

Rye Harbour Car Park and Public Toilets

“More than
 HALF Britain’s
 public toilets
 have closed in
 the last decade”

August 2011 Rother District Council (RDC) entered into talks with Icklesham Parish Council (IPC) regarding the 99 year lease of Rye Harbour Public Toilets and Car Park.

After 2 years the lease was made available by RDC and reviewed by solicitors for RDC and IPC. On 10 November 2014 IPC resolved to take on the lease and investigate all associated costs. The Council also resolved that

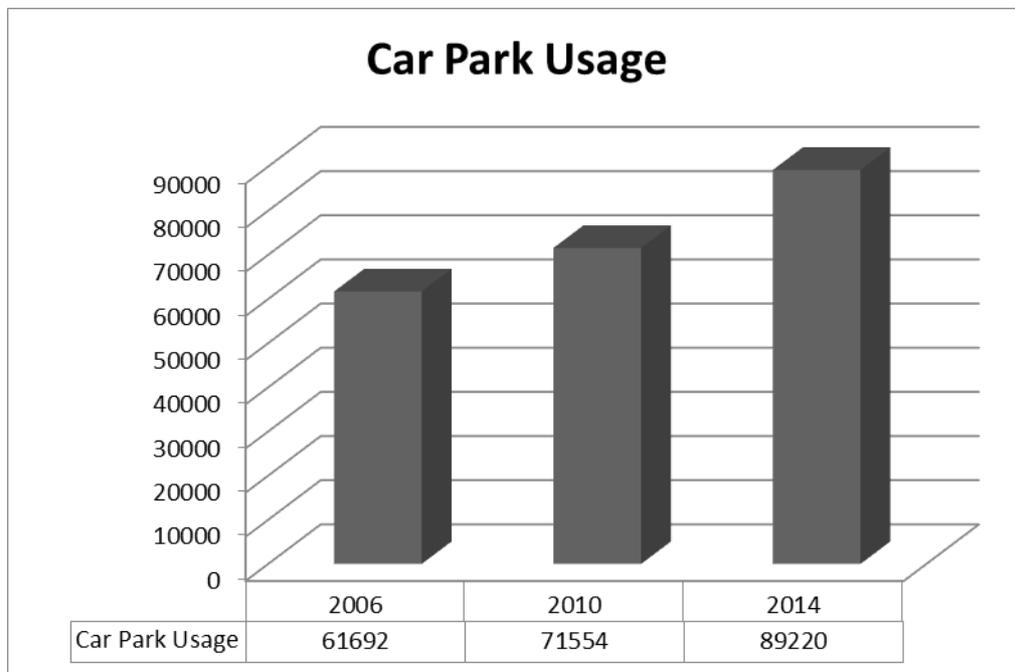
sub-letting the car park at that time would not be considered.

2015 Rye Harbour Car Park and Public Toilets working group established, made up of Councillors and other interested parties.

Running Costs: £20,000 per annum

Car Park: £ 6,946
 Public Toilets: £12,752

Car Park usage figures:



Source: ESCC. Data Summary by Dr Barry Yates, Sussex Wildlife Trust

Funding:

The Parish Council working group looked at three (3) options: -

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Option 1 - Free parking (as it currently is):

Based on the current (2015/16) tax base rate for a Band D property it would cost £16.85 a year per household to cover the £20,000 running costs.

Option 2 – Mandatory Parking Fee:

Based on the 2014 usage figures, there is a potential to raise £89,220 if a charge of £1 per day is imposed. This does not take into account that some visitors park a couple of times a day (e.g. dog walkers). With this option there is an additional cost of £35,910 to £50,410 for the first year. This will reduce in year two (2) following the installation of Capital Infrastructure (e.g. installation of utilities, kiosk, ticket machines)

Option 3 – Donation Scheme:

Based on the 2014 car park usage figures, if only 25% of the users donate £1 per day then a total of £22,305 would be taken during the course of the year.

At other locations that operate a donation scheme, evidence shows that significantly more is raised. The car park at the Attenborough Nature Reserve in Nottingham has 23,000 visitors per year and makes £45,000 by donations.

In addition to the running cost as listed above, the only additional expenditure is £5990.40 per year for staff costs to empty the donation box.

In February 2012, Rother District Council were looking to devolve responsibility for the public toilets in Winchelsea, Winchelsea Beach along with the ones in Rye Harbour and the car park.

“A typical toilet block now costs between £12,000 and £15,000 a year to maintain”



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