

Notes from Meeting held on 11th August to Discuss Parking Issues in the High Street

Issues of Concern:

- Access for emergency vehicles
- Access for Cotswold Green bus and Veolia truck
- Inconvenience to residents

Areas of Concern and Possible Solutions:

1. Just above The Ram Inn on the High Street, below Bospin Lane

Six spaces are available here and provide 'safe' parking as long as drivers park in a sensible manner and shorter cars are parked at the Bospin Lane end of the row. Otherwise longer cars stick out too far making it difficult for larger vehicles to pass through. Drivers also need to park closely to allow six cars to fit. Movement in and out of Bospin Lane is restricted by drivers parking too close to the junction.

Providing road markings which clearly show the extent (length and width) of 'safe' parking in this area would be of benefit. Drivers are then made more aware of which areas are appropriate for parking.

Carlos Novoth (Public Space Officer at SDC) suggested that Adrian Boyes be contacted and that public support and collaboration be emphasised.

The issue was raised that road markings will detract from the beauty of the High Street.

2. The Bottom of Bospin Lane

Currently three cars park on the northern side of the road. A car parking in the third space opposite the entrance to Tower House could cause an issue of access for emergency vehicles. The car at the bottom often sticks out into the High Street as the driver avoids parking on the markings painted on the road by residents. This makes it difficult for those wanting to turn right out of Bospin Lane.

It was suggested the third space is not an appropriate place to park and again that road markings could be used. An alternative space would need to be found.

Carlos Novoth emphasised the need for the village to be aware of how many parking spaces are required, how many 'safe' spaces are available and how many cars are parked on the road by residents who have their own driveways. This information is valuable in any correspondence with Gloucestershire Highways as it demonstrates a need for a solution to be found.

3. Outside South Cottage

Quite often a car is parked here and causes no obstruction if parked tight to the wall. Again it was suggested that road markings would indicate the limit within which an emergency vehicle could get through.

A suggestion was made that all vehicles park on one side of the High Street so that larger vehicles are not made to turn, but can move through more easily. A counter-argument was that by having vehicles on both sides of the road, traffic has to slow down.

A one-way system was suggested to relieve some of the issues.

4. **Parking opposite Atcombe Road** makes it very difficult for drivers accessing or leaving Atcombe Road to or from Frogmarsh Lane.
5. **Cars parking too far down Frogmarsh Lane** cause an obstruction for high or wide vehicles as there is a camber in the road.

Again, road marking could be used to show appropriate limits.

Members of SWALT applied for planning permission to create parking spaces about seven years ago, but were turned down mainly on the grounds of conservation.

Carlos Novoth thought it worth applying again to Andrew Middlecote (Area Representative for Gloucestershire Highways) as long as a proposed course of action could be justified i.e. How many spaces are required? How many are there currently? Carlos also offered his support for parking on SWALT land and suggested the Fire Service, Ambulance Service and bus service be contacted to seek their support for such a scheme. It was suggested that John Longmuir be contacted in the first instance.