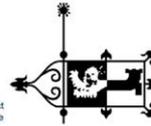


TENTERDEN PARKING FORUM



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TENTERDEN PARKING FORUM HELD IN THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR AT TENTERDEN TOWN HALL ON MONDAY 25th OCTOBER 2017 at 5.00 pm.

Present:

Mr. Alan Bates, Cllr. Paul Clokie (ABC, Chair),
Cllr. Mrs Sue Ferguson (TTC), Lance Greenaway (Dandara),
James Hann (ABC), Cllr Mike Hill (KCC), Kieron Leader (ABC),
Mr Chris Mason, Chris Miller (ABC), Cllr Ken Mulholland (TTC)

Minutes taken by Phil Burgess (**PB**)

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** TTC Cllrs. Mrs Pam Smith, Mrs Jean Curteis, Roy Isworth, Richard Lusty, Alan Sugden.
2. **MINUTES.** Minutes of the meeting on 31st October 2016 were agreed as a true record.
3. **MATTERS ARISING.** Item 8A on the minutes relating to a request by a disabled resident of Marshalls Land. This issue has now been resolved by the installation of a disabled bay and yellow lines.
4. **TENT1A DEVELOPMENT.** A presentation was given by Kieron Leader and James Hann of ABC. Planning conditions stipulate that a scheme must be introduced, and details were given of the various schemes available. In summary CPZs or controlled parking zones show motorists where they cannot park using yellow lines. RPZs or restricted parking zones show motorists where they can park, any other areas within the zone cannot be used.

Both these schemes allow restrictions on duration of parking and time-frames where parking is allowed. Inconsiderate parking, i.e. on the pavements, can be enforced in a RPZ.

The impact on the rest of the town from a restriction within the new development was considered. The likelihood was that the scheme would result in some casual or commuter parking within the estate and thus reduce the pressure on the rest of the town.

The committee favoured a RPZ for its reduced visual impact. Although the Dandara representative would have preferred a time restriction within the zone, the committee decided that parking in designated areas would be unrestricted. This scheme would be put to public consultation with a presentation at the Town Hall.

Once the scheme was in place, it would be reviewed after 6 months to identify any "pinch points" in the area.

5. **PARKING IN THE REST OF TOWN.** Other areas such as Turners Avenue were considered. The impact of a CPZ here would simply push the problem to other areas of town. A RPZ was considered to combat inconsiderate parking (across drives for instance) but deferred for the time being pending assessment of the effect of the RPZ within Tent1. A parking review of the whole area from Eastwell Barn Mews to St Michaels would cost in excess of £100,000 and any scheme may carry a cost to residents. ABC is aware of the problems regarding inconsiderate parking in Turner's Avenue, but this is only enforceable by the police if they consider it to be an obstruction.
6. **STATION RD COACH PARK.** School Buses were still parking in the bays there which were intended for tourist coaches. Signage would be considered to deter "rest period" parking and school bus parking and ABC would monitor the situation and request again that non-tourist coaches do not park there. Kieron Leader would look at marking the bus turning area in some way so that it is obvious that cars cannot park there. An additional coach space could be created if the coaches were allowed to park across the car bays when not in use. This would require super-imposed markings on the area. ABC to review.
7. **HIGH STREET OUTSIDE PAYDENS.** There are no powers to enforce against vehicles overlapping the kerb. A "second kerb" in the road was dismissed as a potential trip hazard and bollards on the pavement would restrict pedestrian access in the same way as the bonnets of cars. Ultimately the solution would be to widen the pavement. Consideration would be given by ABC to an extension of the bays (as there is plenty of room to the rear), some sort of paint delineation to discourage parking close to the pavement or a polite notice requesting considerate parking.
8. **PERMIT SCHEME REQUEST.** ABC is very reluctant to authorise further permit schemes within the town. These tend to create problems elsewhere as casual parking is discouraged. It was pointed out again that there is no right to park outside your own house.
9. **AOB.** The Lay-by opposite the Jireh Chapel in St Michaels was raised. Members felt the problem of parking outside the lay-by had been greatly alleviated since the Little Hill development had finished.

The meeting closed at 7.10 pm