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Parish Council Position Statement on Coach Parking

Regretfully there is now no dedicated parking for coaches in the village. The Parish Council has spent many hours in discussions with Cotswold District Council, Gloucestershire Highways, the Police and local businesses without reaching a solution that balances the needs of our residents, businesses and visitors.

The Parish Council's influence over this situation is very limited in that the Rissington Road Car Park is the property of the Cotswold District Council, the Station Road Car Park is the property of Bourton Vale Car Parking, whilst Gloucestershire Highways is responsible for keeping the roads and footpaths safe to use and for administering highway legislation (this includes on-street parking, yellow lining and traffic restrictions and signage).

The Parish Council has no direct influence over these organisations other than asking them to consider or reconsider their positions in trying to find a solution. Parish Council funds are limited and if any money was spent on trying to solve or reduce the coach parking problem, it would come from residents' precept and would trigger an increase in the Council Tax paid to the Parish Council.

We are continuing to discuss possible solutions with all parties to find a solution that meets the needs and satisfaction of the community as a whole, where the health and safety of residents and visitors is paramount.