

Minutes of the Parking Strategy Steering Group

Venue: Westwoods Centre

Date: Wed 26 April 2023, 6pm

Present:

Chris Hancock (Group Chairman)
Brian Hulcup
Tim Poole
Julie Russell
Andrew Wellman

Absent/apologies:

Byron Hadley
Patrick McHugh
Adrian Morley-Blackwell
Andrea Richell

Pauline Rigby (Clerk)
Terry Morley-Blackwell (observer)

Tony Dale (Ward Cllr, observer)

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies received from Patrick McHugh, Andrea Russell, and Tony Dale.

2. **Declaration of interests**

Jules Russell, Terry Morley-Blackwell declared an interest as residents of East End.

Tim Poole declared an interest because he lives on West End.

3. **Minutes of last meeting**

Minutes of the meeting on 13 December 2022 had been circulated.

Group members requested more time to review the minutes and so confirmation of the minutes was deferred.

4. **Identification of issues and areas for improvement in and around East End and West End**

West End: It is generally difficult to park anywhere on West End as far as the traffic lights. This area may also be a candidate for residents parking.

The Wheatsheaf Hotel generates significant parking demand as they don't have enough on-site parking for the number of rooms.

Traffic flow is an issue as there are limited places to pull in and allow vehicles to pass. However, it is not desirable to reduce parking and the chicane parking slows traffic.

There are hidden driveways at the Old Brewery and Guggle Lane.

There is often parking where shouldn't be and which blocks views along West End. Cars park on the H-bar outside Cotswold Hall which eliminates the passing space.

Near the Fire Station, parking on the pavement can completely block the pavement. People have been seen driving along the pavement above the trees.

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East End: Farmington Road, should priority be 'Stop' rather than 'Give way'?

Residents of Cooks Court have complained about visibility when pulling out.

Bollards had been installed to prevent parking, but then removed.

Farmington Road parking area: the Town Council has received requests to make this area for residents only. It could have timed parking during the day in addition.

In the High St / East End transition area parking take-up varies. Residents have reached an understanding, but guests and holiday makers can upset the equilibrium.

A comment was made that many door mirrors have been lost!

Parking can block on footpath to Dutton lane, which has not got any tactile paving to distinguish the access.

Speed was also a concern, especially the narrow section by High Pavement.

Traffic calming on the entrance to town was discussed e.g. build outs.

A request to move the 30mph zone further out was turned down due to the Police objection, but council has been advised they could move the gateways.

5. Date And Time of Next Meeting

To be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 6:50 pm.

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