

Car Parking. Accompanied by Cllr Paul Loudoun, whose input was invaluable, I had a meeting on 7 December with NT who were represented by Tracey Churcher (TC), Mark Singleton and Tom Clarke.

I explained that once the 28 houses in Spyway Orchard are occupied from mid-June next year, *in the opinion of the Parish Council*, the track leading to Spyway Car Park is unlikely to cope safely with the increased traffic. An additional factor will be the extra traffic resulting from the four houses approved for Mr Turner and another four for the HPB.

Spyway car park was only ever created as a temporary measure. As visitor numbers to the area increased so did the problems. *It does however have permanent planning and has been in place for more than fifteen years.*

The Parish Council thought there were two separate parking requirements in the village: the NT and residents.

The Parish Council would like Spyway car park to close and for the NT to create a new car park outside the village.

The NT recognised the problem but wanted any replacement car park to be a permanent solution. *The NT stated that any replacement car park would need to have wider village support, planning support and a source of funding would need to be found. The full costs are likely to be in the realm of £100k*

In order to arrive at a solution, the NT want a “**full feasibility assessment of need, capacity and suitability of various locations before we jump to a solution**” They estimated this would cost in the region of £15k or more. *Any feasibility report would need to take into account parking need along the stretch of South Purbeck between Swanage and Chapmans Pool, as car parks do not work in isolation of each other. What may solve an issue for one village may cause an unwanted impact elsewhere. It would cost between £10 and £15K*

I said this was not something I thought the PC could fund as it was not a PC problem. TC agreed to see whether the AONB could source funds. TC said it would be helpful for LMPC to commit to financially supporting this endeavour. *As it is a change request that has come from LMPC*

The NT agreed it might be possible to create a 28-day parking permit on their land outside the village, but “**we would need to draw-up an agreement to this**”. NT would also want to seek advice of highways before agreeing to any proposed area. Would this be something the PC could progress?

Any temporary car park would have to be managed by the parish, including opening and closing, littering and toileting. These matters were tabled for discussion at the next meeting on 3rd February.

To formulate PC position, I recommend this matter is tabled for consideration at our January meeting and that whenever there is a firm proposal a public consultation is arranged.

