



STEYNING WARDENS' REPORT

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2018

ITEM 8.1

Criminal damage
Anti-social behaviour
Reports of fireworks being let off in Fletchers Croft. Also reported in the same area eggs being thrown at The windows of Steyning Grammar school during Halloween. Increased Patrols and static monitoring of the area led to an intervention when an adult male was playing loud music on his car stereo with the windows down. At first he refused to turn the music down so was issued a yellow card warning and consequently left the area. Intervention on memorial playing field with adult male letting fireworks off, warning given. Words of advice given to young people gathering in the Bus Stop in Steyning high street. Report of public order incident at the Cricket Club. Spoke with staff and identified individuals on C.C.T.V. and passed information to Police.
Parking
.One advice leaflet issued in Tanyard Lane regarding anti-social parking.
Cold callers
Intervention on two occasions whilst on vehicle patrol.ID Requested and given. Words of advice given
Neighbour Disputes
None reported
Fly-tipping
None
Dog fouling / issues with dogs
Reports of dog fouling on the green in Abbey Road. Patrols scheduled for the area.
Elderly / vulnerable
Meeting took place with Nicky Fuller the New Age Concern officer. A general discussion took place on ways we could support each other and a Reading initiative is scheduled for launch in January 2019.

Minibus

4 trips carried out for Dingemans Residents. 8 Welfare visits to Vulnerable people.

Other

Liasing with Police regarding incident at Bus Shelter. Intel passed onto police. Investigation under way arrest made.

From: Steyning Parish Council - Clerk
Subject: FW: Relocation of Bus Stop in High Street
Attachments: TfL-accessible-bus-stop-design-guidance.pdf; photo 1 new bus stop flag.pdf; Photo 2 Bus stop and pavement obstruction.pdf

Mr Fullbrook, following my email yesterday I now provide my agenda motion for next week's full council meeting together with supporting data.....

"That Steyning Parish Council will work with traders and other interested parties to seek an alternative solution for the re-siting of the High Street bus stop and will ask WSCC to put further work on hold until proposals can be formulated "

In my opinion the re-siting of the bus stop is a dangerous and unsafe alternative solution. It's damaging to local business and probably not compliant with the Equality Act or the previous Disability Discrimination Act.

Damaging to local businesses.....

This solution goes completely against what SPC and HDC are trying to achieve with public money:-

- 1 We have just all had through our letter boxes HDC's "Our District" magazine which has a photo of Steyning High Street under the banner "Supporting a Healthy High Street" from the business development section of HDC.
- 2 Currently there is ongoing discussion on the F & GP committee about supporting the Steyning and Community Partnership including its "archway" project
- 3 Steyning's car parks are going to have money spent on them – that's also in "Our District" with a photo of Fletchers Croft car park.

All this public money is aimed at improving the shopping experience and helping traders and then single-handedly and with no meaningful consultation WSCC does its best to significantly damage one business in particular. It would take just a fraction of this money to fund a "build-out" of the pavement at Cobblestones which would help everyone, the elderly and disabled in particular.

If the parish council is to mean anything in terms of representing the interests of local people and local shopkeepers it should now be working very hard and very urgently with the affected shopkeepers, the Chamber of Trade, The Community Partnership, The Community/Neighbourhood Plan team and the Business Development section of HDC to have further work by WSCC put on hold and then a proper and meaningful review and consultation to find a better solution to this problem.

Safety

With the new location of the bus stop pedestrians are likely to be forced into the carriageway. There is no adequate provision for wheel chair and buggy users. There is also a danger that pedestrians walking up the footpath with their back to the traffic will be forced/ tempted to step into the carriageway with obvious high risks from that, particularly from quiet users like cyclists or electric vehicles - see photos 1 and 2 taken on Sunday morning (11th November '18) - which I promise are not put-up jobs.

The tables and chairs at Mama Mia are now effectively unusable by customers once there is more than one or two people waiting for a bus. No one is going to sit and have a coffee while a queue builds up in front of them. On top of that the proprietor will probably have to take them away to stop people who are not customers from sitting at them. It's not good for the opticians either.

I found reading through the attached Guide surprisingly interesting.....I know it doesn't directly relate to Steyning but the general principles are applicable because the Equality Act applies to all public authorities.

For example it explains why the markings on the road (the "cage") need to be so long - to enable the bus to approach at a shallow angle so that the doors are close to and parallel with the kerb..... and this also helps avoiding hanging signs. It explains the need to stop cars parking on the approach for that reason – exactly what applies in Steyning High Street.

Minimum recommended footway width for Equality Act purposes is 4m. The new location is only 1.25m excluding the private frontage which our WSCC councillor Barling reportedly wrongly described as part of the footway. This isn't realistically achievable with the bus stop in it's new position or anywhere else in Steyning High Street but the guidance shows that the cage width can be reduced in width to 2.7m.

Therefore, if the bus stop sign was fixed back in it's original position the pavement could be built out 300mm by reducing the cage from the current 3.00m to 2.7m without having any impact on the carriageway manoeuvring area when traffic wants to pass a stationary bus and will not alter the access to the car park in anyway. This will also provide the sign above with an extra 300mm of overhang protection whilst also giving the pavement a welcome width enhancement.

Currently bus drivers have to experience the sharp angle of approach which can be forced on bus drivers by cars parked in the run-up to the painted bus cage zone but this extra 300mm of pavement build out will help this problem. Protected cage zone needs to be a minimum of 37m - the existing cage in the High Street is only 20m long allowing inadequate distance for this straightening manoeuvre.

The Equality Act also needs considering.....

The hurried solution adopted by WSCC is susceptible to attack under Equality Act and on general grounds of not properly considering the right factors.

Did WSCC undertake any street and pedestrian audit? and where is it and what does it say about flows and the impact of the café seating and footway width with particular regard to wheelchair and buggy users?

Did WSCC consider the Disability Equality Duty under the Equality Act and if so what were the conclusions?

WSCC policy document says "The need for an Equality Impact Report must be considered for all decisions." Was there one, and if not what were the reasons given in this mandatory consideration of the need for one?
<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/about-the-council/policies-and-reports/corporate-policy-and-reports/equality-and-inclusion/>

The consultation was wholly inadequate with the work started before any one had any chance to respond - where was the collation and review of responses?

Cllr Goldsmith

John Fullbrook

ITEM 14.1

Subject: FW: Steyning Police Station Update

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Dear John

Hope you are well.

Please can you circulate the below to members of the Parish Council:

As you are aware, Sussex Police over the last few years have been exploring options for relocating our resources at Steyning to another location within Steyning but have been unsuccessful. The decision has now been reached to retain the station and reinvest in it, by giving the building a full refurbishment (internally). The refurbishment will provide a modern improved working environment for police staff and officers as well as an improved front counter facility for members of the public. The work is scheduled to take place after Christmas and it is anticipated the works will be completed by mid-April 2019.

The Sussex Police communications department in the upcoming weeks will issue a press release to make the local residents aware of the refurbishment plans, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks

Regards

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