

Sutton Parish Council

The Glebe Community Centre
Car Park & Driveway
refurbishment



The Glebe: The Background

- In 2006 purchased and refurbished the old church hall and cottage
- Created a new village community centre



- A well used major addition to village facilities
- Hosts the Parish Office, a large hall & meeting rooms

The Driveway and Car Park

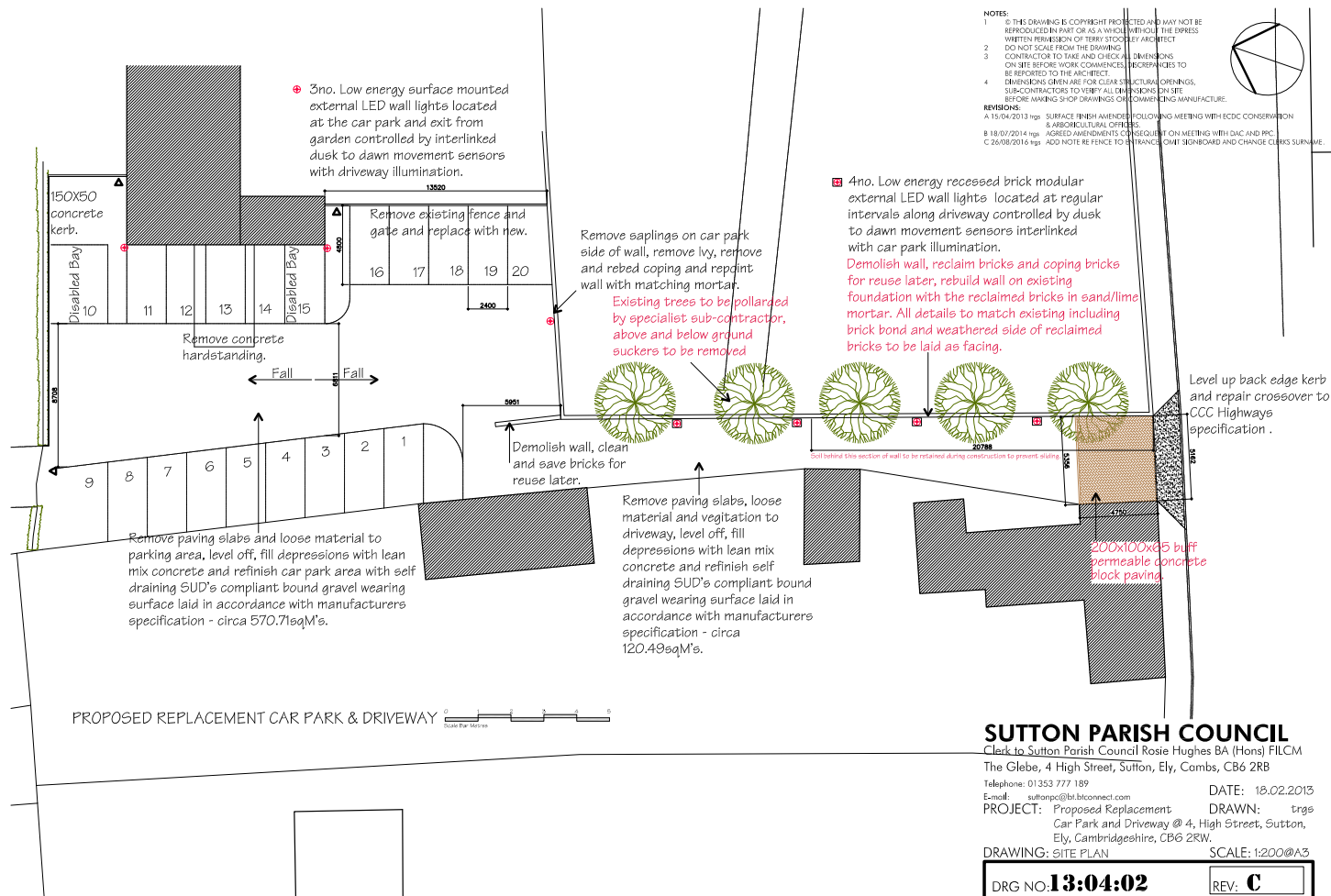
- Funding did not allow for upgrading the external facilities, including the driveway and carpark
- Driveway provides access to the Glebe and the parish burial ground with a car park for users
- Heavily used on a daily basis but becoming increasingly unsuitable
- Car parking area is restricted



Key Issues to Address

- Gravel driveway unsuitable for regular use
- Access difficulties for wheel chair users and push chairs
- Boundary wall bowing and starting to collapse becoming unsafe
- Car parking area not able to be fully utilised
- No night time lighting for pedestrians
- Issues with underground drains and tree roots

The Plan



The Challenges

- Located in the village conservation area
- Planning application needed to be submitted
- Agreement and consent for tree works
- Approval from C of E Diocesan board required
- Tendering of works and selection of suitable contractors
- Needed to establish a funding package

The Timetable

Date	Action
June 2014	Planning application submitted to ECDC
August 2014	Planning permission granted by ECDC
September 2014	Letter of intent for faculty sent to Diocesan board
June 2016	Application for private faculty made
August 2016	Application for tree works and consent
August 2016	Application for grant (S106)
September 2016	Tendering of the contract
October 2016	Grant confirmed and contract awarded
November 2016	Work on drive and car park begins
February 2017	Work completed, new driveway and car park open

The Costs and Funding

- Total cost: £78,486.81
- ECDC Section 106 grant: £71,241.79
(Community Infrastructure)
- Parish Council Capital: £1,940.61
- Parish Council reserves: £5,304.41



The Result

- A high quality surfaced driveway and much improved more spacious car park
- A rebuilt boundary wall in front of pollarded and tidied trees
- Sensor switched night lighting
- A great result for Glebe users



