

Milwich Action Committee

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Consolidated Workgroup Reports

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This document summarises the findings of the Parish Plan survey and is produced for use by the Milwich Action Committee and members of the Milwich with Fradswell Parish Council for the purposes of producing the Parish Plan.

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Introduction

In summer 2009 the Milwich Action Committee personally delivered questionnaires to every household in the Milwich Parish. Two questionnaires were delivered: one for the household and one to be completed by each person 16 or over in the household, the Individual Survey.

At the time, there were 160 occupied properties that received questionnaires, returns were collected from 126 households, a 79% return. A total of 238 Individual surveys were returned corresponding to 92% of the notified population.

Several weeks were then spent correlating the data and entering it into a computer for detailed analysis, there were in excess of 53,000 data points and a further 804 comments collected and correlated. Following a further round of data checking, a summary of the results was prepared.

In November 2009 a public Open Morning was held, a summary of the results from the questionnaires was presented and further feedback solicited. This meeting was well attended; in excess of 50 parishioners viewed the results. There were a number of people who volunteered to assist with further stages of the analysis work and with the production of the Parish Plan.

Following this meeting a number of workgroups were established, each group worked on a topic for later inclusion in the Plan. This report is an amalgamation of all the reports from these workgroups. It is intended as a working document for MAC and the Parish Council as we finalise the Parish Plan document. It should be read in conjunction with the summary results of the questionnaires.

On behalf of the MAC, I would like to thank all the volunteers who assisted as part of the workgroups and in the preparation of this document.

Any questions regarding this document can be addressed to the undersigned in the first instance.

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1. Parish Environment

Summary

It was gratifying that a very high number (90%) of respondents were satisfied with the appearance of the Parish although it was felt that Milwich would benefit from the planting of trees and bulbs which would add some colour to the village, 59% said they were prepared to help with the planting. Street lighting was generally perceived as adequate, although there were some problem areas.

Concerns and Issues

Pavements are perceived as a big problem with getting on for half (42%) of respondents indicating more pavements needed. Most comments were directed at the dangers from traffic (particularly heavy goods vehicles) on the B5027 through the village and all the way up to Green Lea School a smaller percentage were concerned about the lack of pavements from the Green Man up to the Church.

Public Footpaths and Bridleways, whilst fairly well used, 33% of respondents felt they were not adequately maintained. There were 41 comments, mostly concerned about overgrown and badly maintained stiles and footpaths

The Playground in centre of Milwich engendered many comments (40). Respondents feeling there were problems with maintenance, dog fouling, lack of seating and inadequate signposting. 69% felt the entrance should be improved and that the facilities in general needed improvement.

There was support for Milwich entering the Best Kept Village competition (67%) of respondents.

30% of respondents saw Fly-Tipping as a problem. Main areas seen to be Potmans Lane, Sandon Lane, and Brick Kiln Pits although judging from the comments it can happen anywhere in the Parish.

A big majority of respondents (82%) felt enough was being done to encourage Wildlife in and around the Parish although some improvements could be made.

Nearly half of respondents were not aware of the facility for fishing at Brick Kiln Pits.

The question about quality of Service from various Organisations was seen as between average to good.

Solutions

Pavements: It is considered that little could be done on the B5027 through the village due to lack of available space. However, the possibility of a route to the school using existing footpaths across fields could be investigated. Staffordshire County Council footpaths officer has reviewed this and we are awaiting a response. Sustrans could be approached regarding funding for this.

Public Footpaths and Bridleways: A new bridge has been installed; eight new stiles and several stile refurbishments have already been done following contact with SCC Footpaths Officer by the MAC working group. In addition, repair work has been

carried out by the footbridge over the Brook to prevent further erosion of the banks. Further investigation and a survey will be carried out to identify additional work required. A local footpath maintenance group could be considered, working in conjunction with the SCC Footpaths Officer and the Ranger Service.

Playground in centre of Milwich: Much greater investigation needed into this major issue.

Wildlife: Although not seen as a major issue there is, from the comments, obviously a lot of enthusiasm for encouraging wildlife in the Parish. This could include the provision of nesting boxes for a variety of birds and bats and the provision and protection of habitat for local wildlife. A village website and the Compass magazine could be used to establish and maintain a Milwich Wildlife Group.

Actions

Groups need to be set up either by the Parish Council or Milwich Action Committee or preferably a combination of both to discuss and investigate possible solutions to the very real concerns expressed by Milwich Parishioners and highlighted in the questionnaires

Concerning:-

- Pavements
- Public Footpaths & Bridleways – possibly Adopt a Footpath scheme
- Playground in the centre of Milwich

With consideration also given to:-

- Fly-Tipping
- Wildlife

These working groups to meet and deliberate through the summer and report back in the autumn.

2. Housing and Development

In the following commentary reference will be made to the supporting evidence from the Household (H) or Individual (I) Questionnaires. Thus (IQ27) refers to the replies to Question 27 on the Individual Questionnaire.

The two questionnaires asked for answers to specific questions but also invited comments on particular matters. These comments are vital to the survey and should be considered on the basis that they highlight problems and issues of concern to parishioners, but cannot be measured in terms of popular support.

Summary

The results of the Questionnaires (Household and Individual) provide essential statistical support for the Borough Council and Parish Council in planning for the future development of the village as this is the first time that such information has become available. The opinions of parishioners must be reconciled with the policies of the Borough Council and the Government to provide a sustainable plan for the future.

Analysis of the Questionnaires indicates that, while there is no overwhelming support for any substantial development within the Parish, there is strong evidence of positive local need for specific types of accommodation on a very limited scale. The survey quantifies these needs with very valuable individual comments included in the returns to support and expand on these requirements.

The general opinion is that Milwich is a very desirable place to live but that more needs to be done to accommodate those families and individuals, as their needs change with time, so that they can remain in the Parish without having to move elsewhere. This must be achieved without destroying the essential character of the village and surrounding area.

Also, it is considered that more needs to be done to make the village more colourful and attractive to visitors and people passing through the district (covered in Parish Environment).

There seems to be a requirement for a wider variety of properties as currently these are mainly detached houses and barn conversions. This suggests a limited local need for low-cost smaller properties to suit young couples wanting starter homes, including some to rent or purchase on a shared ownership basis. At the other end of the scale there is a need for retirement bungalows for older couples wishing to downsize from larger detached houses, leaving those properties available for others wishing to move up the property ladder.

Concerns and Issues

Survey results

Nearly one third of respondents ticked the box for wanting no new housing development in the Parish over the next 20 years (IQ27). The number favouring a review of the RDB (following further consultation) was 111, those not wanting a review was 43 (IQ28).

There was support for:

- “continuing the strategy adopted in previous years for barn conversions and limited building within the boundary” (IQ29). This policy has provided 10 new dwellings (new-build and barn conversions) in the Parish during the last ten years.
- “the development of smaller more affordable houses, or housing association properties, for our children or younger families” (IQ30)
- “the development of retirement homes in the Parish, to enable residents to down size when they retire” (IQ34) 96 respondents expressed a need for retirement homes to allow for downsizing, presumably from larger detached homes. Of course this raises further issues with transport, accessibility of shops and medical facilities etc. – all covered in a different section of the report.

It must be noted that one third of the respondents wished to see new houses built during the next 20 years, to bring new people into the community (IQ31).

There is evidence of people having left the Parish because of lack of affordable housing as well as because of lack of suitable housing (HQ3). In part this is caused by high local property prices but also it suggests that the variety of existing properties is too narrow.

Over 1 in 4 of families responding indicated a need for some or all of the family to find alternative accommodation within the next five years (HQ4). Nearly everyone in this group said that they would like to stay in the Parish if they could find suitable property (HQ8). When asked what type of property was required 75% opted for outright purchase, with just a small number favouring rented, and only a very small minority looking for shared ownership (HQ6).

A sizeable number of respondents indicated that they were looking for alternative accommodation for the whole family, or for their sons and daughters, with a small number saying that only the parents were wanting to move (HQ5).

Of those wishing to move there was a fairly uniform spread of needs between flats, bungalows, 2 bedroom and 3 bedroom houses (HQ7).

Comments from respondents

1. Desirability of Milwich as a ‘good place to live’

Many residents offered the view that Milwich is a desirable place to live. As such it is essential that any planned future developments add onto this attractiveness, and do nothing to destroy the way of life of current residents.

2. Need for Development

The survey suggests a more varied range of property is needed to meet local needs. Any new proposals need to be assessed as to how they satisfy the perceived needs of local residents, both in quality and variety. Residents do not want development just for the sake of it. Any development should be in proportion to the existing scale of the Parish, large developments are opposed.

3. Importance of not spoiling the Parish

Our parish and village is a lovely rural area and a beauty spot of the county. The rural nature must be maintained and enhanced, any development must be sympathetic to the existing heritage.

4. Importance of meeting local needs

There is support for the suggestion that development in the Parish should take account of local need including the needs of the farming community. There seems to be a requirement for a variety of different sized houses, bungalows and even a small number of flats, to meet the lifetime needs of people as they grow up, marry, have children and move on to retirement.

5. Barn Conversions

Concern was raised regarding the restrictions imposed on barn conversions by Stafford Borough which seem unnecessarily restrictive.

Solutions

There is no call for any large-scale development in Milwich and any new sites should be limited to 2 or 3 units. The overall emphasis needs to be on preservation of Milwich, much as it is today, whilst allowing for some growth to take place.

The strategy adopted in previous years for barn conversions and limited building within the boundary should continue at a similar overall rate, and the RDB should be retained but with some minor extensions. Perhaps a secondary RDB could be drawn to cover other areas of the Parish, where there is already a hamlet.

The above review of the RDB would compensate for the inevitably diminishing supply of agricultural buildings suitable for conversion to residential. Also, the Borough Council policy is to prefer barn conversions to be for business rather than residential use.

Any new development should take into account local needs.

There is need for greater variety of new properties, whether new-build or barn conversions, to provide, for example:

- a small number of flats
- some 2/3 bedroom inexpensive homes for young couples
- several moderately sized bungalows for couples currently living in larger detached homes, whose families have moved out.

Actions including responsibility and timescales

Any review of the RDB needs very careful consideration by Milwich Parish Council, Stafford Borough Council, and **must** take account of the opinions of residents at every stage.

3. Traffic

Summary

A good response rate (85% to 97%) was returned, there were also a large number of comments and suggestions. 63% of respondents believe speeding to be a problem and that weight restrictions should be imposed across the parish. There is a need to manage traffic in a way that is appropriate to the road function, situation and local needs.

Concerns and Issues

63% of respondents think that speeding is a problem in the village and the parish, 52% of respondents would like to see additional speed restrictions introduced. The comments highlighted that the B5027 was where there was most speeding traffic.

Respondents suggested additional speed restrictions in the following locations; Sandon Lane, Garshall Green Lane, Potmans Lane, The Allways and Wallbrook Lane.

The comments included a number of suggestions to address speeding traffic, some of these are:

- the use of chicanes
- speed bumps
- road narrowing
- introducing a 20mph speed limit
- enforcement of the current speed limits

64% of respondents agreed that there were major danger spots on the roads in the parish and from the comments received the following areas were specifically mentioned:

- The Green Man junction
- Ivy Hurst Farm blind bend
- Wheatsheaf corner
- The Allways
- Huxley Croft entrance

Community Speedwatch: 56% of the respondents had been aware of this scheme and 1 in 5 of the respondents are prepared to assist in a new Speedwatch program.

63% of respondents would support weight restrictions on the B5027 and other highways in the Parish. Concerns were raised about the speed and size of vehicles and that they are overweight for our roads. Many are unsuitable for the narrow winding rural highway network.

Between 55% and 58% of respondents were happy with the condition of the verges and roads. A number of respondents, 16%, believe that there is a parking problem in the parish.

Solutions

The introduction of traffic calming measures to encourage drivers to respect the speed limit and /or the introduction of a lower speed limit.

Introduction of weight restrictions on selected roads across the parish.

There is a need to manage speed in a way that is appropriate for the road function and local characteristics. This is particularly important for rural roads, as nationally 58% of road deaths occur on rural roads. In Staffordshire 69% of road deaths occur on our rural network. (DfTpub 01/2006).

Actions including responsibility and timescales

PC/MAC to liaise with Highways Authority regarding the concerns raised by parishioners through the questionnaires, to seek resolution on the main issues of speeding and the poor/dangerous condition of some roads.

Investigate the possibility of reintroducing the Speedwatch programme and to develop an approach that enables road users to respect any speed limits and weight restrictions that may be relevant across the parish.

4. Transport

Summary

The majority of respondents have access to a private motor vehicle and a small percentage of respondents experience transport difficulties in getting to or from Milwich to other places. The bus service is rated poor by those who use it.

Concerns and Issues

95% of respondents have access to a private motor vehicle that is used on a regular basis and 25 respondents (11%) do experience transport difficulties to or from Milwich to other places. Those who do use the bus service rated the route, frequency of timetable, reliability and cost as being poor. Between 41% and 48% of respondents would use the bus service if it was more reliable, had better timetabling or a more frequent service at the weekend.

Comments reflected that people in the parish still had to get into Milwich village to use the bus service and that the routes provided are limited and do not serve Stafford or Uttoxeter directly. Also the timetable made it difficult to use for GP/dentist and other appointments or for commuting purposes.

If a voluntary transport scheme were to exist in Milwich 35 respondents (17%) would use it and 28 respondents (14%) would be prepared to help provide this service.

Solutions

An integrated policy for the provision of public transport within the parish is required, which should reach outlying parts of the parish and provide links to railway stations at commuter times.

Consider using sponsored transport to enable parishioner's access to major facilities.

Actions including responsibility and timescales

PC/MAC to liaise with local bus companies and the BC to investigate the viability of providing improved bus services to other centres such as Stafford and Uttoxeter. Alternatively investigate the possibility of working with local companies e.g. supermarkets for the provision of transport to shops.

5. Education and Lifelong Learning

Summary

13% of the Population fall within the 0-16 Age Bracket.

A very high percentage of the respondents (95%) are happy with the schooling facilities in the area. The majority of comments relating to Green Lea School are positive, and the school enjoys the active support of the community.

Adult Education Courses appear popular, with support for Computing and Gardening the most popular. Other popular suggestions are Keep Fit and Photography

Concerns and Issues

Education:

A number of respondents were concerned as to the small size of Green Lea, and the fact that it is unable to provide before and after school care. The survey clearly indicates that there is a need for enhanced facilities to make Green Lea more attractive to all parishioners.

Lifelong Learning:

Demand for Education in Computing and Gardening rank highest in the survey, but demand exists for courses in Photography and Keep Fit.

Solutions

Education:

Work with the LEA and Green Lea School to discuss any plans for Pre/Post School care and gain an understanding of Government Policy in this regard.

Lifelong Learning:

Investigate availability of New Courses, and seek to analyse the popularity of existing provision.

Develop a Marketing Plan to promote existing and potentially new courses using the Parish Magazine etc.

Ask the Produce Guild if they would be willing to assist in the creation of Gardening Courses

Establish whether the County Council could assist in providing Computing Courses.

6. Leisure and Recreation

Summary

The survey found that the leisure and recreational facilities for most groups were reasonably well catered for (>63%) However, only 37% of respondents felt that Teenagers were adequately catered for.

On average, around 50% of the respondents were aware of the various local activities, the Pub Activities and the Church Activities being the most popular.

Positive comments were made regarding the New Youth Club.

Concerns and Issues

There is perhaps a lack of awareness of facilities and Events available to the Parishioners in Milwich.

A high number of comments and suggestions were made (61) to the questions in this section, together with the results from the questions, the main concerns and issues can be summarised as

- Lack of activities for teenagers
- Village Play Area needs improvement
- No area for Sport (football, cricket etc)
- Lack of Keep fit Classes or Sports Clubs
- Many would like to see greater use of the village hall

Solutions

- Produce a consolidated list of activities and publish via Mail/Internet/Email
- Promote Youth Club
- Promote community sporting event
- Investigate promotion of Keep Fit Classes.
- Check status of funds for the Village Play area.

7. Social and Community

Summary

This section had a good response to all questions. The majority of people feel they get sufficient information about the Parish. The Compass magazine clearly forms the major route of information followed by word of mouth. There is a high usage of the Internet and Broadband. There is a positive wish for a Parish website. The Church remains important for the Parish.

Concerns and Issues

The results show that the existing Notice Board is not successful as a method of communicating information and this needs to be improved. However, only 20% wished for additional Notice Boards.

The use of the Internet is high but the speed of this service is an issue. This was also highlighted in the Quality of Services Section.

75% of respondents felt there should be a Parish Website.

All Saints Church is recognised as important both as a building and for major life events such as Christenings, Weddings, Funerals and the main Christian holidays. There are suggestions and comments on improvements and additional use.

Solutions

The existing Notice Board could be improved and its location/ lighting should be reviewed.

A Parish Web site should be established and maintained regularly.

The Church could take on some additional activities.

Actions

The Comments concerning Notice Boards should be analysed and it should be established if there are any improvements that can be made (e.g. lighting the Board at the Village Hall). This information has already been reported to the Parish Council in Jan 2010 for action. In particular, the Parish Council could improve on its own communication as shown by the response to question 104 where many respondents felt the Parish Council communicated its decisions and activities below average/ poorly.

It is clear that a Parish Website is seen as useful. A Parish Website is therefore being developed along with proposals for its regular maintenance. Ongoing funding will be requested from the Parish Council (approx £50 per year).

Regarding Church activity the information and results from the questionnaire have already been passed to the PCC and the PCC is looking at ways in which the wishes of Parishioners could be recognised and whether additional uses for the Church can be found.

8. Quality of Services

Summary

The Quality of Services were all rated Average to Good with the exception of Mobile Telephone coverage and the Internet which were Poor to Average. 54 out of 126 households responded that they wanted mains gas and 50 were prepared to pay to have it installed.

Concerns and Issues

Although most Services were rated well the following main issues were raised in the comments received:

Electricity: Some interrupted supply.

Water: Poor quality and bad taste to Mains water.

Sewerage: A wish for some households to be connected.

Telephones: Mobile phone coverage in the Village is a problem.

Internet: Speed of Broadband and connectivity is a problem.

Heating Fuels: High Cost and lack of choice in particular with LPG fuel.

Postal Service: Some criticism of current service.

Refuse Collection: Collection a problem at times of bad weather.

Recycling: Waste food recycling was raised as an issue.

Mains Gas connection would be preferred by 54 households.

Solutions:

As Milwich is a small village in a difficult terrain, coverage for mobile phones is bad.

The only solution will come from the providers deciding to improve their coverage.

The problem with speed of broadband needs to be looked at to establish if it is improvements are possible and ultimately whose responsibility it is to do this.

Other issues of Service would have to be resolved by communicating the information to the responsible provider.

Gas could be connected but only if the responsible body decides it is viable.

Actions

Existing mobile phone coverage should be surveyed and network providers contacted to discuss the problem and establish future plans.

Responsibility: MAC to contact Network Suppliers to establish what can be done.

Action by June 2010.

Broadband speed: A working group should establish the current situation and report back on what can be done. Report by June 2010.

Other Service issues: MAC to contact the individual service providers including gas all the issues that have been raised by the questionnaire and report back by June 2010.

9. Health and Social Care

Summary

Three quarters of the respondents don't know whether the needs of the elderly and disabled are catered for in Milwich. Less than 10% thought that their needs were met. There is considerable support for a GP's surgery. Grid references have been used when contacting the Emergency Services but half the households do not know their grid reference. Satisfaction with the Emergency Services; the Ambulance and Fire Brigade were rated highly but satisfaction with the Police is not so good, especially on Speed of Response.

Concerns and Issues

The needs for older and disabled people require more research in conjunction with all other areas of the plan (e.g. Housing and Development etc.).

The provision of a GP surgery would be beneficial to some, but may not prove practical or viable (see comments). An investigation of what could be provided should be undertaken.

It would seem that the use of grid references for the location of properties by the Emergency Services is variable. Only half the householders know where to find the grid reference of their property.

The 'Speed of Response' and the 'Quality of Service' provided by the Police falls below that of the other services. Most comments on the Emergency Services are related to the Police.

A 'First Responder' scheme in the area is considered to be beneficial by three quarters of the respondents.

Solutions

The needs of the older and disabled require further investigation, as to whether Milwich is providing sufficient support to these people. The survey indicates that 23% of the population is 65 or older.

Improve access to healthcare services within the Parish.

Re-issue Grid References to all households. Make sure that these are useful to and accepted by the Emergency Services. Investigate further the display of Grid References on properties.

Advise the Emergency Services of the feedback received in the Survey. Discuss issues specifically with the local Police Contact (in conjunction with the Crime Awareness section).

Provide a First Responder Service.

Actions

Set up a working group to investigate the needs of older and disabled residents, quantify needs and establish what is required. MAC by July 2010.

Working group to investigate the issues around the provision of bringing healthcare facilities to the village.

Establish with the Emergency Services whether Grid References are useful and also establish the best method of providing these (Parish Plan to include agreed action).

Provide feedback to the Emergency Services - MAC by April 2010 in conjunction with actions under Crime and Awareness.

Working Group to investigate the issues relating to a First Responder scheme, costs, coverage area, number of volunteers etc. By a MAC working group. A First Aid Course at the Village Hall may be a possible first step.

10. Economy and Tourism

Summary

A high percentage of respondents answered every question in this section. There was a lot of support for a local shop and three quarters of the respondents buy from farmers markets. About half of the respondents think that more tourism should be encouraged.

Concerns and Issues

A shop in Milwich would be well supported (96%); the question is, whether the population is sufficient for the maintenance of a viable shop. A local produce sale on a regular basis would be supported by 91% of respondents and may be a step in the direction of a shop in the longer term.

There is a need for leaflets to describe walks around Milwich; this might also contain information detailing the history of the parish and its buildings.

Agricultural businesses would like to diversify in some areas.

Solutions

The possibility of a regular produce sale such as those in local parishes should be investigated. Investigate the minimum population size to support a viable village shop. Even if Milwich is large enough, locating suitable premises may be a problem.

One comment suggested that leaflets describing walks already exist. This needs further investigation and then possible funding for leaflets should be investigated before content could be considered.

The various bodies which advise on agricultural diversification should be contacted for advice.

Actions

Workgroup to further the investigations above.

11. Crime Awareness

Summary

This section received a very high response in the questionnaire. In general it was good to see that people feel the Parish is a Safe or Very Safe place to live. Understandably people feel slightly less safe after dark. There was a lot of support for establishing a new neighbourhood watch scheme.

Concerns and Issues

Even though most people feel safe, the response to the question asking if anyone had been a victim of crime in the last 3 years was still 14% (at the time of the survey, Summer 2009). As crime can be so devastating it is important that anything that can be done to reduce this is clearly worth pursuing. Comments received showed personal experience of and concern over theft and burglary.

The Neighbourhood Watch Scheme (NHW) received high support both in the questionnaire and in the comments received.

66% of respondents do not know how to contact the Local Police/ Community Support Officer.

In the section on peoples experiences with Emergency Services; more people are happy than not with both the Response and Quality of Service of all three Emergency Services. However, people are significantly less happy with the Police than the other Services.

Background to previous NHW Scheme:

John Babb was the co-ordinator of the previous NHW scheme. This ran successfully for about 15 years. Initially this was encouraged by the Police who gave a presentation in the village and assisted in the setting up of the scheme. Literature and signs were provided. The scheme had 4 co-ordinators who lived in the Parish. The reason the scheme failed was the police put more demands on the co-ordinators and expected them to be available on call from 8 am to 10 pm. At the same time the actual response from the Police to any reports of incidents was very poor.

Solutions

A new Neighbourhood Watch Scheme could be reintroduced.

Parishioners could be better informed of current criminal activities and safe practice and tips for crime awareness. Some of these are already included in Compass. If a web site is set up this information could be included. Contact details needs to be issued for Local Police and Community Support Officer.

Actions

A working group should be established to report back to the MAC/PC on the feasibility of re-establishing a watch scheme. Consultation has already been started with the Police and the Milwich Local Community Officer. Most importantly it will need to be established if there are any volunteers to co-ordinate and run the scheme. More information on Crime awareness needs to be issued and included in a website.

Timescale: This working group should report back by June 2010.

If agreed and possible then a new scheme should be targeted to be in place for Autumn 2010.

12. Government

Summary

A very high percentage of respondents (>95%) answered every question in this section. Awareness of local government contacts was varied, there was a better knowledge of Parish and Borough Councillors than County Councillor and MP. It is clear that the communication of local issues needs improvement. A high percentage knew that Parish Council meetings are open to the public but much fewer people have attended a meeting.

Concerns and Issues

Parishioners have variable knowledge as to who are and how to contact their local government officers (Parish, Borough, County and National).

Nearly half of the survey respondents do not know how the Parish Council spend their precept money.

The Parish Council does not communicate its decisions well.

Solutions

Publish a contact list to every household, this could also include a description of the responsibilities at each tier of local government.

Inform parishioners about the way the Parish Council budget is allocated.

Parish Council improve distribution of information.

Actions

MAC to circulate a list of contacts (with permission from individuals) as part of other actions.

Parish Council provide a summary of how the precept is spent (could be distributed by MAC).

Parish Council to discuss how to improve the dissemination of information. Website is a possible option.