's ownership.

It was moved by Councillor Albert Catt and seconded by Councillor Jason Atkin

That a proposal for Old Lane, Wirksworth to become a permit holder only car park, with a limited catchment area and that the charges for those purchasing permits be phased in over a three year period, be approved and published for a period of statutory consultation as an amendment to the Derbyshire Dales Off-Street Parking Places Order 2013.

In accordance with the District Council's Rule of Procedure 19d the mover and seconder requested a recorded vote on this item.

Voting In favour
 Councillors Atkin, Catt, Murphy and Wild (4)
 Against
 Councillors Bull, Burfoot, Hobson, Pawley, and Ratcliffe (5)

The Chairman declared the motion LOST.

242/1 – Recommendation 2 – Permit Schemes

This recommendation covered season tickets, Rover passes and parking permits. The current situation and the proposals were set out in the report

It was moved by Councillor Albert Catt, seconded by Councillor Jason Atkin and

RESOLVED That in relation to Permit Schemes

1. The price of Season Tickets remains at 68% discount for zone specific season tickets, currently £465.00 per annum.
2. A new, District wide, season ticket is introduced at a discount of 60%, currently £572.00 per annum
3. 3 and 7 day Rover passes be amended to provide a 40% discount, with effect from 1 April 2018, priced at £9.90 and 23.10 respectively.
4. The fees for permit holder car parks (£331 per annum) and Resident Only bays (£92 per annum) are aligned in a new Permit Holder scheme at the higher rate of £331 per annum from 1 April 2018.
5. That the existing Resident Only bay permit holders move to a new Permit Holder scheme and that the transfer of those entitled to do takes place in phases, over 3 years, as follows:

1 April 2018 - £92
1 April 2019 - £172 (+ any fees & charges increases in 2019)
1 April 2020 - £252 (+ any fees & charges increases in 2020)
1 April 2021 - £331 (+ any fees & charges increases in 2021)

6. Prices are considered annually, as part of the Fees and Charges Report, with effect from 1 April 2019

In accordance with the District Council's Rule of Procedure 19d the mover and seconder requested a recorded vote on this item.

Voting

In favour

Councillors Atkin, Catt, Hobson, Murphy and Wild (5)

Against

Councillors Bull, Burfoot, Pawley, and Ratcliffe (4)

The Chairman declared the motion CARRIED.

243/17 – Recommendation 3 – Park Mark Accreditation

It was recommended that the District Council's involvement in the Park Mark Scheme be extended at a cost of £132 per site and that Disabled Parking Awards also be sought for an additional 22 sites at a cost of £50 per site.

It was moved by Councillor Albert Catt, seconded by Councillor Jason Atkin and

RESOLVED

That in relation to Park Mark Accrediation the District Council

1. Does not increase the number of sites submitted for Park Mark accreditation year on year at an additional cost of £132 per car park.
2. Does not submit the initial 22 sites for the Disabled Parking Awards and then increase the number of sites submitted year on year at an overall cost of £1065.

Voting

In favour 6

Against 2

Abstention 1

MEETING CLOSED 7.16 PM

CHAIRMAN