

AGENDA ITEM 13

Report for Chichester City Council
on
CDC Parking Forum
on
11th September 2023.

The meeting began with a welcome from the Chairman to all present.

This was followed by declarations of interest and the approval of the minutes from the previous meeting.

Review of Parking Charges:

The group were presented with a proposal to increase parking charges for using CDC Car Parks in the District. To meet rising costs, and provide improvements to the service offered, an increase of around 8.5% is under consideration. This is in line with inflation and, we are assured, allows CDCs parking charges to remain modest when compared to neighbouring authorities.

Several proposed changes were presented including...

- Variations of the current charge structure to balance use between the various car parks some of which are underutilised.
- Encouraging use of MiPermit (see below) as an additional payment option by waiving MiPermit's transaction fees.

MiPermit:

(other Parking Apps are available, but not in Chichester it seems)

This is essentially a mobile phone app / website (presumably coupled to a database) which allows cashless and remote payment of parking charges. It relies (for validation purposes) on a "digital token" rather than a paper ticket which requires the customer to provide the registration number of their vehicle in addition to the currently required information (e.g. Duration of Stay).

MiPermit is also being considered to replace the "scratch card" system used in Residential Visitor Parking provision.

ANPR Cameras:

The introduction of these is being considered in several applications.

- On Street Parking: in an enforcement role.
- In a "Bus Gate" application to restrict passage in certain places to buses only.
- Other applications exist but are at the "blue skies" stage currently.

Electric Vehicles:

There was some discussion around the provision of EV Charging points. CDC have introduced a number of these in their Car Parks and are closely monitoring their use with a view to providing more if demand increases..

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Enforcement:

WSCC are now (due to new legislation) able to enforce “moving traffic offences”. There was no intention of WSCC enforcing speeding offences; this will remain with the Police.

WSCC enforcement

WSCC are currently looking at the role of ANPR in enforcement role.

For example:

- Infringement of bus only restrictions or “bus gates” (as planned for Oving Road crossing of the A27) where vehicles other than busses will receive a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) if they illegally transit the gate.
- Parking on the Zig-zags around pedestrian crossings.

Under consideration is a system where requests can be made by the public for enforcement actions from WSCC for example :

- infringement of “double yellow line” regulations in specific locations.

School Parking Issues

To try to address complaints about parking on Zig-zag markings outside school entrances the WSCC patrols have been asked to visit one school session per day in rotation. It is possible that ANPR may have a role here in enforcing parking restrictions without placing the parking patrol officers in confrontational situations.