

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
JOINT PARKING COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 4 FEBRUARY, 2015 AT 4.00 P.M.
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

PART 1

PRESENT: District and County Councillors:-

Bennett, C. (Chairman)

Dean, A.
Johnson, J.

SCC Adamson, G.
SCC Dudson, A.
SCC Spicer, Mrs. A.

Cannock Chase Council Officers:

- Tennant, I. (Head of Housing and Waste Management)
- Schofield, S. (Senior Technical Officer)
- Berry, M. (Senior Committee Officer)

Staffordshire County Council Officer:

- Keeling, M. (Community Infrastructure Liaison Manager)

16. Apologies

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor A. Lovell (Vice-Chairman) and C. Thomas, Parking Services Manager.

17. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restriction on Voting by Members

No further Declarations of Interests were made in addition to those already confirmed by Members in the Register of Members Interests.

18. Minutes

Minute No. 11

SCC Adamson asked for a further update in respect of Stanley Road, Hednesford.

The Community Infrastructure Liaison Manager advised that the statutory consultation period had been completed, and a date was now awaited for

when advertising of the Order could commence, with an expectation the Order would become operational in April/May 2015.

SCC Dudson asked for an update in respect of the request for Post Office Lane to be further reviewed.

The Community Infrastructure Liaison Manager advised that as the current Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) programme was full, this request had been placed on the list for considered as part of the future programme, but advised it would be considered under the new arrangements coming into force on 1 April 2015.

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 22 October 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed.

19. Prioritisation of Parking Related Traffic Regulation Orders

Consideration was given to the Report of the County Council's Corporate Director for Development Services (Item 4.1 – 4.12 of the Official Minutes of the Council) *(presented by the Community Infrastructure Liaison Manager)*.

The Community Infrastructure Liaison Manager led Members through the report, explaining that seven requests had been received since the previous meeting. These related to:

- Sharon Way, Hednesford;
- Ascot Drive, Cannock;
- Progress Drive, Cannock;
- Church Street, Rugeley;
- Saturn Road, Cannock;
- School Road, Norton Cane; and
- Armitage Lane, Rugeley.

Church Street, Rugeley

The Community Infrastructure Liaison Manager advised that due to the extensive discussion which had taken place elsewhere on this site, it may be better to refer the request to the relevant Ward Member for them to consider whether a review of the whole street should be undertaken instead, as the issue would not be fully resolved by the solutions suggested.

Members discussed the ongoing problems being experienced along Church Street and were in agreement that changes needed to be made to improve the parking situation, so would continue to observe the current setup and feedback to Officers as necessary.

Saturn Road, Cannock

SCC Adamson raised that this was situated in an old estate with narrow roads, so implementing parking restrictions would cause further difficulties above those already experienced by residents.

School Road, Norton Canes

SCC Adamson advised that Police Officers from Cannock station were going to be outside schools in the District during pick up and drop off times to carry out enforcement action on vehicles not parked in the correct areas.

SCC Spicer asked for clarification on whether or not double yellow lines on the road meant no parking was allowed at all.

The Senior Technical Officer replied that drivers were allowed a period of up to 5 minutes to park on double yellow lines before a Civil Enforcement Officer would issue them with a penalty notice.

Armitage Lane, Rugeley

SCC Spicer queried if newly built schools were required to include provision for parents' car parking as part of the development plans.

The Community Infrastructure Liaison Manager replied they were not obliged to do this, but had the option to include such provision as part of the planning application process if they so wished.

2014/15 Priority TROs progress

The Community Infrastructure Liaison Manager then drew Members' attention to the updated progress list of 2014/15 priority TROs and provided further updates in respect of;

- Manor Avenue, Cannock - advertising of the TRO was due to commence on 5 March 2015;
- Spring Street, Cannock - the statutory consultation had finished, with the next stage being production of the necessary signage and confirmation of the advertising date being received.

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the requests received and progress update of the 2014/15 priority TROs be noted; and
- (B) It also be noted that where appropriate, requests will be referred to the relevant Ward Member for consideration as part of the new arrangements for prioritisation of TROs.

20. Prioritisation of Traffic Regulation Orders – New Arrangements

Consideration was given to the Report of the County Council's Director for Place and Deputy Chief Executive (Item 5.1 – 5.12 of the Official Minutes of the Council) *(presented by the Community Infrastructure Liaison Manager)*.

SCC Adamson raised concern that compared to the current arrangements residents would lose out under the new arrangements in respect of the number of requests they could submit for consideration.

The Community Infrastructure Liaison Manager replied that although there were differences between the current and new arrangements, the number of TROs which could be prioritised across Cannock Chase and South Staffordshire Districts would still be 4 each. He then further advised that each County Councillor was given funding of £10,000 for their term of office to spend on highways or community specific projects, so there was a possibility the money could be used to fund up to two additional TROs for their Division, but the practicalities of doing this would depend on Officer resource available across different departments.

RESOLVED:

That the Report be noted.

21. Civil Parking Enforcement Progress Report for the Period October – December 2014

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Housing and Waste Management (Item 6.1 – 6.8 of the Official Minutes of the Council) *(presented by the Senior Technical Officer)*

The Senior Technical Officer advised Members that the Council had this week taken part in a joint initiative with Police Community Support Officers to tackle problem parking outside Five Ways Primary school, and would next week be running the same initiative outside West Hill Primary school.

RESOLVED:

That the Report be noted.

This being the final meeting of the Committee, the Chairman thanked those Members and Officers who had been involved with it since it was first established.

The meeting closed at 4.40pm.

CHAIRMAN