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Parking Policy Agreed at Main Council - 27/09/18

- 1 The Parish Council have no direct authority for on street or off-street parking within the village save that they have an agreement with Chiltern District Council to fund the 'first hour' cost of tickets issued from machines in Church Lane Car Park
- 2 The Parish Council is however a stakeholder to the extent that in all transport issues (including parking) the council represent the concerns and aspirations of residents and businesses in the community
- 3 Current **street parking** is available throughout most of the village with limited restrictions and very poor enforcement (but see para below)
- 4 The only **local council managed off street car parking** is in Church Street car park which has a capacity of cars or vans, and two electric power points, and also provides space for waste disposal for glass, cans, paper and material. The site is owned by Chiltern District Council who set the charges for hourly daily and season ticket rates although the latter are limited in number
- 5 There are several smaller but privately-owned off-street parking facilities throughout the village
- 6 Tfb as an agent of Buckinghamshire County Council is responsible for all on street parking and Traffic Regulation Orders (ie yellow line restrictions) and enforcement thereof
- 6 Tfb contract out enforcement to a company called NSL whose local office in High Wycombe
- 7 There is ample evidence of the explosion of car use in the village, including photographs of the village centre in the 1970's 1990's and recent years. They all tell a similar story. The continuing rise in use of the motor vehicle has not been met with new infrastructure
- 8 Whilst the Parish Council cannot implement actions on parking issues in its own right it can nonetheless audit the views of residents and businesses. With this data it can also press the relevant authority/ies for action it perceives is required. As a stakeholder with unique local knowledge it can shape the nature of the solutions by suggesting and/or lobbying for those changes
- 9 The Parish Council recognises that with a wide range of demands for different types of parking, and limited infrastructure, there needs to be a holistic approach to finding solutions. That can be achieved over a period of time and public consultation is an essential element of that task. The Neighbourhood Action Group have demonstrated that by taking the trouble to consult, schemes such as Nicol Road Market Place parking, and Lower Road do eventually get the attention of those having statutory powers to intervene