

Town Council Car Park working group summary:

Although vacant areas around the town were previously looked at during the 2011 consultation, the CPWG looked again at possibilities.

- Tabernacle Auction Rooms car park (60) spaces – spoke to Philip Taubenheim on 15th June 2016 and he is still happy for the public to use the car park minus 3 days when the auctions are running but subject to insurance etc. *(Clerk note: this idea was abandoned in 2015 at the request of Philip Taubenheim due to nearby resident pressure).*
- Land behind fire station- awaiting planning application (96) spaces
- Royal Oak car park - looked at upgrade of surface and insurance, but Pub owners later refused to engage.
- Funeral Directors in the Chipping - Already have an arrangement with local business
- Chipping Car park – Change to white lining bays to create more spaces. Not feasible as spaces between cars already minimal.
- Traffic wardens - Talked to GCC about extra patrols-not popular with the traders.
- Co-op car park – Private land so they can implement whatever policies they want. Back entrance needed previously not in planning permission as too costly.
- Area at the bottom of Parklands for cars and coaches – not popular.
- ~~More parking on Synwell Green. Some of this land already taken up.~~
- Town Council land at allotments in Knapp Road. A lot of congestion in this area. To be looked at by Town Council, and too far from centre.
- Article in The Directory and on the website asked for ideas – nothing major emerged.
- Bus to bring traders into and from the town – too costly
- Made case to SDC for more car parks: a) Build second storey on to of Civic Centre Car Park – too costly. b) Underground car park in Chipping – utilities underneath and too costly. No other land available at the time.
- Sale of Old Town Meeting House & land behind. Costly. Auction went through quickly.
- Chipping Green area to be tarmacked – Land own by Town Trust. Unpopular as very little land available as green space in the town.
- Masonic Hall – car park used for festival events & accessed by a private road.
- 2 disabled spaces at the swimming pool - suggest that spaces are reserved with cones. Would cost £5,000 and take 2 years to achieve
- Civic Centre Car park to be tidied, white lined, weeds dug out workshop doors painted and signage with rules installed – *now done.*

Cllr. June Cordwell - Chairman of Car Parking Working Group, June 2016