

Village Survey – the first results

Thanks to all those who attended the feedback meeting on November 13th – it was lively, with a very good turnout of 52 residents and all seven parish councillors.

Parish Councillors led the meeting, took notes, and presented the preliminary results of the survey. Attendees were reminded that in trying to meet the objectives, often all the Parish council can do is lobby –individual residents also need to report and lobby.

Order: Number in favour – Number against

| Order | Objectives | Votes |
|-------|---------------------------|-------|
| 1 | Re-route HGVs | 116 |
| 2 | Visitor Centre | 115 |
| 3 | Attractive village | 110 |
| 4 | Control holiday lets | 102 |
| 5 | Traffic calming | 100 |
| 6 | Improved public transport | 98 |
| 7 | Control vehicle noise | 97 |
| 8 | Control motorhomes | 93 |
| 9 | Reduce traffic volume | 76 |
| 10 | Flood equipment | 66 |

Firstly, the results of the tick box part of the survey were presented, where 18 topics were listed and residents were asked to say whether they were against, in agreement or neutral. Residents were also asked to choose their top first priorities. This analysis was based upon 132 surveys out of 136+ returned by the date of the meeting (some too late to make inclusion in the analysis). Two tables are shown here, with different ways of looking at the data.

Order: Number in top five priorities

| Order | Objectives | Votes |
|-------|-------------------------------|-------|
| 1 | Control holiday lets | 79 |
| 2 | Control motorhomes | 75 |
| 3 | Traffic calming | 66 |
| 4 | Re-route HGVs | 63 |
| 5 | Visitor Centre | 54 |
| 6 | Improved public transport | 52 |
| 7 | Control vehicle noise | 45 |
| 8 | Residents parking | 39 |
| 9 | Reduce traffic volume | 38 |
| 10 | Attractive village | 32 |
| 11 | habitat | 17 |
| 12 | Neighbourhood plan | 14 |
| 13 | Community events | 13 |
| 14 | Allotments | 12 |
| 15 | Energy saving initiatives | 11 |
| 15 | e-charging for residents | 11 |
| 15 | Flood equipment | 11 |
| 16 | Parish council communications | 2 |

Between 343 and 370 surveys were distributed which gives us a very good response of nearly 40%. Of those returned, 72 had additional comments, usually more than one, a total of 160 in all. Of the comments, the highest number were about campervan parking, then in descending order: on-street parking, holiday lets, traffic calming. These comments were both for and against, but generally supported the numerical data.

Following the presentations there was a Q&A session followed by refreshments and an opportunity to discuss and make further inputs to the survey issues with stick-it notes. Further analysis is needed of the data & the extra feedback from the meeting, and the results will be published in more detail early in 2024. In the meantime we will start to feed the obvious outcomes into the Parish Council's 3-year plan.