



**Minutes of the Car Park Committee meeting held on Monday 18 May 2020 via Lifesize Video Conference**

Present: Ian Mitchell, Chris Evans, Graham Dalton

*To be presented at the Car Park Committee meeting on 12 October 2020*

CP34	/20	<b>Welcome:</b> Everyone was welcomed to the meeting.	
CP35	/19	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> to receive apologies from John Hyde.	
CP36	/19	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> to note declarations from Cllr Dalton on account of him being in one of the vulnerable categories and from Cllr Mitchell as manager of the George and Dragon Hotel.	
CP37	/19	<b>Minutes of the last meeting:</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes were a correct record and a copy was duly signed by the Chair.	
CP38	/19	<b>Current Outstanding Issues:</b> <b>Refurbishment Project</b> – the meeting was presented with a list of items still to be completed and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to ask the contractors to ensure all items are finished ASAP. <b>Sepia Barn</b> – The previous payments received for the loss of income due to the gap in the wall and the rent of land for scaffolding had now expired and new invoices had been sent. No reply or payment had been received and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to chase this up. <b>Noticeboard to replace Barn Doors</b> – The company manufacturing the noticeboards is still shut down due to COVID-19 and so no further update is available. <b>Business Map</b> – The Clerk has spoken to Matt Kaunz regarding the design and manufacture of this item. Matt will come back to the Clerk with an update. <b>Car Park Improvement Project</b> – The grant applications are in but the grants have been put on hold due to COVID-19. Once these are up and running again, it is hoped progress can be made. <b>Sanitary Bins</b> – The committee was reminded of the quote for these items which had not yet been ordered due to the closure of the car park and toilets. <b>RESOLVED</b> to order these items as soon as the toilets are re-opened.	
CP39	/19	<b>New Issues:</b> <b>Re-opening of the Car Park and Toilets</b> – It was noted that a number of residents had voiced their concern regarding the re-	

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		<p>opening of the car park and the health concerns surrounding this.</p> <p>It was suggested that whilst the YDNPA had re-opened their car parks and toilets, they had not wanted to do so but were under pressure from DEFRA.</p> <p>It was suggested that there are 3 main reasons to re-open the car park at this stage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Visitors are already coming to the dale and if the car park is closed they are likely to find somewhere else to park. This could be narrow streets or in passing places making it difficult for emergency vehicles and other large vehicles to pass. In addition, with the toilets remaining closed, there are no facilities for people to use and witnesses report seeing visitors urinating around the recycling area.</li> <li>b) Remaining closed could make Dentdale seem unwelcoming. Without the return of tourists after this pandemic is over, the loss of income to local business could be detrimental.</li> <li>c) If they are coming and parking then the council should be taking their money for car parking to minimise its losses.</li> </ul> <p>It was noted at this point that YDNPA will honour the rent holiday until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020.</p> <p>Further discussion was had regarding the vulnerability of our population due to age and existing illness and it was suggested that this was more important than the financial situation.</p> <p>Eventually it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to recommend to council that the car park and toilets remain closed, but that the situation should be reviewed regularly.</p> <p><b>Smart Water Meter</b> – The Clerk presented a proposal for the installation of a smart meter for the water supply to the toilet block. The quotation was for £750 which covered the installation and 3 years of maintenance. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that this was an unnecessary expense at this time and to recommend that this is not installed.</p>	
CP40	/19	<p><b>Date of the next meeting:</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that the date of the next meeting would be Monday 12 October 2020 at a venue to be advised.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 8.30pm</p>	

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