

Udny Community Council

Car Parking – Udny Green

13/03/19 follow-up to Community Council (CC) meetings of 24/01/19 and CC Site Visit of 11/03/19

Ian Daniels, Principal Roads Engineer, Formartine, Aberdeenshire Council; agreed to meet with the Udny CC and community members on **Tuesday 30th April** 2019 in **Udny Green Hall from 7.00pm** onwards, to discuss car-parking options as set out in the following minutes and to guide the CC as to what was actually possible. Following this meeting, the CC would discuss the real possibilities identified with key Udny Green parties and then invite the entire Udny Green community to an Open Meeting called to present our options and to move to an agreed position the Udny Green community could support. The CC would then action this position as quickly as it could.

Minutes of Car-parking Sub-Committee meeting – 24/01/19

Udny CC recognises the concerns of Udny Green residents, as expressed at the January meeting of the CC, re:

- The dangerous and obstructive parking that is commonly experienced around the Green
- The regular mounting of the pavement opposite Udny Green Hall by delivery lorries, cars and coaches; causing damage and danger to those using the pavement
- The speed of traffic through the village

Parking around the Green has always been an issue. The CC recognises a need to act to:

- Stop dangerous and obstructive parking
- Improve parking facilities around the Green

Clearly parking has to be stopped:

- Around the bottom corner out of the Green
- Next to the school dyke opposite the Green

Parking options, as discussed by the CC, involve:

- (i) White lines, hatching and “no-parking” signs next to the school dyke & around the bottom corner of the Green.
- (ii) Signage directing car parkers to the new Fleeman’s Park parking next to the school
- (iii) Use, with the school’s permission, of the school’s playground and car park, weekends only, with clear dangers marked and clear signage directing cars to this area.
- (iv) Controlled parking on the Green for specific “one-off events” that are likely to attract large numbers of cars, with access and exit clearly marked
- (v) 1-way system around the Green
- (vi) Double-yellow lines at dangerous points with police encourages to review parking activity during busy events
- (vii) 20 mph speed limit through the village at all times
- (viii) Other options to be identified

The CC needs to:

1. take advice on these proposals in order to remove any clearly unacceptable options, inviting comments from Aberdeenshire Council roads dpt. And key users of car parking in and around the Green including residents, Udny Castle as owners of the Green, Art on the Green,

Udny Green Hall & its users, Eat on the Green, Udny Green Church, Udny Green Primary School

2. Invite the Udny Community to an open meeting to discuss these proposals and prioritise actions
3. Report on priorities and seek community support for actions
4. Commission required work

Minutes of Car-parking Site Visit – 11/03/19

CC sub-committee (Paul Bailey, Garth Entwistle), after reviewing the Green, concluded with a number of options to be discussed with Aberdeenshire Council Roads Dpt.

- (i) Parking signage directing cars to the parking next to the school in Fleeman's Park.
- (ii) Notes to be circulated to all key organisations using the Green to park cars: Art on the Green, Hall, Eat on the Green, etc; to be distributed to their visitors, requesting cars to be parked safely around the Green and if no spaces are available to use the Fleeman's Park carpark. Car parkers are asked to avoid in particular, the bottom entrance to the Green where parking can cause difficulties and dangers to other road users.
- (iii) Notes placed on any cars parking dangerously, highlighting the dangers & inconvenience they have caused, kindly asking them to park in safer places in future.
- (iv) New car-parking options to be considered and developed with the Udny Green community's consent. These were thought to involve:
 - a. "herringbone" spaces to be created on the Green using plastic matting, between the road next to the school and the line of trees on the Green. No parking on the Green permitted beyond this space. Kerb to be dropped to allow easy of entry in to new car-parking spaces. No-Parking signs to be placed on the school dyke. White lines & hatching with no-parking signs to be painted on to the road edge next to the school dyke. Council asked to refurbish the lighting on and around this new car parking.
 - b. New wheel-chair friendly pathway to be created between Manse Rd and the Green, running up the side of the hall, as envisioned in the hall's further re-development. Car parking to be encouraged with signage, on Manse Rd. 9 – 5.00 weekdays only.
- (v) Yellow or white lines indicating no parking to be painted where parking clearly creates dangers and difficulties.
- (vi) Large, heavy planters to be placed at the bottom corner of the Green to discourage drivers mounting the Green.

The Community Council

- recognised the problems caused by dangerous parking and the need to correct this situation
- the limited number of options available to cars visiting the Green
- (3) key car-parking opportunities to supplement the available spaces around the Green, appeared to be available. These are:
 - o Directing with clear signage cars to the Fleeman's carark next to the school
 - o Developing new carparking spaces on the Green opposite the school dyke, between the road and the existing line of trees.
 - o Encouraging cars to park along Manse Rd. 9 – 5.00 weekdays only, with the development of a pathway linking Manse Rd with Green, running up next to the hall.
- Other options included yellow lines and white lines & hatching. The CC were, however, keen not to harm the appearance of the Green. Any additional road marking would have to be considered carefully.
- Other options will be considered.
- Advice from Aberdeenshire Council Roads Dpt will now be sought.