

Disability Matters

Three issues of interest to disabled people were discussed at Parish Council meetings last night. At our Planning meeting we discussed the refusal of Horsham District Council Planners to grant consent for a new disabled access through the front door of Barclays Bank in the High Street on the grounds that this would be prejudicial to its grade 2 listed status in the conservation area. We are concerned about this, and are looking into it further to ascertain detailed reasons. We would obviously wish to have disabled access to Barclays Bank and hope that this matter can be amicably resolved.

Secondly, our Highways Committee considered a request from a disabled scooter rider to have more drop kerbs on pavements throughout Steyning. It was agreed that this was a worthy project but the Highway authority is West Sussex County Council and all our Highways Committee can do is act as a catalyst to bring this to the attention of WSCC. We have therefore agreed that David Barling and Tim Lloyd from the Council will go around and look at the particular places identified by this resident, photograph these, and send them on to WSCC in due course.

The Highways Committee also considered a request to put in two additional disabled bays immediately outside the Steyning Centre in the Fletchers Croft car park. The car park is owned and controlled by Horsham District Council but they are willing to carry out the redesignation of two spaces and our Highways Committee decided to support this having heard that there are occasions when there are insufficient spaces for disabled people attending our Steyning Centre and visiting the Town. Hopefully this work will be carried out in the very near future.

David Barling
Chairman