

Watling Gardens TMO Special Board Meeting

20th November 2019

Attendees: Kefale Alemu, Kieran Bradley, Sacha Clarke,
Catherine Dack (estate manager), Anne Faherty Peter McCauley,
Zara Newton, Theresa Shailer, Ray Wells (chairman)

Apologies: Judith Gayle

Ray Wells the Chairman of the Watling Gardens TMO, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. The Chairman said that the purpose of this Special Board Meeting was to discuss and decide upon two items of business, that require the urgent attention, by the TMO Board.

The first item, on the Special Meeting Agenda, is the proposal to transfer parking management and administration from the TMO to Wing Parking. The meeting were provided with a 10 point questionnaire, that Wing Parking had supplied, upon which the answers would be used to create a data base that Wing Parking would be able to generate a cost quotation, for the management and administration of parking on the estate.

It is envisaged that all resident applications and payment for parking or visitor permits, on the estate, will be managed and administered by Wing Parking, who can be contacted either by their website or by post. Wing Parking will also send out permit renewal reminders, to residents registered to the scheme. The TMO Office will no longer have any involvement in the day to day running of parking on the estate.

It was recognised by the meeting straight away, that Wing Parking charges were generally in the region of about £20 to £30 + vat, per permit, which in turn would impact on the prices that the TMO presently charge. It was agreed that, at the January or February Board Meeting, based upon the cost quotation from Wing Parking, that a review of TMO Parking Prices would have to be conducted.

Three main items of contention, caused extended debate by the members present; Garage Renters – Scratch Cards– Visitor Parking. On Garage Renters, it was felt that, as they already had a place to park their vehicle, that it was it was deemed not necessary to entitle them to a parking permit. But, as other residents, who didn't rent a garage, were eligible to apply for a parking permit and also one additional parking permit, the meeting decided that a Garage Renter may also be eligible to apply for, one additional parking permit.

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On Scratch Cards. The meeting were informed that, in an attempt to mitigate against the continual abuse of the present TMO policy on Visitor Parking, it was felt that single use Scratch Cards, should be introduced as a counter measure to the present abuse of the policy. The meeting discussed this at some length, and were agreed that this method was not desirable

Finally, on Visitor Parking, it was agreed that the present TMO policy on an annual Visitor Parking Permit, would be kept, and to try and mitigate, the continual abuse of the present Visitor Parking Policy, it was agreed that the cost of a Visitor Parking Permit will increase to the same cost as a Parking Permit.

(Motion)

That this TMO Board authorises the engagement of Wing Parking to manage and administer the TMO parking policy on this estate

Mover: Zara Newton Seconder: Anne Faherty Carried.

The second item on the Special Board Meeting Agenda, is the TMO Office opening hours over Christmas and the New Year. At the October Board Meeting, it was magnanimously agreed by the TMO Board to provide an additional day of paid leave to all the staff of the TMO, on Friday 27th December. But, it later became clear, that the decision had not been properly arrived at, due to the incomplete and obfuscated information provided, upon which the decision was original based upon.

The Board are now being asked, in addition to the additional day of paid leave, to also authorise overtime payments, to deal with the not-so-unexpected increase of rubbish generation, at this time of the year. The meeting rejected the overtime payment request, and suggested that members of staff, should be offered leave in lieu of hours, if they come in on Friday 27th December, to deal with the rubbish.

The meeting agreed the date of the next ordinary TMO Board Meeting, to be;
18th December 2019 at 7:30pm

Motion

That these minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Mover.....

Seconder.....

Date.....