Report to the Parish Council from the Traffic and Parking Working Group

The traffic and working group are considering their next steps while we wait for the result of the LHI bid. As we have not been invited to discuss our bid, it was felt that the chances of success were slim.

After a walk around the village hotspots, we continued to be concerned by the parking at the centre of the village especially on the double yellow lines ad over white solid lines.

We would like to ask the PC is they could request more frequent visits by HDC's parking enforcement team and a report of any tickets issued.

We did think that maybe a disabled parking bay outside the shop could be beneficial but could also just provide more opportunities for illegal parking.

Now we have a 20mph speed limited, we thought we could re-visit the idea of diagonal parking in front of the Bell and the Angel Spice, which could have narrow the and therefore reduce speeding. We also thought about diagonal parking down the the centre of the road which again would narrow the road helping any speeding issues. Also, this option would give a smaller number of parking spaces

Again, we looked at the possibility of diagonal parking in front of the Talbot to remove pavement parking. We have believed that prior to the pavement being widened to narrow the road, there was diagonal parking in this location

Walking north we noted the large amount of pavement parking on either side. Again, the pavements have been widened in the past to narrow the road and are now unofficial parking areas! Where the pavements have been widened could this be changed into diagonal parking especially on the eastern side. Or could the kerb be dropped to create parallel parking bays, however, this may not create the required spaces.

It was noted that there is a 'Keep Clear' bay at the front of the Chemist, but unsure if it was a designated disabled parking bay. Would a designated disabled bay be an option?

Moving further north, there was concern about the parking on the grassed areas.

There is a large concern from residents about the danger that parked cars cause for both drivers and pedestrians.

We know that a pedestrian crossing is an expensive option and would like to ask the PC to pursue a pedestrian crossing as a planning requirement for future planning permission for the additional Bellway site.

There have been a lot of comments about the danger of the Oak Road/High Street junction for people and vehicles.

We, as a group, feel that road markings for Oak Road could be brought further into the High Street, then then parking bays could be marked either side and this would remove any visibility problems.

With the development of housing at the southern end of the village, the group is concerned about the additional vehicles together with the Pavilion users, speeding towards the centre of

the village. Therefore, the group felt that an option to slow the traffic, could be a change of priorities at that junction, making the traffic from the south stop.

Other ideas for consideration include:

• Engage The Bell Hotel in discussions how they can help influence staff and customers in considerate (and legal) parking

• Encourage education campaigns via the school –youngsters calling out wrongdoing to their parents can be very effective!

• Ban (larger) commercial vehicles from overnight parking in key areas, explore possible use of southern end of village for such parking

• Consider if there is a role for Resident Parking Permits

• Encourage residents to park in their garages / on their drives where they have them

• Ensure future planning applications include adequate off-road parking provision and don't forbid van parking (apparently the case in The Stackyard)

• PC / WG to be visible in village, campaigns to speak to people parking illegally

• Name & shame repeat offenders

• While we do appreciate this would be incredibly expensive and therefore a no go, but a small roundabout in the centre of the village would solve a few issues!!

The group would like PC feedback to these ideas.

The group would like to engage further with the village, via maybe The Farmer's Market and using the PC gazebo in the centre of the village to gain further ideas and support.

The group is aware that most of these ideas are potentially out of our price range but after further consultation, the group would like to liaise with a Highways Officer to see if any of these ideas are feasible.

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