



Broadhempston Parish Council

Dear Parishioner

Proposal to form a Village Square

You may recall that, in October 2022 the Parish Council held a public consultation meeting in respect of a proposal to form a proper Village Square.

The temporary arrangements that were put in place in 2020-2021 had proved to be popular both with residents and visitors and the council was keen to establish whether a similar arrangement was what the people of Broadhempston wanted.

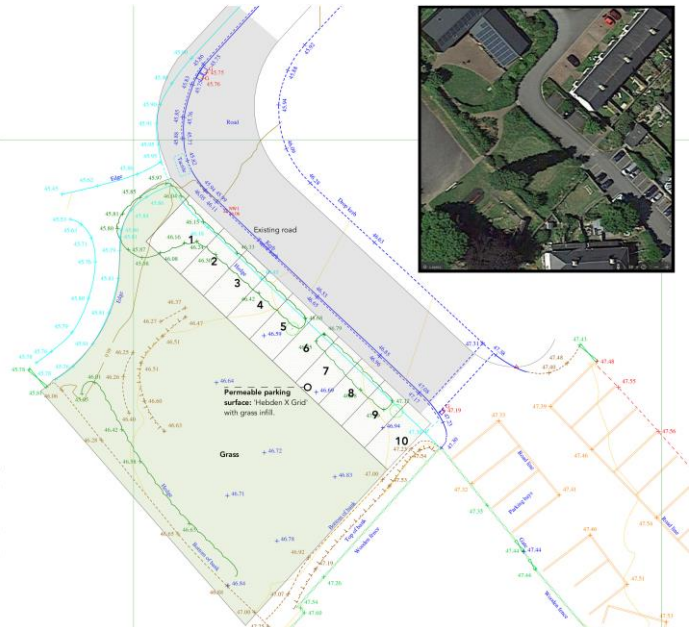
Members of public who attended the public meeting unanimously voted that, yes, they would like to see a village square being created in front of the school and Church entrance, which is currently largely used as a parking area.

This is an image of the square that was produced for discussion at the time -



(Please note that this is an artist's impression and, although planters would be in place to separate people from vehicles, it will not be possible to plant trees on the square. Planters at the Church entrance would be moveable to enable access.)

This is a plan produced to show how parking for displaced vehicles may be provided at the Village Hall -



(Please note that this is an early design for parking, and it may be better to create nine slightly wider spaces and not extend to the full width. Any hedging would be transplanted if possible or replaced along the new boundary).

Since October 2022 the council has been working hard to sort out everything that would be needed to make a village square possible, including negotiations with Devon County Council and Teign Housing, and establishing the cost of every step.

It was firmly established at the public meeting that, to allow the formation of a village square, alternative parking would need to be provided for displaced vehicles. It would be possible to provide this as an extension to the parish council car park. However, getting to the land would require the purchase of the pavement from Teign Housing, who arranged for it to be valued at the council's request, and the cost is included in the table below. The purchase of the land would allow the council to provide nine or 10 parking bays although, of course, parking for approximately eight vehicles would be lost from the square, leaving a balance of one or two additional parking spaces.

The council obtained quotes and costs as follows:

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| DCC | Cost of implementing a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) | £3,000 |
| DCC | Application for a license to place seating on the land | |
| Teign Housing | Purchase of land in Kings Close Field | £4,500 |
| Contractor | Formation of parking bays: | |
| | Parking area | £5,865 |
| | Adjust footpath | £4,628 |
| | Reinstatement of kerb | £1,616 |
| | Purchase of benches and planters | £1,500 |
| TOTAL | | £21,109 |

The council is keen, now that costs are known, to hear from all parishioners about whether you want the project to progress, ie whether you feel that the formation of a village square is worth the cost, likely to now be in the region of **£25-30,000**. This funding will need to be raised, possibly via crowd funding, donations and/ or a loan.

If the project doesn't proceed, it will be possible for the village to continue to use the square as it is currently, ie for parking for most of the time, but with the option to clear the square of vehicles for village events, as has occurred in the past.

Please let the council know your view, or any short constructive comments, by emailing clerk@broadhempston-pc.gov.uk or by leaving this letter, with the question below answered, at the Community Shop:

Do you support the proposal for the parish council to undertake the work and pay the costs for the formation of a village square?

YES/ NO (please circle your answer)

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| Comments | |
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Thank you from Broadhempston Parish Council