

Lewes Joint Parking Board Meeting

25 June 2012

CC1, 11.00

Present:

Councillor Carl Maynard, Lead Member

Councillor Ian Eiloart

Councillor Rob Blackman

Councillor Ruth O'Keeffe

Karl Taylor

John Magness

John Robbins

James Graydon

Antony Small

David Weeks

Geraldine Knight

Jacci Milne

Agenda point		Action
1.	Welcome Apologies and Introductions	
1.1	Councillor Carl Maynard opened the meeting.	
1.2	Apologies received from Councillor Rosalyn St Pierre and Nick Skelton.	
2.	Review actions of previous meeting	
2.1	2.1 – presentation to Councillors on PCN process. Agenda point 4.	
2.2	2.4 – Councillor St Pierre to meet with NS and DW to look at income and expenditure. The meeting has taken place.	
2.3	3.6 – Councillor Eiloart requested to see the figures for each year since the scheme began. These have been sent, Councillor Eiloart expressed concern at the length of time it took to receive this information.	
2.4	6.2 – forged coins. LDC have been invited to meet with CCI. The amount of forged coins is a national issue, CCI report on the amount and denomination of fake coins found in each collection and this is discussed at monthly contract meetings. Councillor Eiloart asked if the machines record how many coins are rejected, NSL advised this information is not available from the machines. Cashless parking systems were suggested as a way to reduce the problem.	
3.	Lewes Parking Review	
3.1	JR advised the new on street TROs have now been advertised in the press and on street. Letters will be going out to those directly affected by the changes this week.	
3.2	A few queries have been received about the proposals but no major issues have been raised so far.	
3.3	There will be some minor changes in the coastal areas, mainly safety issues. JR advised that Seaford Town Council have informally expressed an interest in more extensive controls. This will not be progressed unless a formal request for this is received from the Town Council.	
3.4	As a solution to the issue of parking on crossovers in the Wallands area, waivers are being proposed.	
3.5	An experimental order banning verge and footway parking will be introduced at the same time as the new TRO. JR advised he expected	

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3.6	<p>this to be sometime during the autumn depending on the number of objections received.</p> <p>The new TROs reduce the hours of control to 9-5 in all zones and exclude bank holidays. LDC council will make a decision on the hours of control in the car parks at their October Cabinet meeting. Councillor Eiloart pointed out that public opinion on bank holiday charging was made very clear in the consultation.</p>	
4. 4.1 4.2	<p>Penalty Charge Notice progression presentation</p> <p>DW distributed the presentation. Any questions about this can be emailed (david.weeks@eastsussex.gov.uk), DW also offered to talk through this in more detail with anyone if required.</p> <p>It was suggested the format of the presentation could be changed to make it suitable for the website.</p>	DW
5. 5.1 5.2 5.3 5.4 5.5 5.6	<p>Resident and visitor parking permits for private roads within the CPZ</p> <p>DW advised a number of requests from residents of private roads requesting permits had been received. These are currently denied in line with policy; given the increase in requests does this need to be reviewed.</p> <p>Councillor O'Keeffe pointed out the argument against this, that residents in the CPZ with permits cannot park in the private roads. She suggested that to be fair residents should make the roads to the standard required for adoption so they can be included in the scheme.</p> <p>Councillor Eiloart said some of the private roads do not have parking and that all people of Lewes should be treated equally.</p> <p>JR advised that parking in private roads can be introduced with the consent of the owner but that there would be practical issues to overcome such as the quality of the road surface for lines.</p> <p>Councillor Maynard asked how many requests had been received. DW advised around five but that one of these had come via the MP.</p> <p>Councillor Maynard asked that a report be prepared for the next meeting detailing where these complaints have come from and what the options and costs are. In the meantime any residents requesting permits should be advised what measures they can take to alleviate any problems they are experiencing.</p>	DW
6. 6.1 6.2	<p>Operational Update</p> <p>AS distributed the NSL report and summarised the contents. Any questions on the report should be sent to David Weeks who will forward to AS.</p> <p>The damage to the pay and display machines around bonfire time was discussed and Councillor Maynard asked if any further action could be taken to limit this. DW advised some machines are removed and others are covered with steel jackets for the event but the damage occurs in</p>	

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6.3	<p>the lead up to the event and the few weeks afterwards. Around £14,000 worth of damage was caused last year. There is no pattern to the machines that are damaged. A member of the parking team attends the event briefings, this year the rookies that cause the damage have been banned and it is hoped this may reduce the damage. DW suggested a long term solution would be the introduction of a cashless parking scheme and the removal of pay and display machines at certain locations.</p> <p>Councillor O'Keeffe highlighted the issue of vehicles loading and unloading at the upper end of the High Street causing an obstruction. CEOs are advised to report this to the Police (local contacts as well as the non-emergency number), this will be re-briefed to CEOs to ensure they are all aware.</p>	AS
7. 7.1	<p>AOB</p> <p>DW advised of some work the parking team have done to assist blue badge holders. To assist blue badge holders and reduce the number of PCNs issued a letter and leaflet was developed highlighting common mistakes and how to avoid them. This was distributed with all blue badge renewal reminders. A copy of this will be sent to the district and borough councils.</p>	GK
7.2	<p>Councillor Blackman asked if the parking bays could be colour coded. JR advised the rules covering signs and lines are very complex and do not cover this. Exemptions from the regulations can be requested from the Department for Transport but this is a very elaborate process.</p>	
7.3	<p>Councillor O'Keeffe asked if correspondence supporting the changes to the scheme currently being advertised would slow down the process. JR advised that any this should not delay the process.</p>	
7.4	<p>Councillor Maynard thanked everyone for attending the meeting.</p>	
	<p>Next meeting to be held at 10am on 16th January 2013 Room CC1, County Hall, Lewes</p>	