

## **Milborne Port Parish Council Meeting – 3 November 2020**

### **Document for Councillors regarding Considerations for Parking Improvement on the A30**

#### **Developments**

At the September Parish Council meeting the Council resolved to approve the Clerk's recommendation that an immediate request be submitted for the introduction of additional parking restrictions in the area of Gauntlet Cottage/Rosemary Street/A30 and that further consultation be conducted regarding parking.

Somerset Highways have responded that they are not willing to introduce limited parking restrictions at one location only. Rather, they would recommend the Parish Council request for parking restrictions at all locations on the A30 where their normal safety provisions would expect these. This is, largely, on both sides of the road at junctions, and on both sides of the road at significant bends. They suggest that we may wish to request for additional restrictions beyond these safety-related minimums.

Highways will be putting together their plans for the county as a whole towards the middle of November. If restrictions are asked for by the Parish Council and these are taken forward, there would be a consultation exercise conducted by Somerset Highways, lasting approximately a month, so residents would be able to have their say. Following feedback from residents and other interested parties they would then effect the proposals, adjusted as necessary, in due course.

In the event that the Parish Council were not to ask for restrictions, but were subsequently to feel that these should be introduced, then these would need to be effected under Parish Council budget (perhaps circa £3,000 or so ), until the next round of project approval and budgeting in a year's time.

#### **PARISH COUNCIL DECISIONS**

Question 1 – Following the recommendation of Somerset Highways, does the Parish Council wish to ask for additional parking restrictions on the A30. **Yes/No**

Question 2 – If Yes, does the Parish Council wish to

- (a) Ask for additional, or extensions to existing parking restrictions along the A30 at locations where the current allowed parking is viewed as generating specific safety concerns. This would be either side of the A30 at the junctions with: East Street; North/South Street; Bathwell Lane; Rosemary Street; Gainsborough; and Goathill. It would also cover the bend in the A30 to the west of the Bathwell Lane junction; and the bend at Gauntlet Cottage near the Rosemary Street junction. This is recommended by Somerset Highways.

**Or...**

- (b) Ask for the introduction of parking restrictions on both sides of the whole of the A30 between the East Street junction and the Crackmore Garage, excluding the existing parking on the south side of the A30 outside the butchers and newsagent, and north side of the A30 to the west of

the Tippling Philosopher. Somerset Highways have advised that this is not recommended on a safety basis, but that, practically, it will avoid the potential for the relocation of existing issues on the A30 to other A30 locations.

### **Additional items**

There are a series of supplementary proposals to be considered, which have again been discussed with and in some cases suggested by Somerset Highways. In no particular order these are:

- a) implementation of parking restrictions along the east side of North Street as far as the school junction. This is a "C" road and hence viewed as more important in the hierarchy than the other roads adjoining the A30. It is recommended by Highways. This is in response to long standing concerns regarding the safety of the eastern pavement. Councillors have stated the major issue is cars parking on and mounting the east side pavement, rather than parking per se. **(Yes/No)**
- b) implementation of parking restrictions along the west side of Gainsborough, potentially as far as the junction with Manor Road. This is a "D" road and hence viewed as less important in the hierarchy than North Street. Highways recommend a watching brief on this for the time being. **(Yes/No)**
- c) the removal of the disabled parking bay opposite the old surgery at the top of South Street and running double yellows down as far as the dropped kerbs. This is in response to a request by a resident. The suggested solution was put forward by Somerset Highways **(Yes/No)**
- d) the introduction of a disabled parking slot opposite the chemist **(Yes/No)**
- e) the introduction of three time limited parking slots outside the butcher and newsagents allowing parking for one hour only per vehicle between 9am and 6pm. Parking would be restricted at the dropped kerb. This was a suggestion by Somerset Highways **(Yes/No)**

**Note:** the possibility of introducing bollards on the pavement on the east side of North Street, or the north side of the A30 to prevent kerb mounting is not considered here, although Councillors should note that these have been raised by members of the public. Also, residents have mentioned that there has been damage through kerb mounting in the area of Gauntlet Cottage.