

REPORT TO PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL

2nd June 2020

AGENDA ITEM 9.6 PARKING ON CLOVER DRIVE AND OTHER ISSUES

1 Report – Car parking issues

- 1.1 Recent dry weather and the relaxation of the lockdown imposed by Government in the last weeks have led to an increased number of visitors to the lakeside especially at the weekends. As the yellow lines on Park Lane and Mere Lane are now in force on weekends and bank holidays through to September, weekend visitors have gone further afield, and at times a parking problem has occurred on Clover Drive, running down from Park Lane.
- 1.2 Two complaints about this have been received at the time of writing - one with a photograph showing parking up on the pavements on both sides of Clover Drive extending down from Park Lane. Both complaints have referenced the difficulties that this creates – causing obstruction of both the pavements, and also of the carriageway, thereby creating problems of access for others and also potentially emergency vehicles. As well as the residents of the Clover Drive houses, also affected are occupiers of the caravan park.



- 1.3 The problem has also been reported in the local press.
- 1.4 Clearly, the lake has always been an attraction for visitors in summer – old photographs show the lakeside considerably more crowded than it gets today. However, a much higher proportion of the land that is now occupied by the Council's open space IROS was in past years used for the parking of cars and coaches.

- 1.5 Your Council has no direct powers to alter this situation. However, it may be appropriate to draw the problem to the attention of the Police, to seek to ensure that serious problems of obstruction do not occur. Another possibility that has been suggested is to request CEC to impose further parking restrictions beyond the current yellow lines, in particular near the Clover Drive / Park Lane junction.

2 Other Lakeside issues

- 2.1 One consideration relating to the question of opening the large metal gates at the IROS/lakeside is that it tends to be the lower parking area that is particularly attractive to persons involved in drug taking and possibly trafficking, because it is relatively screened and quiet in the evenings and at night. This is a particular and longstanding problem that members may wish to consider further.

3 Recommendation

- 3.1 That the report be noted and consideration be given to any action.