

Minutes of the Parking Strategy Steering Group

Venue: Westwoods Centre

Date: Wed 30 August 2023, 6pm

Present:

Chris Hancock (Group Chairman)
Brian Hulcup
Andrea Richell
Julie Russell
Andrew Wellman

Absent/apologies:

Byron Hadley
Patrick McHugh
Tim Poole
Adrian Morley-Blackwell

Pauline Rigby (Clerk)
Terry Morley-Blackwell (Cllr, observer)
Tony Dale (Ward Cllr, observer)

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies received from Byron Hadley, Patrick McHugh, and Tim Poole.

2. **Declaration of interests**

All group members had an interest as they lived and worked in the town.

3. **Minutes of last meeting**

Minutes of the meeting on 14 March 2023 had been circulated.

Minutes of the meeting on 26 April 2023 had been circulated.

It was RESOLVED that the above minutes be approved and they were duly signed.

4. **To receive the draft Northleach Parking Strategy: Issues and Options report, agree any amendments required, and recommend the strategy to the Town Council for adoption.**

CH had circulated an introductory paper.

It was agreed to make amendments to the draft report as follows:

- Change the language in table regarding Airbnbs from 'making' to 'inviting...'
- Under the section on West End, add 'On occasions parking on Bassett Road can restrict access to the doctor's surgery.'
- In the second row in Stream One, amend to: 'Buses find it difficult to enter and leave the Market Place' and 'Consider alternative bus stops to ensure safe loading and unloading.'

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It was observed that the report focused on the main route while many of the side roads also have parking issues which could prevent access by emergency vehicles. Parking issues in the rest of town could be exacerbated by restrictions on parking in the Market Place.

It was agreed to add an extra paragraph:

Parking elsewhere in the town

Other known parking trouble spots include Fortey Road, Mays Crescent, MacArthur Road, Nostle Road, and Back Lane, which also need to be addressed, to ensure that access by emergency vehicles is maintained. Back Lane is also a particular issue as it is an unadopted road yet carries a considerable amount of traffic including waste collection vehicles.

The title of the document was discussed, and it was agreed to keep as 'Issues and Options' which tied in with the terms of reference.

The Clerk would add page numbers and reinsert some images for better quality.

It was RESOLVED that the introduction and report be recommended to the Town Council for adoption.

5. Final Remarks

There was some discussion around the next steps in the project. It will be important to get both local authorities on board. Once adopted by the Town Council, then we will see where GCC Highways and the district council could help. e.g. with getting a proper car park.

It was noted that all the other market towns in the Cotswold have a car park; Northleach deserves one too.

CH confirmed that the report is a collection of ideas and goes forward with the caveat that no work done on feasibility or viability of current solutions.

Chairman Morley-Blackwell gave thanks to the group members for all their time and effort in producing the report.

The meeting closed at 7 pm.

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