

Dear FRA Members

For those of you interested in 'Parking Matters' here are notes from our recent meeting:

PARKING MATTERS MEETING 25th February 2024

By 'Village People'.
Fairlight Village Hall, Broadway.

35 people present.

Agenda

1. Ground Rules
2. Introductions: What's Your Problem?
3. Parking Matters Survey 2024: Findings & Hot Spots
4. Actions, Tasks and Volunteers

1. Ground Rules

Listening to understand.
Let people finish their thoughts.
Be pithy, succinct and share the airtime.
Encourage everyone to participate.
Stay on topic and on time.
Turn off or mute devices.
Start and end on time.

2. Introductions: What's Your Problem?

Village Hall events and Knowle Road. Residents can't access their driveways, incidents of rudeness and trolling comments on social media.
Traffic blocking Broadway and Lower Waites Lane corner.
Parked vehicles blocking driveways and rude comments to residents.
Verge damage to Waites Lane/Broadway.
Junction blocking. Parking laws re junctions ignored. Cones ignored, a number of residents concerned about safety.
Verges and pavements, difficult for residents with mobility issues, hearing impaired residents are at risk.
Four residents voiced concerns that the Market Garden traffic doesn't use the Site Routes.
Many present expressed a feeling of being forced out of the village.
LWL lay-by: people park ignoring the no parking signs.
Speeding delivery vehicles.
Concerns about pet safety, pets have been run over.
Problems on Gorsethorn Way.
Channel Way/Shepherds Way, visitors parking to avoid charges at the Country Park.
People camping, walkers arriving very early, junction blocked, damage to road caused by vehicles turning.
Broadway bend.
Fairlight Gardens, more cars than spaces.
Junction of Waites Lane/Lower Waites Lane no visibility to turn out in either direction.
Village Hall cones can sometimes be ignored or moved.
Parking leaflets are challenged.
Permanent issue, lack of resident parking.
Temporary issue, construction and delivery traffic.
Waites Lane outside hairdresser and the pub.
How to educate visitors and delivery drivers.
Beware of shifting parking issues from one location to another.
Do signs work?

3. Parking Matters Survey 2024: Initial Findings & Hot Spots

Hot Spots

Waites Lane/Shepherds Way (Main Road).
Waites Lane/Broadway/Village Hall Junction.
Waites Lanes/Lower Waites Lane Junction.

Channel Way/Shepherds Way Junction.
Broadway Bend.

Impacts

Safety.
Access to Driveways.
Verge Damage and Appearance.
Accessibility and Pavements (Pedestrians, Mobility Scooters, Walking Aids, Pushchairs, Small Children, Elderly, Wheelchairs, Low Vision).
Emergency Access.

Solutions

Yellow/White Lines (for and against).
More consideration/education.
Fines/Enforcement.
Bollards/Cones/Signs.
Planning Enforcement (Market Garden Site).
Walk (Village Hall).
Use garages/driveways.
Permits.
Buddy Scheme.
Car Sharing (Village Hall).
ESCC Highways would evaluate the whole village.
FPC would have to finance, need to check the policy.
Do our own surveys.
Speed cameras, 'Black Cat' Radar Recorders, ask Speedwatch to come to LWL/
Broadway.

4. Actions, Tasks and Volunteers

'Civil Parking Enforcement Officers' are available if the village had traffic measures in place.
Courtesy signs, branded and in the right place – **FPC**.
Hotspot surveys and photos and publicise on social media (removing number plates and faces). Reports to be posted on 'What's Really Going On In Fairlight' Facebook Page – **All**.
Shepherds Way/Channel Way – **Maria**.
Lobby contractors – **Anna/Paul**.
'Black Cat' Radar Recorders.
Driveway Sharing.
Ask Rector for Church Signs for Waites Lane – **Andrew/Tim**.
Village Hall Cones for events – **Steph**.
Parish Council Parking Leaflet – **PC** to send via FRA email Scheme. **Lynn** will also print some.
Residents encouraged to carry FPC leaflets for inconsiderate parking.
Facebook, support parking posts to counteract trolling – **All**.
Check the Market Garden allocated parking spaces – **Andrew/Tim**.
Observer Letter/Article – **Keith**.
Major Works? Clarify with Highways what is their policy – **Andrew/Tim**.
Village Hall to ask their users and private hirers for support – **Steph**.

Meeting flip charts on display

Fairlight Parish Council Village Survey 2019.
965 Surveys, 358 responses.

Q 5.6 If there was one thing you could change?
"No parking on the pavement".
"Discourage parking on the verges".

Q 5.13 Car Parking and Speed Limits.
Do you have an issue with parking near your home? YES = 73 / NO = 267
"I live near a serious road hazard" YES = 162 / NO = 108

In priority

Outside hairdressers and Meadow Way.
Coastguard Lane and main road.
Village Hall corner to Broadway and Waites Lane.
Cars opposite each other on Waites Lane.
LWL and Broadway corner.

Draft Fairlight Village Parking Action Plan format

Behaviour Change

Problem

Vehicles parked opposite driveways or near junctions or on verges.
Residents can't get on/off their driveways.
Parked vehicles obstructing fire engines and ambulances.

Improvement

Residents to use driveways and garages wherever possible.
Residents to extend their dropped kerbs and driveways if possible.

How

Examples of extending drop kerbs, driveways.
Info graphics/articles.
Ask community group leaders to promote our 'considerate parking' campaign.
Encourage a 'park and walk' scheme for visitors.

Contractors Parking Policy

Problem

No parking guidance on where to park.
Some lorries/works vehicles are too large for single lanes marked 'No HGVs'.

Improvement

A list of residents willing to have contractors parked on their driveways
Residents ordering goods and services to include instructions e.g. No HGV's/Narrow lane.
Agreement with regular contractors on parking e.g. Rother, Southern Water, Open Reach.

How

New policy for Contractor Parking.
Parking Hot Spots Map for circulation.
Professional notices in advance of works using East Sussex County Council Model.

Strategic Partnership Working

Problem

Gridlock on the bus route.
Vehicles parked in bus stops.
Construction Site Vehicles.

Improvement

Restricted parking on bus routes.

Request bus stop markings.
Identify realistic number of parking spaces in Construction Management Plans.

How

Joint working with Stagecoach.
Joint working with Rother District Council, Planning Team.
Joint working with East Sussex County Council Highways.

Ideas To Be Researched

Problem

Pedestrian Safety.
Pavement Parking.
Ploughed Verges.
Single Lanes with no passing spaces.

Improvement

Coherent signage for '1066 Coastal Walk' and 'Public Footpaths'.
Reduce pavement parking.
Village Verge Bollards and Planting Scheme.
Investigate a one-way system.
Investigate 'Access only' signage.

How

Link to walking charities.
Keep updates with national policy.
Look at the Community Infrastructure Levy Funding.
Liaise with the Fairlight Gardening Club.
Liaise with Highways.

CIL Funding from Rother District Council

£282,917 has been paid by the Developer of the Market Garden Site, Lower Waites Lane to Rother District Council, for building the new 16 houses.

£42,437.00 of the CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) funds is coming to Fairlight Parish Council in April 2024.

The funds are to be spent on 'Infrastructure' or anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands the Market Garden development places on the area.

Number of parking spaces within the 'Market Garden' development

On Rother District Council website, under the Planning Section Planning RR/2022/2069/P September 2022, the document shows 28 open parking spaces, plus 6 garages. East Sussex County Council commented that they are "less than ideal".

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Best wishes, **Paul**.