

**DECRIMINALISATION OF PARKING ENFORCEMENT TASK GROUP held
at COUNCIL OFFICES GREAT DUNMOW at 4.00 pm on 15 MARCH 2005**

Present: - Councillors M A Hibbs, R M Lemon, J P Murphy and
A M Wattebot.

Officers in attendance: - M Cox, J G Pine, S Mclagan and A Stewart.

DPE38 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J F Cheetham and C M Dean.

DPE39 CHAIRMAN

In the absence of the Chairman it was

RESOLVED that Councillor A M Wattbot be appointed Chairman for this meeting.

DPE40 WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Jack Williams, Senior Parking Assistant and Sarah Sayward, the Saffron Walden Project Officer.

DPE41 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4 January 2005 were received, confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

DPE42 BUSINESS ARISING

(i) Minute DPE32 – Liaison with Police

Councillor Murphy informed the group that the Inspector only worked occasionally at the Dunmow Office. However, he had managed to make contact with him and he was now irregular contact with Council Officers.

ii) Minute DPE32 – Progress towards implementation

In answer to a question from Councillor Murphy it was confirmed that the vacant post of parking attendant had not yet been filled.

iii) Minute DPE33 - Fly parking in Takeley and surrounding areas

Members were advised that a meeting had been held with the District Council, County Council and Takeley Parish Council regarding the issue of fly parking

at Takeley. Questions were being prepared for residents seeking their views on the options of restricted "no waiting" or residents parking.

DPE43 REVIEW OF DECRIMINALISATION

Officers outlined the timetable for the forthcoming review of parking. The review would embrace all issues associated with parking in the district and would result in a parking policy for the Council for the next few years

Members were advised of recent changes to the management structure of the Car Park and Residents Parking Section. Les Scott, the Parking Enforcement Manager had been called up to serve in Iraq for 6 months. He was responsible for the day-to-day management of the section and would also have taken the Lead on the review. Alex Stewart would now undertake this aspect. It was anticipated that the review would take about 6 months with the draft document being reported to Transport and Highways Committee in September.

Officers had given initial thought to scope of the review.. Members were then asked to give their views on the matters that should be considered under the following headings: -- Decriminalisation, Car parks, On street parking and consultation, also future issues and the implications of the Traffic Management Act The final list of items would form the basis of the Executive Plan for the study which would be presented to the meeting of Transport and Highways Committee on 16 June for initial approval

DPE44 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 10 May 2005 at the Council Offices Saffron Walden at 4.00pm

The meeting ended at 5:30pm.