

Minutes of Car Parking working group

Meeting Date: Friday, 10 February 2023, starting at 12.00 pm
Present: Councillor S Atkinson (Chair)

Councillors:

S Fletcher
S O'Rourke

G Mirfin
R Newmark

In attendance: Head of Cultural and Leisure Services and Engineering Assistant

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

CAR PARKING

The Head of Cultural and Leisure Services provided Members with an update as to possible options available in respect of the charges for various car parks in the Ribble Valley, with particular consideration being given to Edisford car park.

Members were advised that the Council has investigated the feasibility of offering two hours free parking on car parks. This could not be restricted to the car parks at Edisford and Mardale as it would be discriminatory and would therefore need to be offered on all Ribble Valley car parks. Furthermore, currently it would not be possible to establish exactly when the two hour period starts for every customer. It would be very difficult to regulate.

Members were informed that annual permits do not apply to short stay car parks. Edisford car park is currently a short stay car park but the Council could look to change this to a long stay car park. A Legal Order would need to be obtained to allow this and it can be a long process.

Consideration had also been given to changing the annual parking permits to include Edisford car park. This way, if a customer has a permit, they can use Edisford car park as often and for as long as they wish.

The idea of having a sports pass/permit which included parking was mooted. However, the Council do not wish to discriminate against those wishing to park but not using sports facilities.

Members did raise concerns as to people parking on roadsides and the dangers this is causing but the Council are unable to stop this. Currently Lancashire County Council will not put yellow lines on the roads.

The Members considered all available options, taking account of factors such as public safety, promoting use of local amenities and facilities, revenue for the Council and the comments that Jane Viljoen had made when she addressed the last Community Services Committee meeting.

The Members felt that the best course of action would be to change the annual permits to include Edisford car park. This change would be on a trial basis for a year from April 2023 to March 2024. This decision was reached having regard predominately to the following three considerations:

- The safety for users of Edisford car park

- Promoting attendance to the leisure facilities at Roefield
- Revenue for the Council

ACTION:

1. Recommend to the next Community Services Committee that the annual car parking permit be extended to include Edisford car park. It is recommended that this be trialled for a period of a year, from April 2023 to March 2024.

The meeting closed at 12:40 pm

If you have any queries on these minutes please contact the committee clerk, Jenny Martin.