

Dent with Cowgill Parish Council Sub-Committee Recommendation

Committee **Policy and Resource Committee**

Date **21 February 2022**

Purpose of the Report

To make a recommendation to full council regarding the review into Car Park Tariffs and Permits

Recommendation

Option 2 – To keep the tariffs through the ticket machine the same, with the exception of the 5 day and 7 day tickets but to amend the terms and conditions around permits as laid out below. 5 day ticket to be scrapped and 7 day ticket reduced to £15. A public consultation should be held for 30 days.

Context

Following the resolution to remove transferable permits, it was agreed to review all of the permits available on the car park with a view to making changes for 2023.

Background

The council had resolved to remove all transferable permits for 2022. However this was not communicated to Second Home/Holiday Let Owners properly and the council therefore agreed to keep the permits for 2022 but to conduct a full review of the tariffs and permits. This committee reviewed the tariffs and permits at a meeting on 21 February 2022 and is making this recommendation as a result.

Alignment with Objectives

This recommendation aligns with the following council objectives

- To promote tourism and the dale
- To support the school and pre-school
- To improve the health and well-being of the dale

Financial Implications

The reduction in weekly ticket cost may either reduce or increase the income of the car park dependant on popularity. Very few of these tickets have been purchased at £30. It is hoped that by removing transferable permits and asking visitors to pay for parking through the ticket machine, income will be increased as the full commercial rate is being paid rather than the heavily subsidised permit rate.

Options considered

1. To do nothing and continue with transferable permits at a heavily discounted rate
2. To keep the tariffs through the ticket machine the same, with the exception of the 5 day and 7 day tickets but to amend the terms and conditions around permits as laid out below. 5 day ticket to be scrapped and 7 day ticket reduced to £15. A public consultation should be held for 30 days.

The Recommendations

Car Park Charges - it was noted that the hourly charges had been set to gather data and it was **RESOLVED** to recommend that these remain in place until 30 September 2022 and are reviewed ahead of budget setting for 2023-2024. However, it was suggested that the 7-day ticket at £30 was too high and that this should be brought in line with YDNPA Car Parks at £15. This should also rise in line with YDNPA. **RESOLVED** to recommend this and to remove the 5-day ticket.

Permanent Full Time Residents – Currently all residents on the electoral roll are eligible for a free residents permit. The committee considered a suggestion that residents with a parking space at their property should be charged for a permit on the car park and that residents living outside the village should be charged. However, both these suggestions were quickly dismissed.

It was considered that the current criteria of being on the electoral roll was not working as it was possible to register in two places. It was proposed that payment of council tax (onus on the applicant to prove payment) was the most effective and fair way to identify residents. It was questioned whether more than one permit should be allowed for those people who do not reside in the dale full time. Suggested that proof that any further vehicles are registered to the property owner would be required. **RESOLVED** to recommend this to full council subject to further discussion at the next council meeting.

Owners of Second Homes and Holiday Cottages, who don't live here permanently – Proposed that this section required no further discussion as this was covered by the section above. If the proposal above is not approved then this section will need to be revisited.

Holiday Cottage Guests – Several options were considered including transferable permits at £780 per year (£15 x 52 weeks), £390 per year (£15 x 26 weeks) and £275 in line with Bath House. **RESOLVED** to recommend the removal of transferable permits and that all guests should pay through the ticket machine.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend that a public consultation be undertaken to run from 01 April to 30 April.

Businesses that pay business rates – Suggested that those businesses not eligible for Small Business Rate Relief and paying business rates should be offered some support as they are contributing to the local economy in a similar way to council tax payers. **RESOLVED** to recommend that those businesses who can provide proof of paying business rates be offered transferable permits at £150 per permit per year.

Motorhomes – It was noted that there are currently no motorhomes stored on the car park and it was agreed that this was the time to remove the permits for this type of vehicle. **RESOLVED** to recommend removal of motorhome permits.

Commercial Vehicles – It was noted that residents requiring a van or commercial vehicle should be offered the use of the car park to prevent them parking elsewhere in the village. **RESOLVED** to recommend free permits for residents with this type of vehicle for this reason. Owners of larger vans to be asked to park along the East wall between recycling and CMS EV Chargers.

Day visitors bringing a van or motorhome will be required to pay for parking through the ticket machine at the normal rate or twice the rate if occupying more than one space.

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