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- Committee - **PARKING TASK AND FINISH GROUP**
- Date & Time - **Tuesday 15th November 2011 at 12.00 pm**
- Venue - **Dereham Room, Committee Suite, Elizabeth House, Walpole Loke, Dereham**

Members

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| Mrs S.M. Matthews (Chairman) | Mrs P.A. Spencer |
| Mrs D.K.R. Irving | Mr W. R. J. Richmond |
| Mr K. Martin | Mr S.G. Bambridge |
| Mr B. Rose | |

NB: Members are cordially invited to attend a tour of the car parks in Dereham before the meeting. We will start by all meeting at the Conference Suite at 11.00am where Members will be asked to car share for the journey into town – destination Cherry Tree Car Park. The remainder of the tour will be on foot.

PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING ARE REQUESTED TO TURN OFF MOBILE TELEPHONES

Member Services
Elizabeth House, Walpole Loke,
Dereham Norfolk, NR19 1EE

Date: Friday, 4 November 2011

1. **MINUTES**

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Friday 14 October 2011.

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2. **APOLOGIES**

To receive apologies for absence.

3. **URGENT BUSINESS**

To note whether the Chairman proposes to accept any item as urgent business.

4. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Members are asked at this stage to declare any interests that they may have in the following items on the Agenda.

The Members' Code of Conduct requires that declarations include the nature of the interest, and whether it is a personal or prejudicial interest.

5. **STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK**

To discuss comments received.

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6. **NEXT MEETING**

To note the arrangements for the Public meeting on Tuesday 6 December 2011 at 7pm in the Anglia Room, Committee Suite, Elizabeth House, Dereham and to discuss the framework for that meeting.

BRECKLAND COUNCIL

At a Meeting of the

PARKING TASK AND FINISH GROUP

**Held on Friday, 14 October 2011 at 10.00 am in
Elizabeth House, Walpole Loke, Dereham**

PRESENT

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| Mrs S.M. Matthews (Chairman) | Mrs P.A. Spencer |
| Mrs D.K.R. Irving | Mr W R J Richmond |
| Mr K. Martin | Mr S.G. Bambridge |
| Mr B. Rose | Mr P.J. Duigan |

Also Present

Mr R R Richmond

In Attendance

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| Teresa Smith | - Committee Officer (Scrutiny & Projects) |
| Jane Osborne | - Committee Officer |

20/11 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8 February, 2011 with regard to Swaffham were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

21/11 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr Bambridge declared a personal interest by virtue of owning a business in Dereham.

22/11 CAR PARKING ISSUES IN DEREHAM

The report was presented by Teresa Smith, Committee Officer (Scrutiny & Projects) for agreement by Members, on the Terms of Reference and Project Plan with regard to establishing if any improvements could be made in respect of the car parking provision in Dereham for Breckland residents, businesses and visitors. It was explained that the same form of investigation would take place with regard to Dereham as it had taken place in Swaffham, Watton and Attleborough, and would be led by Members some of whom had been involved in the previous groups.

A Schedule of the breakdown of parking spaces in Dereham and a map was tabled to the Group. As the observations in the Schedule were made in August 2009, it was agreed that another site visit would need to take place and cover the car parks under discussion.

Cllrs Bambridge and Duigan raised attention to the privately owned car parks that allow public parking, which were sited behind the Co-Op/Icelands, Morrisons and Dencora, and both felt these should be included in the review and a separate meeting held with relevant stakeholders. In case issues were raised at the

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public consultation meeting, they felt that it would be beneficial for the Group to know and understand the legal issues and conditions in place in relation to these sites.

However other Councillors felt that sight should not be lost that the purpose of the review was to look at the car parking service provided by Breckland Council and the elements as listed in the Terms of Reference.

Cllr Robert Richmond complimented the Council over the very good feedback he had received with regard to parking in Dereham.

Councillor Goreham's comments with regard to the Cherry Tree car park were well received and 3 hour free parking at the front of the car park was felt to be an excellent idea.

The Terms of Reference had been taken from the previous three reviews, and therefore there was nothing that the Members wished to add. In answer to a question raised about enforcement resourcing, Cllr Duigan explained what happened with regard to Morrisons, Co-op, Dencora and Cowper Road.

The Project Plan had been based on the previous plans. It was noted that Key Milestone Nos 4 and 5 on page 4 should be swapped, so that the public consultation meeting took place after stakeholders had been met. If Members thought of anything they wished to be included in the investigation, they were asked to forward them to Teresa Smith.

Stakeholders would be written to at the end of October and their comments sought.

David Green, Corporate Programme & Project Manager would be consulted as he had been involved in the past with the design of the Cowper Road car park.

There had been some civil enforcement changes at Norfolk County Council, therefore Cabinet Member, Mark Kiddle-Morris, would be contacted about those.

The Eastern Daily Press were interested in undertaking press releases as they had done previously, so the Communications Team would contact them as well as local media.

It was **AGREED** that :-

- Membership of the Parking Task & Finish Group be as proposed
- The Terms of Reference be agreed
- The Project Plan be agreed
- A site visit would be undertaken in November
- A Task & Finish Group meeting would be held on the same day following the site visit in November
- A Public consultation meeting would be held at Breckland Council Elizabeth House (it was provisionally booked for

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- 7.30 p.m on 6 December 2011)
- Draft/final reports would go to the Task & Finish Group by February/March, with the review to be completed by the end of March/April.

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23/11 NEXT MEETING

It was proposed that the next meeting would be held on the same day as the site visit in November, and when the date had been set, Members would be notified.

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The meeting closed at 10.45 am

CHAIRMAN

Parking in Dereham
Summary of Stakeholder views

Public Responses

- Free parking for up to an hour for people who want to dash into town. Otherwise, people will just go to Tesco and buy everything there.
- Dereham free car parking must be kept. I live in Swanton Morley and try to support town centre, very rarely venturing to Norwich. I know people who live in Costessy who come to Dereham rather than the city because of free parking.
- How great to be in Dereham where there is usually a parking space somewhere and that space is free for the first 3 hours. Anecdotally, I have heard of people from Norwich travelling out to Dereham to shop rather than pay Norwich car parking charges. If at all possible the current system should be retained.
- Dereham, along with some other Norfolk Towns, retains the unique ability to 'keep going' with all that is being thrown at them at present, what with the increasing threat of the 'supermarkets' and 'out of town' shopping let alone the recession.
- I live next to the Cherry Tree car park. If the Council want more money, why don't they have a £1 all day fee? If people go to Norwich and pay up to £6 a day to park £1 a day in Dereham looks good to me. Where can you get free parking today?
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