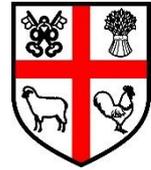


NOTICE TO RESIDENTS



STONEHAM STREET CAR PARK

Background

The Stoneham Street Car Park has been free at all times and despite being clearly designated as a short stay car park an increasing number of vehicles are being parked all day or longer, which severely limits the spaces available to parish residents and visitors. In a parish-wide survey conducted in January 2016 nearly two thirds of the 500+ respondents were in favour of the car park becoming controlled, with short stays remaining free and longer stays attracting a small charge. Extensive consultation and research into how best to achieve this outcome resulted in the Parish Council agreeing to join Braintree District Council's Off-Street Parking Places Order in June 2017. The legalities involved were protracted and it was not until February 2021 that the agreement was sealed.



The New Arrangements

- Short stays of up to two hours will be **FREE**
- Overnight parking between 6pm and 8am will be **FREE**
- Parking at any time of day on Sundays and Bank Holidays will be **FREE**

For those wishing to park for longer, the charge for up to 4 hours will be £1 and for those needing to stay for over 4 hours the charge will be £3. There will be two ticket machines accepting payment by cash or card and dispensing tickets for free short stays. The "MIPERMIT" app for smart phones will be available to accept electronic payments without the need for a paper ticket.

The car park will be monitored by North Essex Parking Partnership (NEPP) enforcement officers who will issue penalty charge notices to drivers who disobey the regulations.

Village Centre Residents

Although a public car park, the Parish Council is conscious that there are residents living in the village centre who do not have a garage, private driveway or unrestricted on-street parking at or outside their property. These residents will be invited to apply for an annual season ticket costing £300 that will entitle them to park one vehicle at any time in the car park without further charge. More than one vehicle may be registered, but only one at a time can park using the season ticket. The scheme will be administered by NEPP, who will contact eligible properties directly.

Further Information

Disabled drivers (there are 4 spaces) will be subject to the same charging schedule but will get an extra hour within each charging period on display of a blue badge.

Ticket machines (M) will be installed in the centre of the main car park and by the notice board by the car park extension (outside the doctors' surgery).

Signs (S) with details of the parking arrangements will be present at the entrance to the main car park and by each ticket machine.

NEPP will manage the car park on behalf of the Parish Council and any matters related to parking must be directed to them. The clerk has no role in car park matters and should not be contacted.

The charge for NEPP's control and administration services will be a percentage of the fees received for season tickets, long stay parking and penalty charges.

Car Park income received by the Parish Council will be used to finance the running costs (rates, lighting, general maintenance etc), thus removing these costs from the expenditure financed by the Parish Precept (part of the Council Tax).

