

COUNCIL MEETING

24 February 2020

Member Questions under Council Procedure Rule 4.5 (K)

1. **The following question has been asked by Cllr Clarence**

Question

Shaldon Parish Council has currently a half container used as an emergency store mainly for use of storing sandbags, situated in Teignbridge's Short Stay 49 space, KG5 Car Park, Shaldon.

In the drive to pass more and more responsibilities from the likes of DCC and TDC to the parish, which we seem as a parish to be in the vanguard, we are becoming stuck for space so to speak.

In that container we also now house, not only many badly needed sandbags, but also two salt grit spreaders, countless bags of salt, flags to decorate the village in summer, a tent for village events, street weeding equipment tools for that job, highway cones and signs, collecting buckets, fluorescent jackets for marshalling village events/activities, plus now another 30, 25kg tubs of cold tarmac to fill potholes and associated tools to do this. Therefore it was disappointing to learn that TDC would not grant us an additional parking space to house yet another half container in this car park?

Would the leader therefore agree to reversing TDCs position, granting such a concession for SPC to have a further space in the KG5 Car Park for the above reasons of having another half container for badly needed storage? If not, would the leader allow SPC a concession in the larger Long Stay 450 space Ness Car Park for such a half container ?

Response from the Leader

In thanking Cllr Clarence for his question, and appreciating the problem associated with storage space, it is a problem faced by just about each and every Town and Parish Council in the District. In that respect, Shaldon appears to be no different from any other equivalent local council, all of whom appear to solve their own storage problems without resorting to the use of scarce parking spaces within their Parishes.

His proposal may well cost this authority precious income as a consequence of a lost parking space, which I know full well are at a premium in the delightful and popular village of Shaldon. In popular destinations such as Shaldon it is important that visitors have maximum access to parking opportunities and I would be reluctant to reduce spaces. Local businesses would not welcome reduced parking for potential customers.

However, that said I will undertake to speak with our car parking officers, without promising anything more than that at this stage.