

## Report from Cllr Manning

As I mentioned yesterday (at meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022) a problem is regularly occurring in the village with parking which is discriminatory to certain groups of people. These are people with pushchairs, Partially sighted, Disabled, Elderly and so on. The pictures attached are shown as examples and not intended to be a personal attack on those vehicle owners at this time. You will note all three examples are outside of businesses so I would like to have this matter discussed at the next Parish Council Meeting and to propose that the council write formally to each of these businesses and ask them to ensure that their customers are not parking on the pavement and in particular not blocking dropped kerbs.

**In the Highway code rule 243 states that you should 'not stop or park where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles.**

Cars parked in this way are forcing disabled people and people pushing prams out into the road. This is clearly putting individuals at risk. The white van looks like a business vehicle and therefore the driver needs to park legally and then walk to the property or drive up the drive to the rear of the property. Parking in this way may be convenient for the driver but its inconvenient for many others. The black van is parked in such a way that it is not possible to pass on either side nor easily access the dropped kerb again forcing someone on a mobility scooter or in a wheelchair out into the road. As a Care Home one would think they would understand the problem better than anyone.

**The Highway Code states that you shouldn't park your car even partially on the pavement, unless roadside signs permit you to do it.**

The white 4x4 parked outside the pub is again blocking the dropped kerb and clearly parking where if their was a problem around the side of the pub eg a fire the firecrew would not easily gain access. The pub has a car park so the publican should ensure that is where their customers park. As often as in this case the vehicle is local does it need to be there at all.

We all know this is a difficult problem as many cars around the village do park partially on the pavement but normally this is not done in a way to completely block access and so I believe the correct approach in this case is to contact the owners of the business to ask them to try and control it.

I believe this piecemeal approach is the best option and far easier that targeting individual drivers. The government are currently looking at widening the ban in London regarding parking on pavements entirely or partially to include the whole country. It looks as if this proposal will go through and when it does it will then be illegal to park your car even partially on the pavement, unless roadside signs permit you to do it.

**Point of interest these pictures were all collected at the same time.**

