

Dent with Cowgill Parish Council Sub-Committee Recommendation

Committee Policy and Resource Committee

Date 16 December 2021

Purpose of the Report

To make a recommendation to full council following discussion at the meeting and representations from second home/holiday let owners and residents.

Recommendation

Option 1 – To provide transferable permits for the whole of 2022 at a cost of £250 each and to fully review all of the permits offered in the car park with a view to making permanent changes in January 2023.

Context

The committee had recommended earlier in the year that transferable permits should be discontinued in favour of visitors paying for car parking through the ticket machine. However, this was not properly communicated to second home/holiday let owners and has met with several complaints.

In November the council agreed to offer a six month permit at a cost of £250 as a compromise.

The committee considered the complaints/representations made and agreed that it would recommend reinstating permits for the whole of 2022 at a cost of £250 per permit and review the situation again fully.

Background

Transferable permits have been provided to second home/holiday let owners for a number of years at a considerable discount on the normal parking rates. With space on the car park at a premium and all profits made from the car park going to local good causes it was considered necessary to maximise profits and stop the subsidisation of these businesses.

Alignment with Objectives

This recommendation aligns with the following council objectives

To promote tourism and the dale

To support the school and pre-school

Financial Implications

Potential income of £8750 if all permits are renewed at £250.

Potential loss in ticket sales is not known at this point

Options considered

1. To provide transferable permits for the whole of 2022 at a cost of £250 each and to fully review all of the permits offered in the car park with a view to making permanent changes in January 2023.
2. Remain with 6 month permit at £250 and then all parking charged through machine
3. Increase permit costs by a much larger amount to equal the potential ticket sales.

Conclusion

The Policy and Resource Committee recommends that the council approves this recommendation and that a meeting of the committee is held in January 2022 to start the review.

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