

Avebury Parish Council

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[Extra item to be ratified at 5 April meeting and added to APC's minutes of that meeting for our Plan B on proposed closure of Ridgeway over summer solstice 2016.]

At its meeting on 30 March 2016, the Parish Council agreed that:

In view of proposed changes in the management of Stonehenge at solstice and policing at Avebury, together with the possibility of the National Trust of applying for a temporary TRO on the Ridgeway in 2016, the Parish Council believes it is essential that there is a need for a comprehensive plan to prevent the risks perceived by the National Trust and the Police on the Ridgeway, and other additional risks, being displaced and harming others anywhere else in the Parish.

The Parish Council agreed that:

1. the National Trust be requested to employ specialist contractors to safeguard the welfare of people in the Parish affected by the consequences of the Trust's decision if it decides to apply for a TRO to close the Ridgeway.
2. the Parish Council request Wiltshire Council to draw up a temporary TRO that includes provisions to ban waiting, except by permit holders, on any road or by-way in the Parish:
 - i. 24 hours a day on the same dates as the Ridgeway is closed/over the solstice period
 - ii. or alternatively at night-time, between the hours of [10.00pm and 5.00am?] on the same days
 - iii. and that the Parish Council would accept the advice of experts at Wiltshire Council on which option to implement.
3. the police and Wiltshire Council provide sufficient officers/staff to enforce regulations and ensure a peaceful solstice.
4. the Parish Council work with solicitors offering assistance on a voluntary basis on issues and potential solutions.
5. the Parish Council work with residents and others to take action by, for instance, parking vehicles strategically on roads and by-ways to deny parking by those displaced from the Ridgeway.
6. the Parish Council work with owners of land and buildings to prevent incursions on to private land.
7. before and after photos be taken of areas that may attract informal occupation in 2016 so that an accurate record of the impacts of displacement from the Ridgeway can be provided for the management of solstice in 2017.
8. the Parish Council should publicise its arrangements as widely as possible in concert with others to deter displacement.

5 April 2016