Meeting of the Highways Committee 18th December 2012

Apologies for absence
Martin Whitehead

Minutes of the previous meeting
These were agreed with the approval of responses to the questions put by Mr and Mrs V Drake, added as a second appendix.

Terms of Reference of the advisory working group approved by the parish council to progress the future of the village car park

It was seen to be important to state that the Parish Council had agreed a Pay and Display system as the fairest way of improving the use of the car park. A third party, independent, professional operator would ensure no risk to parish personnel (paid or volunteer)

The problem
There are 114 spaces with 2 disabled spaces. The survey undertaken in 2012 indicated high usage which at times exceeded 116. High usage + overcrowding clearly raises problems of safety. The survey also demonstrated high usage at weekends. 60% of the car park was seen to be occupied all day

To adopt a Pay and Display system, costs for the company employed have to be met but the council is not in the process of trying to make money for itself.

Size of group
It was agreed that this had to be manageable, therefore, one representative for each stakeholder group. Total 10 if possible but not to exceed this by a large margin.

Meeting mechanism
The advisory group to meet with 3 members of the Highways committee, who then report to the full Highways committee, who then report to the Parish Council. This to be repeated as necessary with close liaison between Highways Committee and advisory group. Members of the advisory group are responsible for communicating with those interests they represent. Objective is to effect a consensus as soon as is possible.

For consideration
Proposed tariffs
1 £150 yearly permit for High residents
2 Weekdays 50p per hour for first three hours, £1 per hour thereafter
3 Weekends 50p per hour for the first three hours, £2 all day

These to apply 7am to 7pm. We have an assurance that there will be no monitoring at school drop off times, Harvest Festival, Xmas concerts and no charges at Bank Holidays

Questions for the advisory group members
In the light of the outlined problem, how, if at all, would you adjust the proposed tariffs?
Do you have any other suggestions that you think might successfully solve the problem?