

The background image shows a road scene. On the right, there is a white rectangular sign with black text that reads 'WEAK RIDGE'. Below it is a circular sign with a red border and a white center, containing the text '2.25t mgw'. In the background, a person wearing a bright yellow high-visibility vest and a red helmet is visible, standing near a metal guardrail. The sky is overcast and grey.

PARADE CAR PARK SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

April 2025

Combe Martin Parish Council

Parade Car Park Safety Improvements Plan

The Plan

This Plan is designed to achieve various things. Firstly, it is designed to respond to the needs of the community - in this case the safety of the public using the car park. Secondly, it is designed to identify the issues and the route needed to be taken.

Part of Parade Car Park has relatively new blue fencing panels protecting pedestrians from the drop down onto the cliff and path below. The rest of the car park has a low stone wall or a stone wall with a seat to protect people from the drop.



The low wall, which is in poor condition varies in height from 65cm up to 80cm.



Parts of the other wall (with the seat built into it) are only 75cm high but it suffers from another major issue. People taking photos of friends/relatives with the sea view in the background tend to sit on the back of the seat, with their feet on the seat planks.



They seem unconcerned by the 6m (approx. 20') drop directly behind them onto the path below (see next page).



There is a similar drop on the other side of the low wall:



PLANNED WORKS

We will be dismantling the walls and replacing them with blue fencing panels like the ones already in place around the rest of the car park.

FINANCES

The Parish Council agreed to a budget of £9000 in the 2025/26 council year.

PLANNING

The Council submitted a pre-planning application enquiry detailing the scheme planned. The advice received confirmed that these works fall under permitted development and do not require a planning application.

POWERS TO ACT

The Council can only act where it has a power or a duty to do so. The Council has the General Power of Competency, and these works would be covered by this Power.