

**Ordinary Meeting of Harberton Parish Council
Tuesday 14th April 2026**

Item 10 Bus Turning Circle

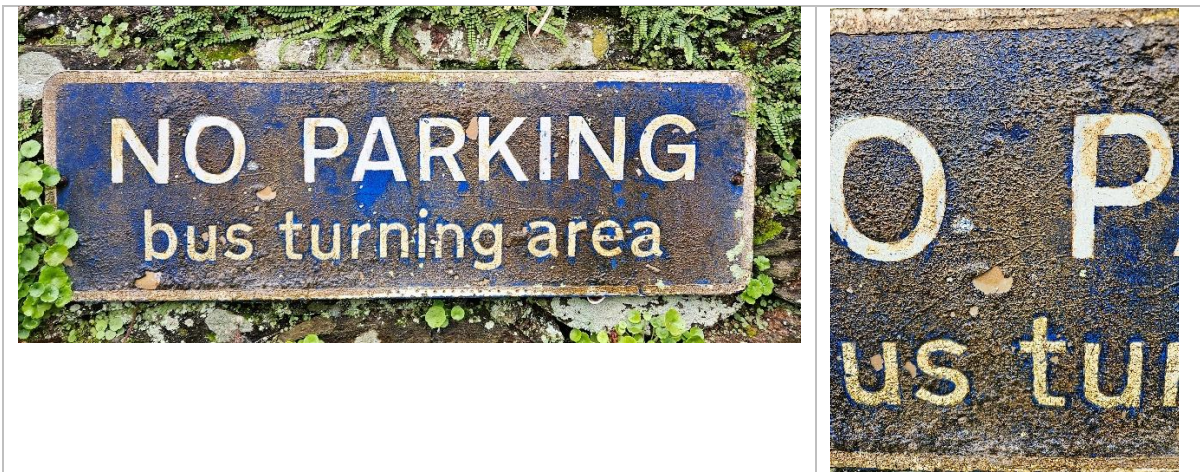
Following discussion at the previous meeting, notices were placed on social media and via the Harberton Village Circular to raise awareness of the difficulties faced by bus drivers accessing the bus stop and using the bus turning circle due to increases in parking around the bus stop and in the turning area itself. It was noted that if difficulties continued, there could be a loss of the service to the village.

The Clerk has received responses to the posts from members of the public that are presented to the Parish Council for consideration.

Comment 1:

A resident living within sight of the bus stop can confirm that bus drivers often have a problem. The resident has attempted to wash I tried to wash the two signs, to make 'No Parking' clearer to car/van owners, but has found that the paint is flaking off and lichen has grown in. (See pictures below)

Suggestion: Could the Parish Council press for new signs?



Comment 2:

Suggestion: the installation of a large banner at the bus turning point, similar to the one in Millbrook, Cornwall.

	<p>Their banner reads: ***No Parking, No Excuses. Parking here for a minute could delay emergency services and cause a death.***</p> <p>A similar banner at our location could emphasise that this area is designated for bus turning. It could state that obstructing this space may lead to accidents and hinder emergency services.</p>
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Given that some individuals continue to park there despite knowing it's a bus turning point, a prominent banner could serve as a deterrent. It might also discourage outside visitors and tradespeople from using the space improperly.

Thank you for considering this suggestion. I believe it could significantly enhance safety and accessibility.

Comment 3:

Suggestion: To pursue parking restrictions with Devon County Council:

- To ask Devon Highways to paint a yellow line from the left front of Arthur's house as far as the barn on his property, with a notice saying no parking between 07.45 - 16.0 hrs. weekdays, with penalties issued when broken.
- Also a yellow line beside Craig's house, so that it is illegal to park in that narrow gap.

Comment 4:

The village cannot afford to lose this bus service however meagre it may be. It seems to me that the PC needs to take a proactive approach to this issue.

Suggestion: that the PC should write (or leaflet drop) all houses around the bus stop and bus turning circle. Not everyone is on John Culf's email. I am sure that there will be many willing volunteers to post through letter boxes.

Comments from bus driver.

The Clerk has been in touch with the TallyHo! bus driver to ask if there have been any improvements since the notices have been circulated following the last meeting.

"Yes, collectively we have noted an improvement over the last couple of weeks. Its so stressful when you drive in as if it's blocked, it's a long tedious reverse fraught with risk not to mention the delay in getting to the next timed bus stop.

We really appreciate your input so thank you."