

## Survey on Beach Front Car Park

### And the effect that Morgan Sindall has on it

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Person's carrying out survey: **Cllr Brian Goulding – Cllr David Ritson**

Vehicles parked in the car park from local residents/contractors (roomers) 24

Start: arrival at **05:15 am**

**5:55 am.** First mini bus xxxxxx FTT to arrive, a bus hired by Engenda to transport Morgan Sindall personnel (confirmed with driver). The driver stated that they worked on a rota system every 30 minutes. The mini bus parked in a blue bay and collected 4 personnel.

A Letter was handed to the driver to inform all personnel as to the possible future and the need to display their permits. Later informed by the driver that he had spoken to his manager who said they were reluctant to hand out the passes as owners were afraid that their vehicles could be broken into to obtain these passes.

**6 am** Mini bus MX16FTP again a bus hired by Engenda to transport Morgan Sindall personnel. Spoke with the driver and handed a letter to him requesting him to tell whoever our possible intentions in the future.

**6:30 am** First bus returns

**6:30 am** Morgan Sindall marked bus arrives No collections

**7 am** Morgan Sindall marked bus arrives, spoke with driver handed a letter handed to the driver to inform all personnel as to the possible future and the need to display their permits. Asked by personnel on the bus if I was aware of a female who verbally abuses them on a regular basis and on one occasion damaged their wing mirror. Asked if they had reported the matter to the Police answer was no, advised that in future record the matter and report it. Further enquires to be made.

**7:30 am** Morgan Sindall marked bus arrives does not stop no one to collect.

During our stay until **08:15 am** a number of vehicles stopped and persons went to shop returning to vehicles and leaving.

A number of vehicles left and drivers went with others in vehicles.

One driver approached who parks his car and cycles to Sellafield requested we send letter to him and supplied email address he will publish on notice board. (Done)

We did not see or hear any loud disturbance or in fact any disruption during our visit, the loudest noise was from the diesel train when it stopped at Seascale at about 7am.

We should emphasize none of the drivers knew we were watching them park, that the mini-busses came quietly and slowly and parked on the bays allotted to them and sat waiting. There was no

evidence of misbehaviour by the busses, drivers, or passengers. All behaved impeccably. When we approached the people, they were polite and understanding.

We should also emphasise that when the early morning Morgan Syndall workers left, the car park was still mainly empty, so it is not them filling the car park spaces. In fact most of the bays marked on blue were empty. So, their allocation is underused.

**Conclusion:**

We found no evidence on our visit to substantiate the allegations made as to bad behaviour of Morgan Sindall personnel or in fact any visitors to the car park were acting in a way as to cause a disturbance or drive in a dangerous manner.

The transport system organised by Morgan Sindall/Engenda as far as we saw operated within reasonable bounds and safely. We saw no behaviour that would have amounted to disturbance.

We did remark at the time that the car park was is being used by workers on their way to work either to call at the corner shop or to park their vehicles in order to take the train or join car sharing schemes and on two occasions to use toe recycle bins.

It would appear that **some of them are local** and may even be residences of Seascale.

As the Parish Council/ Residence allows the Car Park to be used by anyone for free, one cannot be surprised that people will take advantage of the facility and run car sharing schemes, as for Morgan Sindall and have agreed to make a donation to Seascale of £12000 per year, which is more than some who use the car park.

As for the precept that is always mentioned, it is I believe £4 per year per household, I know of no parking area where you have the ability to park 365 days a year 24 hours a day for £4 and with a approximately 900 households in Seascale the annual income amounts to £3600 to assist in the maintenance of a free car park.

If when the donations from Morgan Sindall come to an end, we will have to reconsider the situation, but for now I recommendation is that we support Morgan Sindall and encourage them to contact the police if harassment continues.

**We see no objection to them using the allocated spaces. They are NOT abusing the system, but we must continue to insist that employees use the permits they should have been issued.**

**It would appear that a number of workers who are using the area to park and share each other's cars these are not associated with Morgan Sindall and park in white bays.**

Brian Goulding

Chairman Seascale Parish Council

David Ritson

Councillor Seascale Parish Council

LETTER HANDED OUT:



### **SEASCALE PARISH COUNCIL**

Seascale Parish council are carrying out this survey to establish the use of their Beach Front Car Park, mainly due to companies and individuals using the car park as a base to park their cars during the working day and thus primarily turning the residential car park into a works car park.

Only one company have been authorised by the council to use 45 blue spaces for their employees and have been issued with parking permits which must be displayed.

As a result of misuse of the car park, the council are considering over the next two (2) months of bringing in a 4 hour parking/stay limit, any vehicle that is not displaying an authorised permit/time card or over stay will be penalised, i.e. fined / clamped.

This will be monitored by a private company collect the fines and deal with clamping.

It is with regret that the council may have to take this action, but due to complaints and the abuse of the car park the council have been left with no option.

Brian Goulding

Chairman Seascale Parish Council