

## Special Meeting of the Council – 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021

### Agenda Item 7. Car Parking Matters

#### 1. Covid-19 Mobile Testing Unit – Use of North Beach Car Park

A request has been received from the NHS Clinical Commissioning Group/Dorset Council to use the North Beach car park as a Covid-19 Mobile Test site, effective from 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Resurfacing of this car park is due to take place in February, so they would set up a site for the week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> January, and then withdraw once the dates have been finalised, and re-commence once the contractors are off-site.

It has also been requested that the North Beach toilets are open (a requirement of siting the test facility), which would require an addition to the current winter toilet cleaning contract and also that STC undertake some form of local publicity for the site.

Dorset Council will arrange for any necessary signage and temporary fencing to be sited.

The area proposed for use by the NHS is shown in the image below. It is proposed that the area highlighted will be for a drive-in and drive-out system which still allows for parking on the left-hand side. Discussion with the coastguard regarding access to the building and parking will be required.



**Decision required:** To agree to the NHS/Dorset Council proposal to allow use of North Beach car park as a Covid-19 mobile testing site free of charge.

#### 2. Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust – Request for use of bays at Broad Road car park during Albert Memorial installation

Extract from e-mail sent by Bob Foster, Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021:

1. Site Cabins. As you know, the site is too small to accommodate site/welfare cabins. The contractors have worked out that they need a minimum of 12 parking bays for the cabins but would prefer up to 20 to allow for off road parking for deliveries etc, to avoid blocking the road. The most obvious bays are those immediately opposite the site with frontage to the road. Are STC able to agree that 20 spaces could be made available, please, just for the period of works?

They would like to take delivery of cabins as early as 18 January, if that is possible.

**Decision required:** To permit the use of between 12 and 20 parking bays at Broad Road car park during the works being undertaken to install the Albert memorial (between mid-January to early May) free of charge.

### 3. Parking for NHS workers

The following e-mail has been received from a member of staff at the Swanage Health Centre:

*'Myself and colleagues at Swanage Medical Practice have been issued parking permits for DCC carparks during lockdown while we are on duty giving covid vaccinations and so on.*

*Please can you tell me, does this cover the car parks in Swanage?'*

Dorset Council are offering free parking in off-street car parks during the lockdown period as stated on the Dorset Council website:

## Free parking for NHS and care workers during lockdown

During lockdown, we will be providing free parking in our off-street car parks for NHS workers and care workers only. If you are an NHS or care worker, please display your permit in your windscreen when using our car parks.

If you don't have a permit, or to register as a NHS worker for free off-street parking whilst working during the lockdown period:

- email [parking@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:parking@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)
- give your name, evidence of employer details and vehicle registration number. You will receive a response email and your details will be added to our system so we know not to issue a PCN to this vehicle

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/parking/find-a-carpark/free-parking-for-nhs-and-care-workers-during-lockdown.aspx>

**Decision required:** To allow free parking in Swanage Town Council car parks during the lockdown period for NHS employees displaying a Dorset Council issued permit.