



Rottingdean Parish Council – Parking News

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Achieving the right balance between parking availability and enforcement is a difficult undertaking. Maintaining the vitality of the village is paramount and having a good turnover of available parking is an important factor, however addressing inconsiderate parking, which obstructs traffic flow and adds to congestion or causes a danger to other road uses is our primary concern. For this reason, the Parish Council supports an appropriate balance of enforcement to ensure that inconsiderate parking is effectively managed and overstays discouraged. At the end of this note is the Parking hotline number, which you can call to report illegal parking and request an additional visit from a parking enforcement officer.

Traders in Rottingdean are presently carrying out a survey with a view to improve customer footfall (*) and take-up of empty business premises; one of the questions concerns the matter of a 1 hour free parking period. This was discussed at the recent Local Action Team meeting in the company of Paul Nicholls, the City Council’s Head of Parking & Network Operations. Mr Nicholls explained the difficulties associated with enforcing such a restriction however, a suggestion from Councillor Joe Miller for the Council to consider reducing the tariff for the first hour is going to be given further consideration. The feedback from the survey will also be useful to help inform further discussions with the Council.

The Parish Council is currently seeking to address with the City Council the parking issues listed below and will continue to provide updates at the regular monthly Parish Council meeting.

Parking Issues Log

Issue	Potential solution / latest position
<p><u>Court Road / Falmer Road</u> – Vehicles parked close to the junction causing the narrowing of the carriageway, making it difficult to pass and obstructing the safe manoeuvring into and out of the junction.</p>	<p>Double yellow lines were painted at the junction; however these are not considered to be of a sufficient length to alleviate the problem – these will be extended when a BHCC raises a new traffic order (at their cost).</p>
<p><u>The Green</u> – Vehicles parked across the grass verge and pavement adjacent to the bowling green, causing an obstruction to pedestrians and damaging the grass.</p>	<p>RPC is exploring the option of installing Sarsen stone adjacent to the grass verge.</p>



<p><u>West Street</u> – Vehicles are obstructing the pavement by parking on the forecourt in front of Lloyds pharmacy, forcing pedestrians and wheelchair users in to the road.</p>	<p>The double yellow lines were repainted, however vehicles continue to park across the pavement. Lloyds has been advised that continued inconsiderate parking will not be tolerated. An alternative physical barrier may now need to be considered.</p>
<p><u>Dean Court Road</u> – Parked vehicles at the bottom of the road make passing difficult causing vehicles to drive onto the pavement or to reverse.</p>	<p>Petition from residents has resulted in numerous discussions with City Council officers. Agreed interim way forward is to paint a 15m white line along the southern side to discourage parking and create a passing place. Additional 20 mph signs/markings to be added.</p>

If you come across illegal or inconsiderate parking, you can call the **Parking hotline** at Brighton & Hove City Council on **0345 603 5469** and select option 2. During the hours of 8am to 8pm a parking officer will usually attend within one hour.

Please be aware that action can only be taken against vehicles parking in contravention of the parking regulations, e.g. parked on a yellow line when no loading or unloading is taking place, in a disabled bay without displaying a blue disabled badge or parked on the zig-zag markings at a pedestrian crossing. Unfortunately, vehicles parked on the footway or close to a junction where there is no yellow line cannot be enforced against.

Inconsiderate parking can cause an obstruction and be dangerous to other road users & pedestrians - park right, park safe

(*) RPC has been advised that Deveson's Greengrocer, in Rottingdean High Street is contributing £1 towards parking costs of their customers if at least £20 is spent in a single transaction with them.