

## **Notes of meeting between Great Denham Parish Council and Bedford Borough Council (Highways) held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017 at 3pm in Great Denham Community Hall.**

Meeting held to discuss potential approaches to deal with parking issues and subsequent road safety concerns expressed by Great Denham residents.

Great Denham Parish Council shared a number of photos taken recently in the village which showed the nature of the parking issues currently experienced: these included parking across pavements, on verges and reduced access on some roads through indiscriminate and poor parking. There has been a great deal of resident activity on social media highlighting examples and concerns about this, and a resident has also raised an e-petition to Bedford Borough Council on this. Great Denham Parish Council outlined its thoughts on the approaches it wishes to introduce:

1. Installation of double yellow lines on all junctions. This will improve visibility and safety at junctions. *Plus*
2. Introduction of no verge/pavement parking with enforcement throughout Great Denham.

Following discussion, Bedford Borough Council proposed to prepare a draft proposal for the following:

1. Installation of Double Yellow lines

Lines would be provided to the distance of 1 cars length: this has been found to be the minimum and most effective approach. Notice on introduction of yellow lines must be given to residents who then have a right to object; Bedford Borough Council will deal with objections if raised.

2. Introduction of no verge/pavement parking.

Signs will be installed at the entrance to roads and then every 200 metres along roads. Bedford Borough Council will write to every resident giving 14 days' notice on introduction of enforcement. Bedford Borough Council staff will then visit Great Denham on a weekly basis and issue enforcement notices if required.

It was recognised in discussion that support from David Wilson Homes would be required for unadopted roads – Great Denham Parish Council confirmed that David Wilson Homes are aware of this requirement and are supportive in principle. Bedford Borough Council confirmed that they are happy to work with DWH to address these issues.

### **Funding will be required for this work.**

- Unadopted roads are the responsibility of the landowner (DWH). Great Denham Parish Council will approach David Wilson Homes regarding funding for work on unadopted roads.
- All adopted roads are the responsibility of the Borough Council, who advised that funding would need to be found as no budget is available at the Borough for this.

**Agreed next steps and timescales:** Bedford Borough Council will provide the Parish Council with a fully costed assessment for these proposals in early January.

Notes taken by Clerk, Great Denham Parish Council