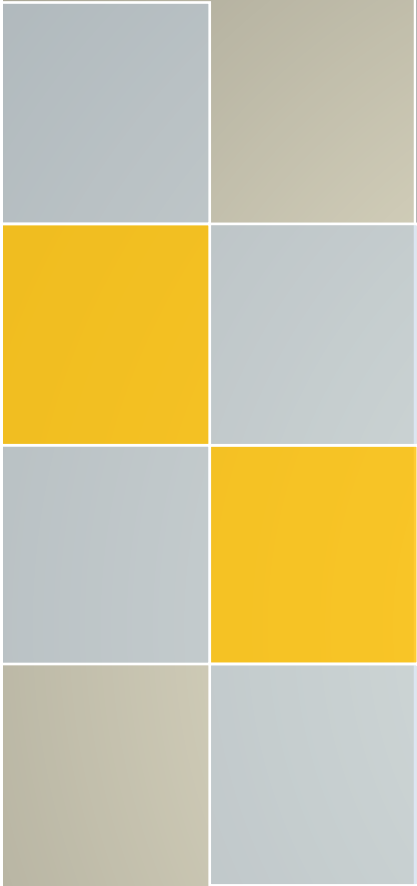


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Stage 3

OXGROVE PARISH COUNCIL

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE SYNOPSIS OF COMMENTS



PLEASE NOTE : THIS IS THE FIRST DRAFT COPY OF THE ANALYSIS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE. THE DATA ENTRY HAS NOT BEEN PROOF READ AND THEREFORE AN ERROR FACTOR OF +/- 5% SHOULD BE ASSUMED UNTIL FINAL EDITING HAS TAKEN PLACE. HOWEVER THE REPORT GIVES A FLAVOUR OF THE COMMUNITY RESPONSE.

Background Information

The Neighbourhood Plan was initially commissioned by Barry Jackson (Chairman - Boxgrove Parish Council) to establish the long terms needs and goals the Parish wish to achieve and decide the mechanism that will best enable them to do this. Boxgrove Parish which includes the villages of Halnaker, Strettington and Crockerhill.

The initial results of the Neighbourhood Plan survey may identify individuals/groups that are willing to involve themselves in the strategy and implementation to achieve different aims. Therefore communities should consider what they want to achieve first, and then decide which mechanism will best enable them to do this. The results of the questionnaire sent in August 2012 will aid this.

Survey Results Methodology

In order to confirm that individual confidentiality was guaranteed the following system was implemented.

- a) each returned questionnaire was given a unique reference number.
- b) this number was used to capture and collate all information.
- c) using this method enables ALL to see the results of individual questions whilst sustaining confidentiality of the person.
- d) no names are collected during the process unless by agreement with the responder.
- e) very few people have access to the original returned questionnaires.

Results

In total 498 households were delivered the questionnaire. One hundred and twenty three households responded which is 24.7% of questionnaires sent out. This is above average for this type of survey. 5 responders did not list name and address therefore they have been labelled as Miscellaneous. All percentages given use the questionnaire return figure of 123 as a constant.

The response for each village is:

| Village | Numerical Response |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Boxgrove | 77 |
| Crockerhill | 4 |
| Halnaker | 29 |
| Strettington | 8 |
| Miscellaneous | 5 |
| Totalling: | 24.7% 123 |

SOCIAL AND DEMOGRAPHIC

Eighty-two households have lived in the Parish ten years and more with over 101 households being first generation. Twenty households have lived in the village less than 3 years followed by 13 households between 4 and 6 years. Only 9 households are third generation with only 13 households whose parents lived in the Parish.

Forty-five households moved to the Parish from outside of West Sussex, and 40 households moved from elsewhere in Chichester District. Twenty two households moved from elsewhere in the County and only 14 moved from an adjoining Parish.

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY & EMPLOYMENT

One hundred and eighteen households out of 123 answered the question of “how many people lived in your home”. The 118 households who answered have a total of 236 people living in their homes.

Seventy-seven of those 236 are retired and only one person out of all the households are unemployed with 9 people managing the home and family. A total of 31 people are in full time education. 26 have their own businesses with a further 38 in full time employment and 16 part time working. A total of nine have claimed “other” with one specifying that they work in the armed services and 30 are self-employed.

Ten people claim to travel more than 20 miles to work with a total of 58 travelling less than 5 miles. Out of 65 people responding to what work related services do they want, 32 wanted improved postal services. This was not elaborated on by any of them.

Development, Village facilities and Planning Control

As our Parish evolves over the next ten years there will be a need for development, however, land can only be built on once. Therefore it is important to establish what the needs and views of the community currently are so that these may be used to guide the process.

Ninety-five households which is just over 77% response of the returned questionnaires agreed to support additional housing, some with qualifications or questions.

Sixty-one (49.6%) of households that responded to the questionnaire believe that 25 housing units or less should be built but had concerns.

- Seventy-three (59.3%) of household felt that there would be a loss of the rural character.
- Fifty households (40.7%) sighted lack of employment opportunities

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- Thirty-six (28.5%) sighted lack of facilities
- Thirty-four (27.6%) sighted lack of quality public transport
- Twenty two households (17.9%) sighted loss of community spirit
- five (4.07%) households gave a qualified “yes” to 25 units or under but wanted to know the time frame and location.
- three (2.44%) households made the comment that they didn’t believe that local landowners would allow additional housing units to be built.

Twenty-three (18.7%) households would support up to 50 housing units being built
Six (4.88%) would support up to 75 units
Four (3.25%) would support up to 100 units
One household would support up to 500 units

Additional comments included

- lack of building land as most was agriculture land
- fear of investment
- clarification wanted on where, what and when and why
- lack of control of traffic using The Street as a rat run
- important that any additional units (under 25 units) must not be isolated settlements but merge with existing housing.
- not to lose the scale and atmosphere of village life.

Twenty two households (18%) do not want to have any additional units built.

Other comments made being:

- Enough unused and run down house that could be renovate before tearing up the land
- poor infrastructure
- not enough local amenities
- Drainage and sewage already at full capacity.

Six (4.88%) households did not answer the question.

Some of the suggestions that were put forward for where facilities could be located are:

- Thicket Lane
- Priory Barns
- Boxgrove Farm

One hundred and one (82.11%) of households who responded to the questionnaire believe that the Parish council should be consulted to determine planning applications.

Additional comments included:

- PC should be consulted on planning applications to ensure sustainable community
- every proposer to be assessed on sustainability
- believe it is an important control that developers to consult with the Parish Council before applying
- leave the developers out of it
- sustainability of village life is important

Education and Training

Twenty-seven people have left contact details interested on having further information on volunteering opportunities.

Other comments for this section include:

- Would like allotments to be made available in the Parish
- Boxgrove website giving general info including a spot on hobbies, interests, skill share etc
- tennis court
- improved/upgraded children's playground
- adult education classes

The More Mature

If no one in your household is over 65 years old go to the next section.

Comments on what residents feel the Community could do for them.

- More recognition of the smaller villages in the Parish
- Less dependence on Priory/Religion in the Bugle
- More community events
- more use of village hall
- Crafts and fetes
- Traffic control
- Restrict speed of traffic

One person wants permission to build on a piece of land he owns to build a small eco-friendly bungalow. Would sell his current home to the next generation family so that they can live and work in the village.

Comments on what residents could offer the community.

- Friendlier village shop owners
- Magazine delivery
- Child minding
- Pet sitting
- Make sure parents collecting children use village hall car park and not street, it is too dangerous to park in The Street
- Support and financial assistance
- Too old to offer anything.

*One person has offered to help with the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan.
One person willing to help with Community led projects*

Transport and Environment

Comments regarding public transport

- Four (3.25%) people believe that the buses are very poor in general
- Three (2.44%) believe the buses are OK except on Sundays and Bank Holidays

- One believes that the buses do not start early enough
- Five (4.07%) only use buses if necessary
- One believes that buses are underused
- four (3.25%) believes that trains are very expensive
- Fourteen (11.38%) older residents frequently get lifts from friends and relatives.
- 25 householders (20.33%) believe that a car sharing scheme within the village would be good idea.

Comments regarding the issues on the impact of the use of your vehicle.

- One hundred and three (83.74%) households believe that the parking at the village shop is very dangerous.
- More off street parking required
- The Street needs speed bumps
- shocking condition of roads / poor quality road repairs
- cars parking on grass verges leaving mud
- poor infrastructure around the village
- Dangerous turning at the end of The Street at Halnaker.

One person believes that a roundabout is required at A27 Eartham / Aldingbourne junction. Existing method is dangerous and very inconvenient for going West.

Ninety-two (74.80%) households responded to the question regarding what elements of the village should be preserved. Their collective choices are:

- Church
- Priory
- General village street appearance
- Halnaker Windmill
- environment
- Boxgrove Quarry Archaeological Site

There were thirty one (25.20%) additional comments regarding “green” issues, which are:

- Water saving devices
- additional recycling
- car sharing scheme on a regular basis creating a regular signposted “car port” in the VH car park to give lift into town.

Health and Well Being

Sixty two (50.40%) of households do not believe that there is a high enough presence of the Police in the village, either they are never seen or not seen enough.

Twenty five (20.33%) households commented on the sports provision within the village with 18 (14.63%) expressing concerns with the lack of amenities for young people. This is not reflected in what young people want, most feel that their school provides adequate after school clubs and sports. However parents of younger children would like a better more adventurous or upgraded playground.

Thirteen (10.60%) households commented on the footpaths complaining about them being overgrown and also some complained that dog owners were not picking up after their dogs.

Fifty seven (46.34%) people left comments regarding their top three issues, these being

- improve broadband speed much too slow
- improve state of roads
- improve sports and play facilities for the young / tennis courts
- wider selection of food in shop to encourage more people to use
- improve flooding problems in The Street
- improve services reason due to central government cuts to Local Authority budgets
- The Street lighting - it has none.
- affordable housing - the village should be for all not just those with money
- community gardens
- allotments
- too much traffic through the village
- parking at the village shop and school - very dangerous
- keep the village as it is
- stop The Street being used as a “rat run”
- local school for local children
- encourage cycling to work - create cycle or walking paths to Chichester

General

Fifty nine (47.97%) households would like adjoining Parishes to collaborate more.

Should collaborate more with Tangmere and share facilities

Village hall should be provided for free to not-for-profit sports and clubs for the Parish
Link with Goodwood more

Communications with any adjoining parish would be good.

Fifty seven (46.34%) households would like more tourism in the Parish area however 41 (33.33%) were against it.

Provision of sign posting for walkers.

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Picnic area and location of refreshments

Go karting

Country walks with Art along the path

New webpages for local highlights

Use local website and local News to advertise events

Better use of Priory and Boxgrove Man discovery

Question 47: Please state anything else not mentioned in this questionnaire, that you would like the community to address in developing a Community Led Plan.

Question 47 asks for responders to make a comment. There are 38 responses to this question.

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Young Persons Section (10 - 18 years)

This section was for the use of young persons to have their on what they would like in the community.

8 under 18 year old responded to the survey. This represents 6.5% response of the households who returned the questionnaires and 1.61% of the households who were sent questionnaires.

Age of responders

- 1 x 16 year old
- 2 x 15 year olds
- 1 x 14 year old
- 1 x 11 year old
- 2 x 10 year old
- 1 x no age listed

How do you travel around the local area?

| | Count |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Walk | 4 |
| Cycle | 2 |
| Bus | 4 |
| Taxi | 1 |
| Car | 4 |
| Parents/friends provide lifts | 5 |

What are your hobbies / interests and do you belong to any clubs?

There are 3 who have listed their interests/hobbies and clubs with one additional comment.

Would you like a youth club in the village?

| | Count |
|----------|-------|
| Yes | 4 |
| No | 4 |
| Comments | 4 |

Any other comments?

There were three additional comments made

Synopsis of Comments

Questions 3; 4 and 5

It was noted that a high proportion of residents although having lived in the village for over 10 years are first generation, with the minority being 2nd and 3rd generation.

A Marginal higher proportion of people moved from outside the West Sussex area closely followed by movement within the District Council.

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