

Heybridge Basin Parish Council
Daisy Meadow Car Park Committee Meeting
13th July 2021

This was an informal meeting of the committee as the Parish Clerk was unable to attend. These notes stand as a record of the discussions held. All recommendations of the committee will be put towards the next HBPC meeting on 20th July for ratification.

1. Present were Rob Bryson, Chair, Martyn Hodges, VC and Bruce Heubner. Apologies were received from Colin Edmond.

2. Operators

A review of the 5 car park operators was held based on the proposals received to date. It was agreed that the business models of all 5 were very similar and that there was probably no requirement to seek out additional operators.

It was agreed that operators who conducted their own enforcement rather than sub-contracting that activity would be preferred and it was noted that some operators will allow HBPC to cancel PNCs.

It was also agreed that we should further investigate those operators who were proposing adding physical barriers within DM to direct the flow of traffic, to ensure there was minimal risk of visitors complaining to the PC if they damage their vehicles by running into them.

It was also discussed that further knowledge of the capabilities of the cameras used by different operators was required to ensure they were fit for purpose.

Based on the information held at this time 3 operators were on the short list, but that there were some further questions to be asked of each.

3. Residents Usage of DM Survey

The results of the survey were encouraging with no new significant issues raised. The main concern of residents was the risk of encouraging on street parking by those trying to avoid paying.

RB stated that in order to beef up on street parking restrictions / introductions of residents parking schemes would require a review from Essex Highways which would cost a minimum of £2k, have 6 months lead time and then further time lag to allow for consultations. HBPC would also have to apply for a Traffic Regulation Order.

4. Residents Permits

There are currently 15 vehicles with resident's passes. It is the committee's view that these should be honoured but not linked in perpetuity to the properties concerned, but reviewed when property changed hands. An additional 5 spaces would also be available.

These residents will have to apply for spaces with the registration details of their vehicles in order for them to be placed on the White List.

5. Traffic Control Order

It has still not been possible to identify whether a TCO is already in place, or if not whether one is required and where it can be applied for. BH agreed to investigate further and also to check whether there were any likely planning issues eg. with the erection of a pole to place a camera on.

6. Timeline

- As per the Terms of Reference of the Committee that village meetings be held in St Georges Church Hall (Covid rules

permitting) on Wednesday 28th July at 14:30 to 16:30 and 19:00 to 21:00.

- That a notice of the meeting be circulated to all household in the village before then.
- That attendees to the meetings be given a Briefing Paper (circulated with these notes) which will provide a structure for the meetings.
- That proposals from the 3 short listed operators be circulated to all HBPC Councillors following the village meetings.
- At the August 17th HBPC meeting the 3 short listed operators be invited to give short presentations (10 minutes).

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