

Parish Plan Summary

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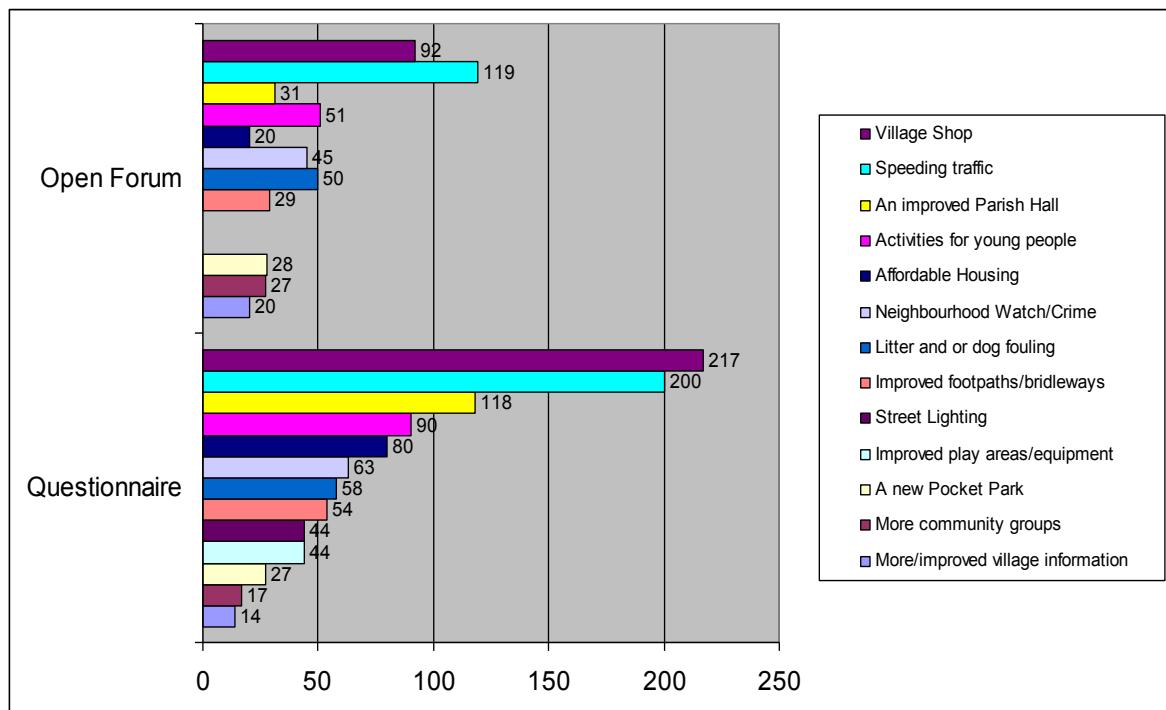
The Pattishall Parish plan report provides a record of the planning process completed in 2007. It documents needs, aspirations and opportunities, setting out how, as a community, we planned to achieve our objective:

To improve our Parish for everyone

Open Form and Questionnaire

371 questionnaires were returned - a response rate of 55%. 21% of respondents completed the questionnaire on-line.

The results, together with the input generated at the Open Forum were used to shape the Parish Plan and determine the long term objectives. A summary of the priorities is shown in the chart below.



Over the past five years most Parish Plan actions have been delivered or have been actively progressed and are on-going. For example the Parish Hall development committee are still pursuing funding to enable further development of the hall. (see details below).

Parish Plan Highlights

- Traffic speed watch
- Parish Hall Development
- Shop feasibility study
- Parish Website
- Environmental Survey
- Affordable Housing
- Neighbourhood Watch re-launch
- Bus service

These highlights represent some of the key achievements from the plan but there are many other, often small, actions that made a difference to the Parish. Not least the renewed community spirit that fostered the many groups and organisations that are active and well supported.

The most recent example is the very successful Jubilee Fete, an event that brought the whole community together and showed much that is good about the Parish.

Parish Hall Highlights



- Planning Application approved
- New kitchen
- New ceiling and lighting in main hall
- Pre-school outdoor area
- New Windows
- New play equipment

Development Fund: Making good progress – more than £40,000 secured through grants, donations and fund raising. Some has already been deployed to fund the improvements above but more money is needed to begin the extension.

Parish Plan 2

Although the Parish Plan has achieved many of its goals the process is now more than five years old. The original planning data from the questionnaire is too old to support grant applications, which generally require current data no more than three years old.

The introduction of new legislation (Localism Bill) together with the requirement to identify current needs suggests now is a good time to go back to the community with a new questionnaire. The resulting feedback can then form the basis of an updated Parish Plan (PP2).

The Localism Act (2011) requires Parish Councils to consider Neighbourhood Development Plans. As a first step South Northants Council intend to:

- Review existing village confines (boundaries)
- Identify areas of important green space

This strategy was outlined in March 2012 by Andy Darcy, (SNC Lead Officer, Planning Policy), when he addressed the Parish Council. He also suggested that before going down the route of a Neighbourhood Plan, we should consider an environment assessment, review village confines and gather as much information as possible including potential housing needs over the next 15 years.

When development is planned it should be carried out so that it is in harmony with its setting and contributes to the conservation and, where possible, enhancement of the local environment. The current Village Design Statements are a useful start point but they were prepared some years ago and could usefully be reviewed.

Potential Issues for PP2

As a pre-planning step the Parish Plan team prepared a stand for display the Jubilee Fete. The prime purpose was to provide an update on the progress of the current Parish Plan actions but it also provided the opportunity to introduce some of the new planning concepts and informally discuss current needs with parishioners who visited the stand.

There was much interest particularly the village confines maps and design statements that were on display. As a result of the feedback the following potential issues were identified as priorities to include in a revised questionnaire:

Bus Service

Play Areas - Booth Close

Broadband Speed

Environment

- Village Greens
- Footpaths/Bridleways
- Open spaces
- Need for off road parking
- Condition of village roads and repairs

Built Environment – Future Housing needs

- Affordable Housing
- Mid-price Housing
- Other Development

Renewable Energy

- Access to mains gas

Summary

The current Parish Plan has achieved many of its goals and needs to be refreshed to maintain momentum. Equally the steering group requires a new mandate and new members to continue the work to take the Parish forward to 2020

A Parish Plan 2 would be developed based on information from a new questionnaire and is likely to include Environment as a critical area of focus.

Recommendations

The Parish Council:

- Recognises the achievements of the current plan and formally brings that phase to closure
- Establishes a framework, terms of reference and objectives for Parish Plan 2
- Appoints a PC sub-committee to drive PP2



View from School Road towards the Nene Valley