

## CAR PARKING SUB-COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Car Parking Sub-Committee held in the Council Chamber, Totton and Eling Civic Centre at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016

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PRESENT Councillor T.M. Bushrod, Mrs K.V. Crissell, L.E. Harris, M. Kangarani, Ms C.L. Rackham and D.J. Russell.  
Town Clerk and Facilities Officer.

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Councillor D.J. Russell and seconded by Councillor T.M. Bushrod that Councillor L.E. Harris be appointed Chairman of the Car Parking Sub-Committee. There being no other nominations it was AGREED that Councillor L.E. Harris be elected Chairman.

2. PARKING ISSUES

The Town Clerk explained to the Sub-Committee that there were two issues with regards to parking; 1. Our own private car park. 2. A general problem with parking in the Town.

Members left the Council Chamber to look at the area concerned. After discussion it was suggested to put in a barrier by the side of Totton and Eling Community Centre to be used by Council staff only and to designate an area of parking adjacent to the War Memorial for Totton and Eling Community Centre users. It was also suggested to move the tarmac footpath to cut across the grass area, adjacent to the Three Score Club and then turn the existing footpath into disabled parking. A suggestion was also made to incorporate a turning area in front of Totton and Eling Community Centre. The two existing reserved parking spaces could be used for minibus parking or a drop off area.

Members returned to the Council Chamber and discussion took place regarding general problems with parking in the Town. Suggestions included:-

- The possibility of releasing our commitment to New Forest District Council and they take over the running of the Civic Centre Car Park saving £28000.00 per year.
- Decreasing the time from a 5 hour stay in the War Memorial Car Park and examine electronic access controls whereby offenders cannot gain access until they have paid the relevant penalty. There is a possibility that the Toll Bridge could be linked into this system.
- Sanctions need to be put in place to enable the Town Council to deal with offenders.
- Discussion to take place with the District Council to appeal our business rates.
- The possibility to have 3 hours free parking and over that you pay to park to be discussed with New Forest District Council.

#### RECOMMENDED

- a) The Town Clerk report back to the Sub-Committee with costings for an electronic access control system in the War Memorial Car Park.
- b) The Town Clerk report back to the Sub-Committee with costings to split the parking between the Town Council and Community Centre by installing a barrier control system, removing the existing footpath to allow for disabled parking and install a new footpath across the grass area.
- c) The Council to consider what action can be taken against offenders. To be discussed at Policy and Resources.
- d) Discuss with Full Council to consider reducing parking time from 5 hours.
- e) To conduct a more detailed car parking survey to include number plate recognition to show how long people are staying in the car park.
- f) The Council discuss with businesses in the Town the possibility of financial contributions to the free parking as they are the organisations that are gaining.

Meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.