

Policy Parking in the Parish

In view of the numerous complaints being made to the parish council and also in recognition of the parking issues residents face the parish council has agreed the following intervention guidelines.

The parish council, whilst appreciating the damage that can be caused by cars parking on highway verges and the inconsiderate parking by a few residents, nevertheless recognises that in residential areas there is often a lack of available parking for the number of cars owned by residents. On narrow roads vehicles are often bumped up onto the kerb to allow other vehicles and emergency vehicles to pass but this can cause problems for people using the adjacent footway. The parish council recognises that sufficient space must be left on the footways for pushchairs, mobility scooters etc.

Direct action e.g. paying for bollards to be installed, will only be considered if there is an obvious health and safety risk to pedestrians or other road users. It is therefore likely that physical measures will only be considered at junctions which are predominantly cycling or pedestrian crossings or drop kerbs.

Requests for intervention where there is no immediate health and safety risk will not be considered if the result would be the problem is just moved elsewhere.

The parish council will support requests for yellow lines at junctions where they are needed and suitable to ensure that the vision splay is sufficient to allow pedestrians to cross safely and for cars to exit safely.

The parish council does not condone parking on verges or bumping up on kerbs however it does recognise that in some areas it is the only way to keep narrow roads clear for emergency vehicles.

The parish council will work with residents to help highlight problems to the relevant authorities and to try to identify alternative arrangements to alleviate the problems being experienced.

The parish council will only consider physical measures on highway verges where there is a persistent problem of cars being parked when there is sufficient parking provision in the area.

The parish council will attempt to deal with inconsiderate parking by;

- contacting companies, if it is a company van, to ask that they speak to the driver and ask them to park elsewhere.
- writing to residents who persistently park in what is perceived as an antisocial way or by placing an advisory note on the windscreen of the vehicle.
- Notifying KCC, MBC and PCSO to see if their help can be obtained.

Prior to undertaking any of the above the parish council will investigate any complaints and should physical measures be proposed undertake a letter delivery explaining what the parish council is considering to local houses close to the area in question.

The parish council reserves the right to amend its approach after considering the merits of each situation.

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