

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

Monthly meeting Wednesday 7 October 2026

Item 13 Annual Parking Pass

Background

The Clerk has received an enquiry from a member of the public asking for help in obtaining an annual parking permit for the car parks in Dittisham. They are not currently eligible, as they own a furnished holiday let, and therefore pay business rates and not council tax.

Current eligibility criteria

South Hams District Council has confirmed that, on request of the Parish Council/Parish Clerk:

- Dittisham parking permits are exclusive to residents of the Dittisham Parish only.
- The permits are designed to enable Dittisham residents the option to park in local car parks at a concessionary rate.
- Applicants are requested to provide valid council tax bill as evidence of their status as a resident.

On the agenda for consideration:

For the Parish Council to consider a change of policy; broadening the criteria on which a permit may be issued, to enable purchase by holiday let owners who pay business rates and not council tax.

Alternative options, should the Parish Council wish to review their prior decision:

The South Hams District Council Officer has confirmed that SHDC's permit system does not prevent holiday lets from having a permit however, if the applicant wishes to have a permit issued in a name rather than individual vehicle registration they have to purchase a business permit which is significantly more in cost.

What are the different types of permit available?

The following information is taken from SHDC's website

Dittisham specific permit	Dittisham has its own 'residents only' criteria. Similar criteria apply for residents of a specific development in Totnes.
Individual permit	Permits are issued in specific towns and villages. • Town centre permits are valid in specific town centre car parks. • Peripheral permits are valid in car parks within the outskirts of a specific town. • Rural permits are valid in particular car parks in rural locations
Business Permit	• A Business Permit is a paper permit that must be displayed in the windscreen of a vehicle. • The permit can be sold to named businesses rather than issued to an individual vehicle registration. This would allow you to transfer the permit between vehicles. • Parking permits may not be sold onto or rented out to a third party by the Parking Permit Holder at the intended or increased price under any circumstances. • Permits are non-refundable.

As noted by the Officer, business permits are more expensive than individual permits:

	Annual cost of Individual Permit <i>Some offer 1 month or 6 month options, figures here are for 12 months</i>	Annual cost of Business Permit
Dartmouth (Town)	£1334.00	£2402.00
Dartmouth (Park and Ride)	£424.00	£763.00
Ivybridge	£324.00	£584.00
Kingsbridge	£531.00	£957.00
Modbury	£324.00	£584.00
Salcombe	£1008.00	£1814.00
Totnes (town centre)	£399.00	£719.00

The Parish Council may wish to:

- Keep the criteria as it stands – only offering parking permits to residents who can provide a valid council tax bill.
- Broaden that criteria so that individual permits could be made available to property owners who pay business rates instead of council tax.
- Offer a Business Permit option.

All options would require further conversation with officers at the District Council re actual cost and implementation.

It is noted that original enquirer was only interested in obtaining an individual permit, not a business permit.