



Parking Working Group

Lynwood House
Monday 18 January 2016
6.00pm

Present Councillor Paul Jackson (Chair), Councillor Kevin Leary,
Councillor Alasdair Nairn, Councillor Ossie Johnson,
Councillor Stuart Walker, Anita Burdon, Jed Peadon,
Alison Boyd, Michael Leithrow, Tony Morland

Andy Coulthard – Mid Durham Area Action Partnership
Lee Mowbray – Durham County Council

1. **Welcome**

Councillor Paul Jackson welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Jane Davis.

3. **Notes from the last meeting**

The notes from the last meeting were received

4. **Parking Scheme**

Lee Mowbray from Durham County Council attended the meeting to discuss parking schemes.

It was agreed that the centre of the village is the main problem area. The scheme needs to meet the needs of the community and take into account the requirements of residents and businesses.

The group discussed various options for a parking scheme.

It was agreed that the proposed parking scheme include the following elements:

- Area to include Front Street from Black Bull to the physiotherapist and in front of Woodham Court

- Time restricted parking of 2 hours between 8am – 6pm, Monday to Saturday

As part of the scheme the parking bays would need to be marked. It is also intended to improve the signage to existing public parking areas.

Durham County Council would be responsible for implementing a parking scheme. The process would include:

- Consultation on the scheme including letters sent to all properties in the designated area.
- Analysis of responses
- Work by solicitors
- Adverts and notices

This process is likely to take 6 months.

The County Council confirmed that following the implementation of a scheme, enforcement of its conditions would take place.

It was confirmed that:

- the land behind Cooplands is private and leased to businesses
- the car park behind the Spar / Front Street is owned by the County Council.
- both primary schools have parking arrangements with the social club

The car park behind Front Street was discussed. It was noted that the County Councillors are working with the Area Action Partnership on a project to remove the wall in the car park near to the houses. Lee agreed to look at the parking configuration in the car park to see if it can be improved.

The group discussed the large car park at the Kings Head. It was agreed that a letter is sent to the Kings Head asking if they would allow businesses in the village to park at the bottom of their car park.

5. Next Steps

The next steps were agreed:

- A letter is sent to the Kings Head regarding parking arrangements
- Durham County Council will consult with the community on the proposed parking scheme
- Durham County Council to look at the parking configuration in the car park behind Front Street
- An article on the proposed scheme is placed in the Village Voice
- An article is placed in a future Parish Council newsletter

6. Date of next meeting

The next meeting to be agreed following consultation on the proposed scheme.

Meeting ends 7.00pm