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**RE: Parking issues and possible solutions St Mary's School, Mortimer**

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Thank you Graham and New Year greetings too.

Thank you for sending through those photos , they are extremely useful and I can use them to show to the Maintenance Team that the refresh still needs to be done and that they hadn't completed it.

With regards to the additional restrictions they are at the stage of being on the ever increasing list of sites that need to be consulted on for permanent restrictions and the time scale is regrettably still at 18 months as the last 9 months have been tied up with schemes considered a greater priority by others that then needed immediate attention so we haven't been able to progress through the list as we had hoped.

Regards  
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Gareth

Belated HNY...

Danielle has forwarded your email below to me.

### Existing markings

I believe that the maintenance team did a re-paint at the tail end of last year. There are two issues – first, the paint has lasted a couple of months if that (wrong paint, wrong preparation,

wrong time of year?) and, second, they only did a small part of a much larger whole.

See the photos (from the east to the west: Gordon Palmer Close, then Blewburton Close, then The Street between GPC and Blewburton (1) and between Blewburton and Pitfield Lane (2, 3 & 4), then Pitfield – the only new paint was on the corner of Pitfield Lane/The Street and you can see what state that is already in.

## New restrictions

When you say the restrictions have been identified, do you mean that they are on a list for consideration, or that they have been agreed as being necessary and are now waiting to be carried out? I recall that you said that WBC would need to consult, so if it's the former when does this all kick off (see below - last February you indicated 18 months, so I presume that it's 7 at the most now)?

All the best

Graham

### Graham Bridgman, Vice-Chairman

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Thank you Danielle for your E mail and New Year Greetings to you all at the Parish Council.

When I last asked our Maintenance Team back in November last year if all the refreshing of lining along The Street had been completed they stated it had and there wasn't any need for them to go out and do any more.

I will be honest and say I haven't myself been out to check so if there is anything outstanding that yourselves know about please let me know and I will take it up for you.

Additional restrictions on the carriageway in that whole vicinity of the School have already been identified and are included on our long list of future schemes to do.

With over 200 such schemes waiting and with some a greater priority I am afraid all I can say is sorry this will be done eventually but as to exactly when I can't say.

Regards  
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Dear Gareth,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a great holiday season.

I'm writing to introduce myself as Lynn's replacement as the new Clerk for SMPC. I have been asked to establish whether the repainting of the double yellow lines has been completed, as they have recently been reported as faded.

Additionally, I would appreciate your guidance on the process for extending the double yellow lines further up the street from Pitfield Lane, as well as between Church Farm Barns and Church Lane. This request aims to address safety concerns during school pick-up and drop-off times, where street parking has led to limited passing spaces, which has resulted in several complaints from the community.

Thank you in advance for your assistance, and I look forward to hearing from you.

With kind regards,

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Lynn

Thank you for your E mail.

I have asked our Maintenance Team to refurbish the faded and missing lining along The Street and the faulty sign has been reported to a Colleague who is currently speaking to the manufacturer about other signs in the area so it will be added to the list of sites to be repaired.

Additional restrictions have already been included on our list of sites to be assessed but as mentioned at the meeting there is quite a few schemes already on the list so the waiting time for new restrictions is currently 18 months or so.

I have spoken to our Road Safety Officer about the advisory 20 mph flashing signs and that is currently being looked into. It may be the existing sign is replaced with a newer style of sign and again as mentioned at the meeting any contribution from yourselves may accelerate this replacement.

Finally I have asked Volkars about a discounted cost for the APM to be done all at the same time and when they get back to me I will let you know what they saw.

As the existing yellow lining is the responsibility of Maintenance it would be easier to deal with the APM separately.

Regards  
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Dear Gareth,

Further to the site meeting held on 18 January looking at the parking concerns at St Mary's School, Mortimer, the issues raised - and potential solutions - were discussed by our Roads, Footpaths and Commons Committee on 1 February.

It was reported that, during the site meeting and as per Graham's meeting notes attached, several actions and possible solutions to the issues were discussed and I'd like to confirm that:

1. You will be arranging for the refurbishment of the faded yellow lines (in our view the lines needing attention are the double yellow lines on the corners of/between Gordon Palmer Close, Blewburton Close, and Pitfield Lane).
2. You are considering fixing the east facing solar-powered flashing school sign which is currently not functioning.

In addition, we would like WBC to consider:

3. Introducing additional parking restrictions opposite the entrance to Mortimer Lane to connect the double yellow lines between Church Farm Barns and Church Lane.
4. Introducing additional parking restrictions to extend the yellow lines from Pitfield Lane up The Street towards the pedestrian crossing.
5. Introducing a 20mph school-time only advisory speed limit.

The Committee also considered the refurbishment of the access protection markings (white lines in front of dropped kerbs). Whilst we appreciate that it is generally the responsibility of the resident to pay for such marking – and the current cost is £250.00 per line – would you/your colleagues kindly consider whether this could be undertaken at a reduced rate if all four\* existing lines (\*\*plus the missing one if the residents agree) could be undertaken together (and at the same time as the faded yellow lines are refurbished?). If so, what would a reduced rate look like?

(\*There are currently six entrances with dropped kerbs (including shared ones) between Church Farm Barns and Gordon Palmer Close. One (Greensleeves, aka 2 The Street) is covered by the double yellow lines on the corner of Gordon Palmer Close. Of the other five, one – The Old Police

House – doesn't have a white line\*\*. The rest – 1 The Street/the new house on the old Fire Station site, The Forge/Foudry Down, Hatherley/Two Hoots, and Church Farm Bungalow, all have faded lines in need of repainting.)

I can confirm that SMPC is prepared to consider contributing to/paying the cost of repainting the white lines if appropriate (/following discussions with residents), particularly if the overall cost can be reduced.

Thanks, and I look forward to hearing from you.

With kind regards,

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