

MEETING REPORT

Meeting: Parks & Open Spaces, 29th January 2024
Agenda item: PA23/034
Report subject: Coffee Van – Filham Park
Report author: Wonky Donkey Coffee

Dear Councillor

I am writing to you as a councillor with an interest in Parks and Open Spaces. I would like to ask the Parks and Open Spaces sub-committee to grant a permit to base a coffee and cake van at Filham. I am an Ivybridge resident and have been working in food and drink retail in the town centre for 2.5 years. The van would be along the lines of:



I understand that the council aim to build refreshment facilities at Filham in the future but I would like to fill that vacant slot in the meantime. I believe this would benefit the community by providing a reason to linger, chat and make connections.

I am committed to using local suppliers. I fully support the town council's policy on single use plastic and plan to use only re-usable and/or compostable materials. Customers will be offered real cups which can be returned to the van after use and will also be encouraged to bring their own cups.



I undertake to do a litter sweep of the area at the end of each day and provide a bin for any consumer waste that I will remove. I have an allotment at Park Street where I compost used coffee grounds.

I will not use a petrol-fuelled generator. My current plan is to be all-electric using batteries and solar.

I propose to serve the dog-walkers, allotment holders, fisher folk, fresh air-takers and families 6 days a week from 8am to 4pm with barista coffees, quality teas, chilled soft drinks and milkshakes, plus a selection of brownies and flapjacks.

I am happy to come along to the sub-committee meeting on 29 January to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for considering my proposal.

PROPOSAL: To consider a request for a coffee van to be sited in the car park at Filham Park. As this request comes from a business which falls within the 'Commercial/Trading' bracket of our Conditions of Hire for use of parks/open spaces, to consider appropriate charge to be levied.