



PAPER A – BONCHURCH PARKING PERMITS

ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT PAPER A COMMITTEE

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The purpose of this Report is to recommend Members to renew the agreement to provide parking permits to Bonchurch Garage at the request of local residents

1) Background

- Parking along Bonchurch Village Road has been flagged as a challenge for local residents, and a significant part of this is due to the operation of Bonchurch Garage. This business has little off-street parking and therefore makes use of the free on-street parking.
- In 2021, Ventnor Town Council offered Bonchurch Garage 8 parking permits for Shore Road car park, charged at £35 per annum (plus VAT).
- It was felt at the time that this was helpful in alleviating some of the parking congestion.
- The issue of parking on Bonchurch Village Road has been raised again by residents contacting councillors, and discussions at Bonchurch Community Association

2) Parking Permits

Ventnor Town Council could revive the idea of offering permits to Bonchurch Garage in order to reduce their use of on-street parking. Below is a basic agreement template, which was used last time these permits were issues.

	<h2>VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL</h2>	
<hr/> <h3>AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE REDUCED RATE PARKING PERMITS FOR SHORE ROAD CAR PARK</h3> <hr/>		
<p>Ventnor Town Council agrees to provide the owner of Bonchurch Garage with eight Car Parking Permits for Shore Road Car Park vehicles for cars related to his business, subject to:</p>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none">the payment of £XX (plus VAT) a year for each permit;the use of them within an agreed area away from the southern edge of the car park;the vehicles are not in an unsightly condition;the recognition that Ventnor Town Council bears no responsibility in connection with damage to, or unauthorised removal of, the vehicles using the agreed area.		
<p>This arrangement is offered in order to reduce parking on Bonchurch Village Road and improve traffic flow along it.</p>		

3) Recommendation

It is recommended that members consider the proposal to offer parking permits to Bonchurch Garage, and to set an appropriate charge for these permits.