

## Village Hall Parking Options Consultation

### 1. Background

- 1.1. The village hall car park is intended to be used by users of the hall and associated facilities on the site. Wickham Market Parish Council have an opportunity to manage the village hall carpark for the benefit of users of the area.

### 2. Problem Statement:

- 2.1. Some cars parked all day at the Village Hall which can fill the car park so not allowing genuine users space to park. (See table 1)
- 2.2. The Percy Mason long stay car park is practically empty. The current cost £4 per day or an annual ticket is £350 (less than £1 per day)
- 2.3. Cars park on the grass making it muddy and unsightly.
- 2.4. Genuine users need space:
  - Village Hall
  - Play area
  - Bowls Club
  - Football Club
  - Vet customers
- 2.5. The Parish Council want to retain free parking for genuine users of the whole site.

### 3. Possible Immediate Solution

- 3.1. Free Parking for a period, then no return for same period. Applicable 8:00 – 18:00 daily. There can be options on whether this applies every day or whether Saturdays and/or Sundays are excluded. A 4-hour free parking period is recommended because:
  - Covers most hall users as the hall is usually booked in 1 – 4 hour blocks during the day.
  - Covers most Bowls, Play area and Football Club users.
  - Covers vet customers. Vet staff could be offered registration recognition parking (for a price)
  - Prevents part time workers using it as the time is too short for a half day.
  - Prevents all day users, freeing up space for genuine site users.
  - No tickets or machines are required.
  - There are options to suspend parking restrictions for events if required. However, it must be recognised that this may allow other users to fill the carpark.
- 3.2. Benefits include provision of parking for users of the village hall and playing field facilities while also encouraging daily parking in the Percy Mason Long Stay for less than £1 per day with an annual season ticket
- 3.3. East Suffolk Council [ESC] Parking have prepared a plan to reline the whole car park including Football Club end and between Village Hall and football Club. ESC Parking could fund this. (See Annex 1)
  - Includes relining, hatching and disabled spaces to the current standards.
  - Includes signage with parking terms and arrows to Percy Mason if Village Hall Carpark is full.
  - Parish Council can suspend enforcement for events (PC own the land so can choose)
  - Can include double yellow lines along perimeters to prevent parking outside the marked bays.
  - Could include a row of posts to keep vehicle off grass.
- 3.4. Enforcement
  - 3.4.1. Enforcement notices would be issued for:
    - Over staying free period
    - Not parking in defined bays
- 3.5. Bowls Club may need to be managed separately to allow their parking near their gate

4. **Future possible changes subject to appropriate approvals depending on demand.** Any immediate work would therefore not compromise potential changes.

## Table 1

### Parking Survey w/c 13 May

Date and time	Total vehicles parked	Vehicles still parked at the following survey
Monday 13 May 10am	46	21
Monday 13 May 5pm	31	16
Tuesday 14 May 10am	36	11
Tuesday 14 May 6pm	16	8
Wednesday 15 May am	38	14
Wednesday 15 May 5PM	21	8
Thursday 16 May 9am	31	12
Thursday 16 May 5.30PM	18	10
Friday 17 May 9am	34	16
Friday 17 May 4.30PM	27	

### Annex 1: proposed controlled parking layout. (Not to scale)

