

West Hallam Parish Council Spending Consultation: September/October 2011

Summary of Responses

- 1 Questionnaires were delivered to all households in the Parish (approximately 1970) during September 2011. Deliveries were undertaken by the local Scouts.
- 2 Questionnaires could be returned direct to the Clerk, to a drop off point at the Post Office in Tesco Express, West Hallam, or completed and submitted on line on the Parish Council's web site.
- 3 The closing date for return of completed questionnaires was 28 October 2011.
- 4 A total of 75 responses have been received – just 3.8% return rate – and whilst this is disappointing, at least it can be said that residents have been given the opportunity to express their views on the coming years' spending priorities and some interesting views have been gathered.
- 5 The attached appendix contains a summary of the responses and shows how the responses were submitted – with 61% paper returns and 39% on line.
- 6 The summary draws together a whole range of comments, some very specific and some more general. Every effort has been made to include all responses as faithfully as possible, so you will find some general entries (eg 'More litter and/or dog waste bins (general)') and some entries on a similar theme, but specific to localised areas (eg 'Dog waste bins on footpaths (from White Hart and Bagot Street and Newdigate Street)').
- 7 Similarly there will be instances where respondees indicate something in Q3 (things that the Parish Council might consider doing more of) and also select the corresponding option at Q6 (things they would like to see more money spent on) – for example the provision of more dog bins – so the sum of similar responses in two or more sections is not necessarily the actual number of individuals supporting a particular issue.
- 8 A small number of responses are 'qualified' – for example where someone has said they would be prepared to see a modest increase in the Parish Precept to maintain existing services or fund improvements, but has specified a maximum that they would be prepared to accept. It is not possible in a summary of this nature to reflect such a level of detail, but a set of completed responses could be made available to Parish Councillors if they wish to see them.
- 9 Please bear in mind however that the Parish Council has undertaken that no individual respondees will be able to be identified in the published results of the survey, so redaction of personal details would be necessary on any copy responses which are circulated.

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6 November 2011

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Spending Consultation Response Summary

Responses

On line	29
Paper - via the Clerk	14
Paper - via Tesco Express	32
Total	75

Approximate number of properties	1970
Percentage return	3.81

Q1 Would you like to see the current level of services provided by the Parish Council broadly maintained?

Yes	64
No	0

Q2 Is there anything you think the Parish Council might consider cutting back on?

No/not at the moment	37
No strong views	1
Difficult to say without more information	1
Grants to Village Hall and Community Centre - rents should be self supporting (used by many people from outside West Hallam so should not be subsidised by residents)	1
Christmas lights	2
Get more competitive quotes for putting up Christmas lights	1
Review CCTV operation - cost/benefits	2
Grass cutting on St Wilfrid's Road frontages	1
Flower displays (some suggest luxury in a period of austerity)	3
Investigate cost effective suppliers (eg suggests £600 for seat is excessive)	2
Investigate better ways of doing things (eg community groups to deal with hanging baskets)	1
Question whether 'maintaining current level of service' is desirable - complains about litter and overgrowth on footpath between Hallam Way and Community Centre - also glass on play area at Station Road	1
Children's play areas	1
No more investment in exercise equipment	1
No more play equipment (some for the time being)	3
Paid litter pickers - should be done by community payback and volunteers, and business owners in the shopping area	1
Enough dog bins	1
Millhouse Field does not need such an amount spent on it - benefits only a few	1
Traffic restrictions	1
War Memorial	1
Speed limit reminders on Station Road and St Wilfrid's Road	1
New seats (magnet for vandals and skateboarders)	1

Q3 Is there anything the Parish Council might consider doing more of?

No	4
Appreciates local police service and would like to encourage more visible Police presence on foot or bike	9
Routine maintenance on Village Hall to help prevent major costs in the future	2
Dealing with animal fouling - including patrols (for dogs and horses)	2
More litter and/or dog waste bins (general)	3
Dog waste bins on footpaths (from White Hart and Bagot Street and Newdigate Street mentioned)	1
Litter picking and/or enforcing cleaning up of dog mess (one suggested - Park Hall Lane)	2
Extend litter picking to area around Chiltern Drive	1
Litter bins along The Village up to Hallam Way	1
Family community activities suitable for ages 6+	4
De-icing during winter, more salt bins (Peveril Crescent bad)	1
Improved disabled access to shops and doctors - deal with adverse camber	2
Improvements to web site	1
Provision of public seats	1
More sponsorship (eg for flower displays/baskets/seats/Christmas lights/dog bins)	3
Tackling anti-social behaviour at The Dales (including car racing) and elsewhere	8
Encourage young people to actively run their own events	1
Vandalism watch	6
Better lighting at The Dales Car Park	1
Follow up CCTV at The Dales	1
Bus shelter in The Village	1
Speedwatch on High Lane East (westbound)	1
Organising community events to raise funds for particular projects (eg Millhouse Field development) rather than increasing taxes; more publicity to progress towards projects (eg 'progress barometer in Tesco)	1
Providing more for young people/teens (suggestions include youth centre Friday/Saturday night, or transport for young people to centre elsewhere)	1
More Christmas lights - Beech Lane, St Wilfrid's Road and Mapperley and West Hallam crossroads suggested - needn't be big features	3
Suggestion that a parish councillor could have special responsibility for sponsorship	1
Controlling telephone posts and lighting poles (positioning on pavements)	1
Monitoring pavements and paths to get removal of overhanging hedges, trees, rubbish and vehicles parked on pedestrian space - eg High Lane	1
Using the CCTV equipment	1

Traffic calming on the estate, address school parking and install traffic lights at St Wilfrid's Road Xroads - make community safety a priority	1
Giving itself a higher profile through attendance of Parish Councillors at various events in the village - it doesn't have to be the same ones all the time	1
Improvements in the centre (ie School Square and The Dales) - flower beds and seating	1
Vigilance on protecting Green Belt	1
Traffic calming - High Lane Central and West	2
More lighting near Doctors and Nursery Avenue	1
Street cleaning after verge mowing - not before as does happen	1
Keeping hedges trimmed on footpaths	1
Grants to other community groups to support their work	1
Opposing new housing until additional burial facilities found	1

Q4 Suggestions for new services/facilities

No/none	9
Maintaining footpaths throughout the village	1
Allotments (some respondents suggest at economic rents or association managed)	26
Consult on the need for allotments	1
Suggests there are already allotments off St Wilfrid's Road	1
Burial facilities	23
Provision of flower displays	2
Wild flower area	1
Tree planting (suggested cherries along Beech Lane)	1
Action to tackle overhanging hedges and trees (volunteer reporting network)	1
Speed cameras on St Wilfrid's Road	1
Halt sign at Beech Lane/Station Road junction	1
Traffic calming, High Lane West	1
School drop-off point	1
New road between Straws Bridge and TDG depot	1
Suggested letter to local stables asking riders to clean up after their horses on roads and footways	1
Lead an 'Infinity' group to get a decent broadband service for West Hallam	1
Encourage relationships with businesses within the Parish for investment within the Parish (eg Tesco)_	1
Provision of sporting facilities other than football and cricket	1
BMX track for older children	1
Skateboarding/BMX park similar to facilities in Denby Village (e-mail 'on behalf of the youth community')	1
In current climate all schemes should be planned as self financing and end users paying the going rate	1
Consider exchanging the recreation ground with land at the back of the cricket ground	1
Using the CCTV equipment	1
Support for affordable housing	1

	Bus service to Nottingham	1
	Litter awareness campaign in the local schools	1
	Promoting responsible dog ownership rather than spending more money on bins	1

Q5 Would you be willing to see a modest increase in your Council Tax if this was necessary to maintain existing services or fund improvements?

	Yes (with one response qualified to fund preferred 'growth' items)	46
	Yes - but only to maintain present services	1
	No	12

Q6 Would you like to see money spent on any of the following (up to 3 items to be selected) -

	A More play equipment	9
	B Flower displays	21
	C New seats	26
	D Additional Xmas lights	3
	E Millhouse Field development	15
	F Dog bins	27
	G Increased mowing at Millhouse Field	7
	H Traffic calming	33
	I Phase 3, Village Enhancement	12
	J Drainage at Beech Lane Rec	11
	No to all/none in a recession)	2