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T.3563 PARKING PROVISION IN THE TOWN CENTRE

It was noted that the site which had now obtained planning approval for a nursing home and retirement housing in Potters Pond was now on the market. Another site which was also on the market was the site of the former Stokes Bakery off Haw Street. Councillor A W Wilkinson considered that it would be worth considering purchasing the Haw Street site to provide parking, with a PWLB loan over a long period. At present rates £2.25m could be borrowed over 50 years at a cost of about £110,000pa. Some housing could be provided on the site to offset the cost.

Dr Cordwell considered that this cost would be prohibitive since there was approval for housing on the land. There was no guarantee that planning permission for change of use to parking would be permitted by Stroud District Council.

R L Carter expressed concern that the pressure on local government at present was to make more housing provision and not for the provision of parking.

It was noted that before such a scheme could be pursued a Parish Poll would be needed.

It was suggested that Planning Permission for a car park could be sought regardless of ownership. This was not accepted.

Proposed by Mrs J E Walshe, seconded by G R J York, not to pursue this project, as it would be too expensive. Passed all in favour.

This concluded the confidential business of the Town Council.

Signed:

Date:

Chairman of the Town Council.