

Dear Trawden Parish Council,

Your proposal regarding the parking area adjacent to our home is unacceptable because we already have a legal right to park there as advised by our Solicitor. This is as set out by the Law Association with regards to accrued rights and those connected to the access rights we have across your property, where we cannot practically and safely park on our property.

Importantly is that actually getting in and out of the entrance to our drive because of its width is frankly dangerous. The width cannot be changed because the wall adjacent to it forms a flood defence. Regardless of what previous owners have done or not done; we are not prepared to put others at risk.

As stated, we cannot remove the front wall because it is a flood barrier and without it we cannot insure our property.

Given this and in particular the safety issue in relation to users of the park which we would hope would be important to you as well, we will continue to park where we have been doing since our purchase of Riverside Cottage.

We cannot believe that you reward a partner and volunteer in the manner you have. This has caused significant anxiety and anger.

The Friends Group has made significant achievements with my leadership and I have contributed around £4,000 worth of consultancy compiling your management plan for the park.

I believe that you were all fully aware of the impact of your proposal and thus it demonstrates in my view a level of disregard for the Friends Group as well.

With all the above said, I would rather that the issues regarding our parking be resolved in a less formal and potentially less disruptive manner.

I will not attend a Parish Council meeting where my speech will be restricted, however, am prepared to meet with a single elected representative at a neutral venue and with an arbitrator.

At this meeting I expect that you consider the impact that your actions have had on:

- The legal position (Our rights)
- The value of our property
- Our mental well-being
- The Friends Group

Alternatives should be explored including:

- ✓ The sale of a small strip of land to enable our drive to be made sufficiently wide to be utilised for parking
- ✓ A long-term (125 year) legal agreement for the use of the land. (Short term-agreements may be rescinded and amended and as such are not acceptable given our current legal rights).

This is not withstanding that we currently have a legal right to park and as such would represent a major concession on our part, however one which we would consider provided the terms are acceptable.

Please consider the above and respond in a manner that no longer infringes on our legal rights.

Mel and Frieda Henley