

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Cabinet Member for Environmental Services**
held on Monday, 3rd August, 2009 at Committee Suite 3, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor D Brickhill, Cabinet Member for Environmental Services

In attendance

Councillor Rodney Walker

Officers

Phil Sherratt, Head of Environmental Services
Peter Hartwell, Head of Safer and Stronger Communities
Paul Burns, Environmental Services
Paul Mountford, Democratic Services

Apologies

Councillor Betty Howell

8 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

9 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no questions from members of the public.

10 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of 9 July 2009 be approved as a correct record.

11 SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT REGARDING THE AMENDMENT TO THE OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES ORDER (CREWE AND NANTWICH) TO INCLUDE THE CIVIC CENTRE (LIBRARY) CAR PARK, CREWE

The Cabinet Member for Environmental Services accepted this item of an urgent item of business as provided by Paragraph 43.6 of the Executive Procedure Rules. The item was urgent because the need to seek specific approval of the charges had been identified only within

the last few days during the drafting of the order and therefore it could not meet the usual reporting timetable.

At the meeting of 9 July 2009 the Cabinet Member approved, subject to statutory consultation, the introduction of car parking control at the Civic Centre (Library) Car Park, Crewe. It had been anticipated that the statutory consultation for the amendments to the 2008 Order would have commenced before the meeting of 3 August 2009. Without approval of the charges to be implemented, however, the statutory period could not be commenced.

The supplementary report now before the Cabinet Member sought approval of the charges of £2.50 per day or £400 for an annual contract permit. The site had previously been managed by Cheshire County Council outside of car park order control and the proposed charges mirrored the existing charges on the site.

RESOLVED

That subject to the 21 days' statutory consultation already in progress, a further amendment be made to the Borough of Crewe and Nantwich (General) (Off Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) (Minor) Order 2008, to introduce charging at £2.50 per day or £400 for an annual contract permit.

12 OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES ORDER - THE CARRS CAR PARK, WILMSLOW

The Cabinet Member gave further consideration to the proposed off-street car parking order for the Carrs (Chancel Lane) Car Park, Wilmslow following representations received in relation to the advertised proposals.

The intention to make an order on the car park had originally been advertised on 12 February 2009 following approval of the former Macclesfield Borough Council Cabinet on 4 February 2009. Representations had then been received and the proposals had been modified to reflect the needs of Park and Parish Hall users. The proposal to make the order was subsequently re-advertised on 4 June 2009, incorporating the agreed revisions and following Cabinet Member approval on 19 May 2009. One representation to the re-advertised order had been received and this related to the proposed charging structure and not to the principle of introducing the car park control order on the car park.

RESOLVED

That, the representations received having been considered,

- (1) the level of charges be approved in accordance with the advertised notice of proposals; and

- (2) the Borough Solicitor be authorised to make the Cheshire East Borough Council (Off Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement and Consolidation) (Amendment No.1) Order 2009 (amending the Macclesfield Borough Council (Off Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement and Consolidation) Order 2008).

13 PROPOSAL TO STOP UP HIGHWAY LAND AT 134 NANTWICH ROAD, CREWE

An application has been received from the owners of the property at 134 Nantwich Road, Crewe to stop up an adjacent area of highway land.

The Council had the power under Section 117 of the Highways Act 1980 to make such an application on behalf of another person.

The proposals were consistent with the Council's Policy on Highways Maintenance and were in accordance with the duty placed on the Authority under Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980.

Local Ward Members Councillors David Cannon and Betty Howell were unable to attend the meeting but had forwarded their comments which were reported.

RESOLVED

That the area of highway land shown hatched on the plan attached to the report be declared unnecessary and surplus to Highways Operations requirements, and an application be submitted to the Magistrates' Court for all rights to be stopped-up over this area, in accordance with Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980.

14 7.5 TONNE WEIGHT LIMIT: BARTHOMLEY AND SURROUNDING AREA

The Cabinet Member considered a report on the implications of introducing a 7.5T environmental weight limit in the area around Barthomley following concerns expressed by local residents about HCVs using the area as an alternative route, particularly during periods when the surrounding road network was closed.

The available data suggested that a 7.5T Environmental Weight Limit was not justified and there were concerns about the effects of placing restrictions at the Borough's boundary and not at junctions. However, an experimental order would allow a full assessment of the effects of the proposal to be undertaken.

RESOLVED

That an experimental traffic regulation order be introduced, the effect of which will be to prevent heavy commercial vehicles over 7.5 tonnes from

proceeding along the lengths of roads shown on the plan attached to the report except for access.

15 ALLEY-GATING SCHEME - CREWE SOUTH

The Cabinet Member considered a request by the Safer Communities Partnership for a further amendment to the Lunt Avenue/Ruskin Road/Smallman Road/Tynedale Avenue, Crewe Gating Scheme in the Crewe South Ward to enable the gating to alleyways at Lunt Avenue, Ruskin Road, Smallman Road and Tynedale Avenue to proceed.

Local Ward Member Councillor Betty Howell was unable to attend the meeting but had forwarded her comments which were reported.

RESOLVED

That

- (1) authority be granted to advertise the amended proposal to make a gating order under section 129A of the Highways Act 1980 and if no objections are received, the gating order be made, for the alleyways contained by Gates 332,375,335,336,331,334 and 330 indicated on the plan attached to the report; and
- (2) authority be granted to erect gate 333 in respect of the unadopted passageway adjacent to Tyndale Avenue as indicated on the plan attached to the report.

The meeting commenced at 4.00 pm and concluded at 4.23 pm

Councillor David Brickhill
Cabinet Member for Environmental Services