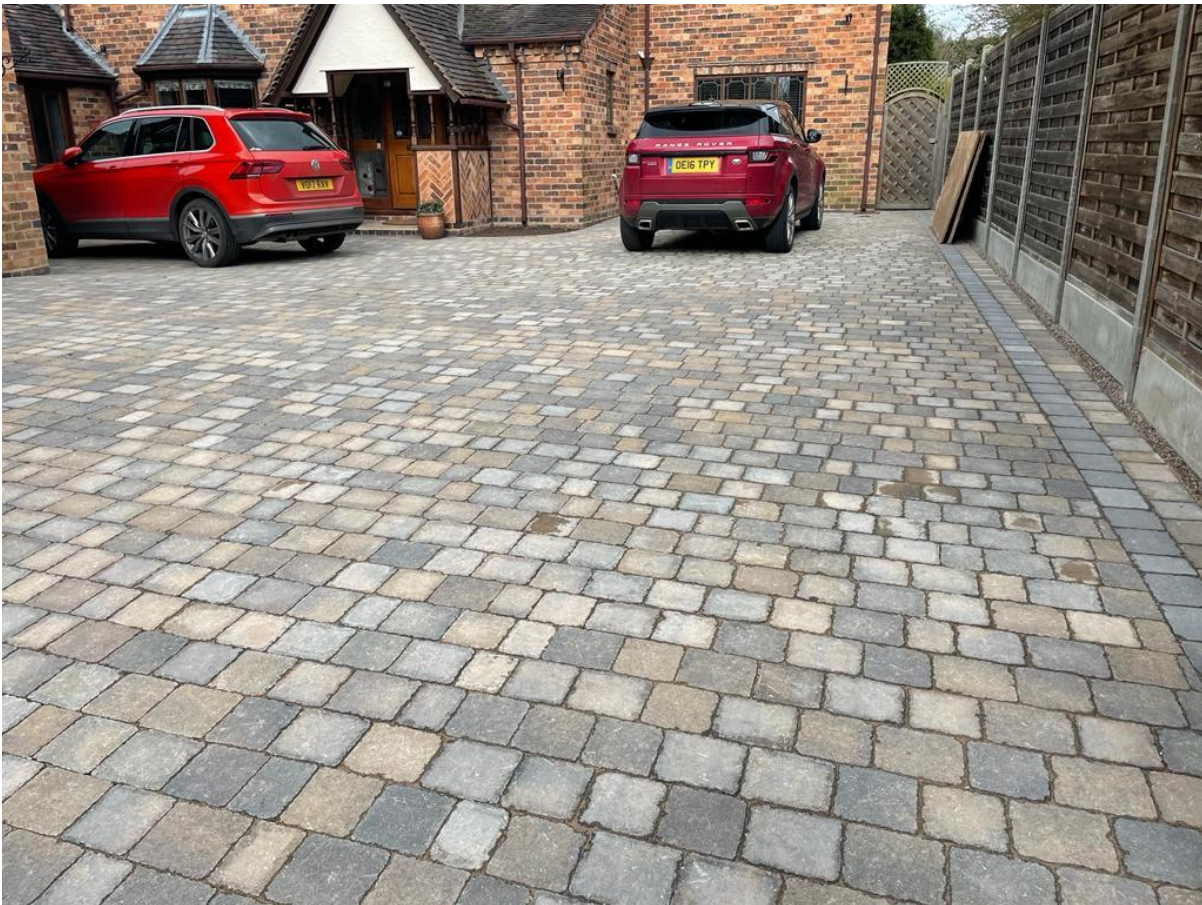


## **CAR PARK RESURFACING PROPOSAL**

The Management Committee have been working on providing a solid surface for the car park since receiving feedback that the current loose stone surface is an accessibility issue for some members of our community. The solid surface will also give other benefits to parents with pushchairs, delivery drivers who use cage trolleys and to volunteers who have to wheel the red mixed recycling bin to the roadside each week.

The surface options considered were, in order of increasing price, regular asphalt (commonly called tarmac), block paviers, resin bound (like some tennis court surfaces) and coloured asphalt. On a combination of durability, aesthetics with the surrounding area and price, the Committee decided that a good quality block paviour is the most suitable for our situation. On taking advice from suppliers, we propose the colour of the car park should be Bracken with a Charcoal border from the Tobermore Tegula Block range (tumbled to look more rustic), an example of which is pictured below.



The car park will be enlarged slightly with the lawn next to the laurel being taken into the car park to allow for three cars to park comfortably facing the café at the front. The space next to the laurel will be of disabled parking space size. The Committee have selected DriveCo Driveways Limited from three bidding companies. They are based relatively locally in Henley-in-Arden. Their price was the middle of the three at £14,380, but their engagement in coming up with the best overall solution and the subsequently taken references has given us more confidence than the lowest bidder. It was



DriveCo who suggested the enlarged car park layout and their method of dealing with the rainwater is more aesthetically appealing and imaginative.

At the AGM in March 2023, our Chair, Mike Tremellen, said to the members that the likely price of replacing the car park surface would be between £10,000 and £15,000. As this work is less than the high end of the range quoted, the Committee believe they have the member's mandate to spend this large amount of money. If any member believes that we should have a members' vote on the proposal then please let the Committee know.

The next steps are as follows:

1. The Committee would like to have feedback from members and neighbours about this proposal, particularly anyone who has any concerns. We can then take this feedback into account and make any modifications to the proposal before making the final decision.
2. We believe the resurfacing of the car park does not require planning permission but we are going to write to Stratford District Council to check this understanding.
3. We are going to exhaust all leads on any grants we can apply for to assist us with the costs of this work.

If you have read this far, thank you for your interest and continued support of our Community Shop and Café.

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