

BETTYS BAY MAIN BEACH ACCESS AND PARKING CONGESTION

PROPOSAL TO ADDRESS THE VARIOUS CONCERNS

Over the past few years parking problems have occurred at the main beach in Bettys Bay. These problems have been on the increase with more and more visitors to our area, particularly during the holiday season.

The main reasons for this are the following:

- 1) The small parking area at the main beach which has been further eroded due to the landward movement of dune sand and the dumping of more dune sand in that area by Overstrand Municipality from the inundated surrounding roads which become impassable due to sand movement.
- 2) Insufficient alternative parking available.
- 3) Beach visitors ignoring traffic signs prohibiting parking in certain areas.

This situation has the following effect:

- 1) Emergency vehicles being unable to access certain areas due to the parking congestion. This is problematic in the event of fires in the area, drownings or near drownings at the beach, other medical emergencies and various criminal activity in the area.
- 2) Inconvenience to residents and visitors to the area with them being unable to access their properties.
- 3) Frustration to beach visitors in accessing suitable parking.

In the light of last season's challenges in this area a meeting was held to discuss the situation and put forward proposals to address these issues.

On 7 June 2016 a meeting was held and attended by the following persons:

Neville Michaels	-	Director Protection Services - Overstrand Municipality
Rudi Fraser	-	Traffic Chief - Overstrand Municipality
Rudi Perold	-	Chairman - Bettys Bay Ratepayers Association
Adrian de Kock Association	-	Secretary/Treasurer - Bettys Bay Ratepayers Association
Dave Muirhead	-	Chairman - Pringle Bay Ratepayers Association

Discussions took place and the members then adjourned for a site inspection to better understand the dynamics of the problem. The following proposal was put forward:

- 1) All excess dune sand be removed from the beach parking area and placed on the beach to form a fore dune. There is a plan currently with the Province to handle this issue and approval is awaited.
- 2) The parking area will still be limited after this movement of sand is undertaken.
- 3) Additional beach parking will be provided in the following areas:
 - a. Parallel parking on the mountain side of the verge on Anglers Road between Green and Access Roads.

- b. Angled parking on the mountain side of Anglers Road between Access Road and the fork at Anglers and Edwards Roads.
 - c. Angled parking on both sides of the road between the fork at Anglers and Edwards Roads and Bass Road i.e. opposite Malkopsvlei.
- 4) The following road restrictions will also take place:
- a. Access Road will become a one-way street towards the beach parking from Anglers Road through to Myrica Road.
 - b. Access Road will be a no stopping zone and the no parking signs will be removed. Red lines will be painted on both sides of the road prohibiting stopping.
 - c. Myrica Road will remain available for two-way traffic and therefore will be used to exit and or enter the beach parking.
- 5) During the holiday period parking attendants will be provided to monitor the situation and direct traffic. When the beach parking area is full it will be closed and traffic directed to the alternative parking areas.
- 6) Overstrand Municipality to see to the cutting of grass in the designated alternative parking areas before holiday periods and will see that encroaching bush is cleared from obstructing road signs in the area.
- 7) Transgressors of traffic signs instructions will be ticketed.

We feel that these measures will go a long way towards addressing the various concerns and invite you to address any comments to the undermentioned E-Mail address.

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