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Traffic and Parking

Stothert Ave Parking Choice. As you know Pinnacle manager Francesca wrote to all Riverside residents to ask for their views on parking in Stothert Ave, giving some details of what each of the two regimes available might be able to offer. In addition, the RCV website has given a fairly comprehensive account of the pros and cons attached to each of the systems on offer: Limited Waiting parking or Residents' parking. Out of the 800 dwellings in Bath Riverside only 24 wrote to give their views and 20 of these voted. From those who voted 16 preferred the Residents' parking option and 4 Limited Waiting parking. I am assuming that the Council will endorse this choice and I have written to Transport Development and Policy Manager Claire Nimmo to get her confirmation of this.

Parking Enforcement. Earlier this month Francesca sent a letter to all residents about parking enforcement in Riverside as the existing system using Premier Park has been widely perceived as not working well. Many might consider that this is an understatement. There is evidence that Francesca has certainly done her homework on this and has come up with a number of companies, including her preferred option of UK Car Park Management Ltd. The RCV view of this is that while we can see no particular flaw with UKCPM, we would like to ensure that there are guarantees with any company that is chosen that they will rise to the challenge of handling any minor changes to the parking regime that we might require. For instance Francesca's plan is that there will be a system of parking designed primarily for residents' visitors' parking in Victoria Square (at Coffee #1) and outside Cassia at Sovereign Point.

Bays on Midland Rd (west side) One interesting item that has come to our notice recently is the function of the parking spaces in the 2 bays on Midland Road, one being almost opposite the car park entrance (3 spaces) and a further one by the northbound bus stop (2 spaces). Whilst realising that these bays were going to be available for residents' visitors' parking following the adoption of Midland Road, we had not realised that they are in fact already Pinnacle's responsibility and therefore available for residents' visitors' parking now, displaying the usual residents' visitors' card.

Better ways of working with Pinnacle and Crest

RCV committee member Gareth Lloyd has recently put forward a plan detailing ways in which we can most effectively and efficiently work with Crest and Pinnacle, the nub of the issue being that there is a de facto conflict of interest inherent in the system at present in that the same person can hold a directorial position with both Crest Nicholson and a management company within Riverside. We intend to write to the interested agencies to see if between us we can facilitate a more effective and efficient way of working.

EV Charging

We have learnt that a proposal has been received by Pinnacle from a company called Self Charge to put in place the required process and infrastructure to prepare Bath Riverside for anyone who wants an EV charging point. The cost for an individual for this operation should be in the region of £1500 to £2000, which compares favourably with the cost to a private individual to install a domestic charger.

Miscellaneous

Noticeboard. A very smart noticeboard has at last been erected outside the Estate Office. Keys will be held by Pinnacle. No doubt there will be a protocol for those who might wish to display notices.

Dog Signs for Elizabeth Park. The new dog signs are available and we await their installation.

Car Park Zappers. We are still awaiting confirmation of arrangements to ensure that all residents who have space assigned in the underground car park have zappers which open both doors. This means that should a door become unserviceable, it can be secured shut manually without inconveniencing car park users. This is in response to the thefts which occurred last month while one of the doors was secured in a permanently open position, awaiting repair.

Summer Party – Sunday, 2 July

The bunting is in place, the band are booked and ready and the weather will hopefully be good for our Summer Party on Sunday 2 July, starting at 1 pm. Bring your own picnic. There will be a cake sale, a tombola and a quiz. Councillor June Player will perform the official opening of the Queen's Green Canopy (the 5 liquid amber trees at the west end of the park. A bench will be installed at a later date.)

See you there!

Paddy Doyle

Chair RCV

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