

### EXTRACT FROM THE DRAFT PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 21 OCTOBER 2010

#### BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

4.30pm 21 OCTOBER 2010  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL

#### DRAFT MINUTES

**Present:** Councillors: Wells (Chairman), A. Norman (Deputy Chairman), Alford, Allen, Barnett, Bennett, Brown, Carden, Caulfield, Cobb, Deane, Duncan, Elgood, Fallon-Khan, Fryer, Hamilton, Harmer-Strange, Hawkes, Hyde, Janio, Kemble, Kennedy, Kitcat, Lepper, Marsh, McCaffery, Meadows, Mears, Mitchell, Morgan, K. Norman, Older, Oxley, Peltzer Dunn, Phillips, Pidgeon, Randall, Rufus, Simpson, Simson, Smith, Steedman, C. Theobald, G. Theobald, Wakefield-Jarrett, Watkins, West, Wrighton and Young.

#### PART ONE

#### 27(B). PARKING IN PRESTON PARK

- 27.13 The Mayor noted that under the Council's petition scheme, if a petition contained more than 1,250 signatures it could be debated by the Full Council and such a request had been made in respect of the petition concerning Parking in Preston Park.
- 27.14 The Mayor invited Councillor Kennedy to present her petition.
- 27.15 Councillor Kennedy stated that 2,201 people had signed the petition which read as follows;
- “Cars parked day and night, even days a week in Preston Park. Since the council introduced parking restrictions in Preston Park Avenue, residents and commuters are leaving cars parked in the park as long as they like because it's free (some even go off on holidays!).  
We believe parking in the park should be for people using the park.”
- 27.16 Councillor Theobald thanked Councillor Kennedy for presenting the petition and stated that he was aware of the difficulties referred to in parking in the park. With this in mind, he proposed to establish a small Working Party, including the Ward Councillors and appropriate officers to look into the matter and report back to his Cabinet Member Meeting.
- 27.17 Councillor McCaffery welcomed the proposal and stated that she hoped the Working Party would be able to include officers from the relevant departments so that the parking

problems throughout the park could be addressed as a whole. She then moved an amendment to add a further recommendation as follows:

“That the Cabinet Member be requested to instruct officers to ensure that the issue of parking in Preston Park is looked at holistically by the Highways and Parks Department working together to seek a solution to the benefit of park users bearing in mind the impact of the recently introduced controlled parking areas in Preston Park Avenue and south of the railway.”

27.18 Councillor Kennedy welcomed the opportunity to have a working party, and stated that she also wished to move an amendment to add a further recommendation to the report as follows:

“That the Cabinet Member give consideration to the regulation of parking use within Preston Park under Road Traffic regulations or by securing other effective means for the benefit of park users, and to deter all-day parking by commuters.”

27.19 Councillor Rufus formally seconded the amendment.

27.20 Councillor Theobald noted the comments and stated that he would anticipate that the Working Party would take on board the aims of the two petitions as part of its review.

27.21 The Mayor thanked then put each amendment to the vote in turn, which were carried and therefore moved that the report and the recommendations as amended by approved.

27.22 **RESOLVED:**

- (1) That the petition be referred to the Environment Cabinet Member Meeting for consideration;
- (2) That the Cabinet Member be requested to instruct officers to ensure that the issue of parking in Preston Park is looked at holistically by the Highways and Parks Department working together to seek a solution to the benefit of park users bearing in mind the impact of the recently introduced controlled parking areas in Preston Park Avenue and south of the railway; and
- (3) That the Cabinet Member give consideration to the regulation of parking use within Preston Park under Road Traffic regulations or by securing other effective means for the benefit of park users, and to deter all-day parking by commuters.