

DITTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Incorporating the Hamlet of Capton and the Manors of Bozomzeal and Coombe

May 2017

Dear Parishioner,

Re: Dittisham Car Parks

Dittisham Parish Council now owns The Level Car Park on behalf of the Parish.

DPC is managing both The Level Car Park and The Ham Car Park as pay and display car parks. This was planned in consultation with the Parish before purchasing The Level Car Park.

The red permits are valid in both The Ham and The Level Car Parks. Please remember that they **must be fixed to vehicles' front windscreens** and be easily visible. Dittisham Sailing Club's 2017/18 blue permits are valid in The Ham Car Park only. Permits are issued for the sole use of the property's resident household, the property owner(s), or DSC member and are **not transferable**.

DPC has an agreement with South Hams District Council for it to carry out enforcement on DPC's behalf. This was strongly supported by the Annual Parish Meeting in 2014. On 22 May 2017 SHDC started to issue warning notices to users of the Car Parks without a valid ticket or permit. After four weeks of warning notices SHDC will start to issue Penalty Charge Notices.

Replacement red permits are available from Cllr Mike Faulkner. He issues the permits and keeps a record of permits issued. He can be contacted on 01803 722 549 or michael.faulkner@dittishamparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Towards the end of 2017 the red permits will be replaced by virtual permits. DPC has an agreement for SHDC to issue Dittisham permits on DPC's behalf and to DPC's requirements. It is currently planned to extend The Ham Car Park permit system to The Level Car Park. There will be no charge to users to obtain a 'free' virtual permit. Documents will be requested to confirm your eligibility. The Parish Council has agreed that residences in the Parish which have permanent resident(s) will continue to be entitled to two parking permits and that all other properties in the Parish (second homes, holiday lets etc) will continue to be entitled to one parking permit. Up to four vehicles can be attached to one virtual permit – one of which can be parked at one time.

Before the red permits are replaced with virtual permits there will be more publicity. Workshops and other assistance will be provided as required.

RingGo is now available in both Car Parks to allow users to pay using a credit card via a smartphone or computer.

In making these decisions the Parish Council has tried to balance meeting the needs of all Parishioners and its responsibility to properly manage public funds. The cost to purchase The Level Car Park alone was £170,000 of Parish money. The purchase was partly funded with a loan of £125,000.

Updates, information about tariffs, and regulations are posted on the Parish Council website (www.dittishamparishcouncil.gov.uk).

The Parish Council is conscious that it doesn't know what effect The Level Car Park becoming a pay and display car park will actually have on the Village. The actual income from The Level Car Park is also unknown. The Parish Council will be carrying out a comprehensive review of the Car Parks' operations in October 2017 and will welcome your feedback and suggestions.

Yours sincerely



Cllr John Tucker
Chairman