

NOTES OF THE CAR PARKING WORKING GROUP HELD ON MONDAY 4 JULY 2022 at 3.00pm

PRESENT:	Cllr S Atkinson	John Heap
	Cllr R Newmark	Adrian Harper
		Daniel Sutcliffe
		Olwen Heap

APOLOGIES – Cllr Ged Mirfin

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10 AUGUST 2021

These were approved as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- With reference to the minute regarding Accrington Road, Whalley the Leader informed the officers that a local ward councillor had recently been contacted by Storey Homes (?) about planning permission on this site and the relevance of car parking issues in the village. It was important to remember that decisions are made by committee and not any individual.

DCS would inform DEDP of the issue.

- Adrian reported that body cams were available. A draft policy for their use was in process. Where required, the civil enforcement officers doubled up.

RESULTS OF CLITHEROE CAR PARKS OCCUPANCY SURVEY

John Heap reminded members that the conclusion of the 2018 survey was that plans were required to start making provision for additional parking in Clitheroe as the number of houses increased because although Clitheroe was within capacity most of the time, at peak times there was a problem.

During the Covid 19 pandemic national shopping habits had changed and people were shopping differently with many more doing it on-line, so a follow-up survey was commissioned to establish whether demand had changed locally.

Adrian Harper reported that the follow-up survey carried out showed that although Lowergate car park reached capacity on a Saturday none of the car parks (RV Offices and market) reached more than 75% capacity at any other time. There was therefore no (urgent) need for another car park in the town currently.

The Leader asked questions regarding the use of Geotech on the Castle field, or using the whole of the market area, including the car park (with matching surface) as an extended space for events. Ideas around the Atrium café were also discussed.

CAR PARK MACHINES

Adrian Harper gave a comparison on 2 systems (IPS and Flowbird) with usage options and costs(appendix). He informed the group that as there was no mobile signal in Dunsop Bridge or Slaidburn, the machines on these two car parks would be 'coins only' with the option to upgrade should it change (the Duchy may make improvements).

IPS was the favoured system for use by most ways to pay including coins, contactless, Apple and Google pay. Provision had been made in the 2022/23 capital programme for 21 machines to be replaced. This work would be commissioned once Community Services committee had approved the option.

SPORTS PASSES

The issue of providing sports passes had again been raised in Community Services committee. This had been considered by the working group on numerous occasions previously.

The main issues for not creating a concession were as follows:

- The car parks cannot be managed if tickets are not purchased;
- If it was done for users of Roefield then other users at Edisford (swimming pool, football, tennis etc) should also be eligible;
- If the offer was made in Clitheroe, it should also be made in Longridge (Mardale).

At the present time the Council was awaiting the funding review, and not looking to reduce any fees/income.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Highmoor Park car park – there was currently a dispute between neighbours regarding the use of the car park that had been brought to officers' attention by a ward councillor. As the car park was not currently covered by the Car Parking Order no enforcement was possible. Another officer would investigate any abandoned vehicles under different legislation. The ward councillors would be informed of the situation by the Leader.

NEXT MEETING

To be arranged as necessary.

Meeting closed at 3.05pm