



Open Report on behalf of Andy Gutherson - Executive Director of Place

Report to:	Planning and Regulation Committee
Date:	06 September 2021
Subject:	Coastal Country Park - Coastal Access Car Parking Charges - Potential Fishing & Residential Permits

Summary:

To consider the opportunities for fishing and residential permits to allow out of hours parking at the 6 Coastal Access sites owned by Lincolnshire County Council and forming part of the Coastal Country Park.

Recommendation(s):

1. That a self-service, electronic system for the purchase of fishing permits is implemented over the winter season of 2021-2022 and following the implementation of the proposed Off Street Parking Order considered in the previous committee meeting of 26 July 2021

2. That no residential permitting scheme is immediately implemented but that this is kept under review during the period 1 October 2021 to 1 October 2022 to determine whether there is a need to alter this position.

3. On consideration of the first two recommendations above that the Committee approves the recommendation concerning the implementation of the off-street parking places order referenced in the paper presented on 26 July 2021, being:

"That the Committee overrules the objections to this proposal so that it may be made operative"

Background

At the Committee meeting of 26 July 2021 it was determined that a decision on the coming into operation of the off-street parking places order for the 6 car parks listed below should be deferred until such a time as a report is prepared for the Committee concerning a proposal to also implement a system of permitting schemes for night fishing and local residents.

The car parks under consideration are:

- Huttoft - Huttoft Car Terrace off Huttoft Bank
- Huttoft - Marsh Yard car park off Roman Bank
- Huttoft - Moggs Eye car park of Roman Bank
- Anderby - Anderby Creek car park off Sea Lane
- Anderby - Wolla Bank car park off Roman Bank
- Chapel St Leonards - Chapel 6 Marshes car park off Anderby Road

Night Fishing Permits

It is the intention of the Countryside Service to implement a system for the granting of fishing permits to enable overnight parking at each and all of the listed car parks so as not to attract a penalty charge notice (PCN). This was to be developed over the winter season when there are relatively few participants in the activity and to be live prior to the spring season. This would also be at a time when there was an availability of resources within Countryside Services after the summer season.

Permits will be implemented through the "Jadu" system which is successfully used within the council for other permitting activity such as skip permits and on-street parking waivers. This is a self-service, electronic system however should a customer not be able to access the system the Customer Service Centre can undertake the relevant input and take payment.

It is not yet finalised as to what the appropriate charge for such a permit will be bearing in mind the new proposed regime of charges outlined in the report of 26 July 2021. Currently the permits are free and protect against the enforcement of the existing parking byelaws which are to be revoked as part of the wider scheme.

The system will ensure that each permit will include a relevant registration plate reference and terms and conditions including a requirement for the display of the permit whilst on site at all times and that the vehicle must be no more than 6m in length so that there is not an opportunity to inadvertently license the presence of a motorhome overnight.

The Councils contracted enforcement agent, APCOA, will not issue a PCN to any vehicle displaying such a permit that is under 6m in length.

Work with the digital team has already begun and is scheduled to develop, build and test the system in November 2021 so that a live system can be in place prior to the spring fishing season.

62 permits have been issued in this financial year thus far. The maximum in any given year has been c.150

Residential Permits

Consideration had been given to the implementation of residential permits, however the complexity of the management of such a system was deemed to outweigh any potential benefits. As an alternative the timings of enforcement outlined in the previous paper were

selected to reflect the best opportunities for local residents to visit the sites free of charge.

Between 6am and 10am	- Good Friday to 30 September
Between 5pm and 10pm	- Good Friday to 30 September
Anytime between 6 am and 10pm	- 1 October to Maundy Thursday

These timings were selected so that the access most related with local activity (early/late in the day and over winter) would accommodate free of charge usage whilst the more popular tourism timings are charged for.

Complexity for the system would be the definition of local resident – unlike an on street scheme which could be indicated by the proximity of the dwelling to the relevant street, the visitors to these sites vary. Whilst the system could accommodate permits for residents of the parishes listed above it is known that visitors from closely located parishes such as Mumby, Hogsthorpe, Mablethorpe and Sutton, Ingoldmells and Skegness all take advantage of access at these sites too.

It is not felt the local residents have been disenfranchised rather that there will need to be a conformity with the remainder of visitors during the noted times and that the charge will be levied. It is also not considered that this charge is especially punitive given that, in general, access at these times for residents will be daily dog walking and similar activities, usually undertaken within an hour timeframe.

The recommendation of this report is that no residential scheme is implemented at present but that the opportunity to review this throughout the 2022 season is taken to assess whether this position should be altered.

Conclusion

That the proposals for permitting at the site are appropriate to the circumstances but will be kept under review during next year's season.

Consultation

See the Consultation element of the report of 26 July 2021

a) Risks and Impact Analysis

The only risk envisaged in the recommended actions are reputational damage to the authority based on impacts (the payment of charges) on a limited number of local residents.

Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Lincolnshire Coast - Proposed off street parking places order at: Huttoft - Huttoft Car Terrace off Huttoft Bank & Marsh Yard / Moggs Eye car parks off Roman Bank. Anderby - Anderby Creek car park off Sea Lane & Wolla Bank car

	park off Roman Bank. Chapel St Leonards - Chapel Six Marshes car park off Anderby Road
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