

# Hopesay Parish Council

## Community Infrastructure Improvements, etc. survey.

September 2016

### Report of results.

#### 1. Background.

1.1 In preparation for an application to Shropshire Council for a grant towards infrastructure and other improvements in the parish, the Council has carried out a survey of all parishioners seeking their views on a range of suggestions and inviting further suggestions.

1.2 The questionnaire, a copy of which is appended to this report, was sent to every household in the parish in the last few days of August with a deadline for receipt on Monday 19 September. Replies were requested from every parishioner – copies could be made within households for multiple replies, which were requested.

#### 2. Results.

##### 2.1 Overall

2.1.1. There are 247 occupied dwellings in the Parish (*Hopesay Parish AtoZ*, 2015) and total of 87 replies were received by the deadline. Assuming an occupancy rate of 1.2 persons per dwelling suggests a population of 296 so the returns received give a reply rate of 29.4%, close to one in four and leaving more than 200 people not having responded. The spread-sheet analysing numeric responses closed on the deadline of 19 September. Late responses will not materially alter the ranking of topics but may adjust some of the averages very slightly.

2.1.2 Most people responded anonymously – around 20 (7%) gave their names. Names of respondents are not provided in this report but are retained by the Council on the original response forms and on the master copy of the analysis spread-sheet retained by the Council. Some people failed to rank all the questions and the averages given in the table below are derived from those who replied with a number.

2.1.3 In particular many people failed to reply to the ‘potential frequency of use’ questions appended to Q4 and Q5 (sports facilities and the Pentanque) – the average responses for both being 2.00, equating to “infrequently.”

##### 2.2 Numeric responses

2.2.1 The questions allowed, for each suggested activity, for expressions of support and level of use:

1 = don't support at all    2 = don't support    3 = tend to support    4 = strongly support

2.2.2 The table overleaf summarises the average scores for the given suggestions, ranked 1-17.

##### 2.3 Text responses

The full texts of all responses are given on the following pages. Written responses have been added to the list from questionnaires received after the deadline of 19 September, contra numeric responses which close on the deadline, see above.

## Average scores per topic

Rank	Ave./4	Topic
1	3.47	Upgrade Village Hall
2	3.21	Broadband
3	3.03	Speed limit
4	2.88	Arbor Tree junction
5	2.75	Lower Field parking
6	2.55	Footways
7	2.46	Autumn Fair
8	2.35	Orchard in Lower Field
9	2.37	Veranda at Village Hall
10	2.24	Play area on green
11	2.21	Village Hall community room
12	2.11	Village newsletter
13x	2.07	BBQ / seating on green
13x	2.07	A village car park
15	2.04	Pedestrian crossing, Aston
16	1.96	Adult exercise facilities
17	1.92	Petanque

# CIL form text responses.

Note: Some have *Name supplied* but not given here. Most are unattributed.

## 001

Q2. Veranda. As a priority extend the ground flood into an extension on the patio, enclosed but with large windows with the view.

Q5. Pentanque. It would be a management liability and I suspect little-used.

Q8. Orchard. Who would manage, weed and from time to time prune it?

Q18. Village events. The Arbor Tree should be celebrated, not the antiquated 'wedding'.

I consider that the (V Hall + Green) are a single resource and should be managed as such. Mindful that there are currently covenants and other restrictions precluding this becoming a reality I think the PC should examine the possibility of at least closer co-ordinations - and if at all possible, unification. The V Hall earns as much money and it needs and the green has covenants tendering it a liability to the PC.

*Name supplied.*

## 002

Exercise equipment for all, in the Hall – young and old could be table tennis – perhaps a couple of tables at each. Proved to maintain/improve hand-eye co-ordination in the folk. Storage in the hall needs to be extended somehow.

## 003

I live in Hopesay village, the lane between Aston on Clun needs passing places urgently please. We have farm vehicles, horses and cars that speed at 60mph, in all a nightmare. To add to the mix walkers also use the lane. Please believe me when I say I'm surprised we haven't had a major accident on this lane yet!!! Thank you.

## 006

Bus shelter and layby for bus to pull right off the road. Doesn't seem right that school children have to wait for the bus in all weather and we don't provide for safe access to the bus.

## 007

Q4 Limited use and who would maintain.

Q5 Suggest locate close to bbq and seating area.

Q6 No to lighting. Road could be done for £3K. Track is for vehicles only walkway is via wicket gate and green

Q7 Experience elsewhere shows it would not be used.

Q8 Who would manage it? Nice idea but should be at zero cost ie. Volunteer contribution.

Q10 We could make simple measures to reduce ?? at corner by installing places for ?? We are talking about Mill Street corner and school bus pick up is a major problem Move it to bus stops or Village Hall.

Q11 Where and who would use it.

Q12 We have already carried out measures – no more is needed. Speed survey in 2011. Speeds not as perceived.

Q13 This is a rural area not a heavily populated suburb.

Q14 The inappropriate parking is by residents - they should be challenged on this.

Q15 Which road do you mean? Ask Hopesay – not a problem. Hopesay to Edgton not our parish. This is Shropshire not Surrey.

Q16 In both cases who are we his is a matter? For others to take up.

Q18 Autumn event a good idea but who is going to sell idea of link to Arbor Tree celebration. If there ever was a tradition of tree dressing and celebration it was linked to Oak Apple Day.

1) I am concerned that items have been deleted from final working party document which was approved by council and that they have been added that were not discussed and approved.

Most important the improvements to the green 1 ??? 1A, C and D are omitted - these are an essential elements of the CIL grant application which supports sporty activities.

Q4. Exercise facilities. £10K does not cover this.

Q5. Petanque. Perhaps cost should be £500.

Q6. Access to overspill CP. Who decided to add lighting & walkway access road.

2) Right and acceptable to add VH ideas which should have been agreed with the VH committee in previous document.

3) Q10 to Q15. [Roadway issues]. With the exception of Q15 perhaps. These are SC issues and should not be considered as items for CIL and other grant applications.

The parking problems in the parish (in particular at Arbor Tree) is caused by residents rather than visitors. Adequate parking for visitors available at VH. Council should approach property owners in property owners of rented properties to discourage on-street parking.

*Name supplied*

### **008**

We have a beautiful Village Green here in Aston on Clun, in the heart of the countryside. I would not like to see it turned into town park, with lighting on paths, gimmicky games areas, swings & roundabouts and barbeques. It would be nice, however, to see the Village Green itself well maintained – it really is in need of some T.L.C. Instead of adding to the maintenance load I feel we should take care of the assets we already have – a beautiful Village Green and some simple seating & a small pavilion.

The junction at the Arbor Tree is not in itself a hazard. The cars parked at the Arbor Tree, however, are a hazard. Most of these cars are mainly belonging to residents, not of visitors and seem to be a permanent fixture. They make the junction of Mill Street & the Clun road very dangerous. Can they not be more actively discouraged?

*Name supplied.*

### **009**

A regularly maintained area for playing croquet.

### **010**

Spend money widening the A49 to make it safer for all.  
TRANSPORT.

### **011**

Q1. V Hall. Need figures and breakdown.

Q3. Community room. Does this not duplicate to some extent facilities already available at the kangaroo?

Q10. Arbor Tree junction. Need clarification on nature of improvements.

Creation of one or more tennis courts on village green would be a benefit to parishioners of all ages. Possibility of LTA or similar grant assistance?

*Name supplied.*

### **014**

Q2. Hall veranda, £50. Why this much?

Q5. Petanque. Presumably labour intensive and expensive to maintain.

Q7. Play area. I'd support a much simpler and cheaper project.

Q8. Orchard. Again, lovely idea. Expensive cost.

Q15. Passing places. Speed is the main problem.

Adding simple goal posts on the green would be less expensive & more versatile.

## 015

Any improvements to Village Hall – heating in particular should explore alternative power technologies. Solar or wind power? To provide sustainable and economical power cost.

## 017

Improving access tack to overspill car park is very important.

Would like to suggest:

- Security lights on pavilion at Aston Green
- CCTY on hall & car park & green.
- Replace vehicular gate at entrance to hall car park & lock at night if no events booked.
- I do not support a 'turning right' lane at Hopesay/ Arbor Tree junction because the bend is too sharp for lorries & tractors to negotiate without crossing onto the feeder lane and I for one do not want to be a 'sitting duck" there.

## 018

Q8. Orchard. Who will maintain it?

Q9. Barbeque. Seating area – yes. Barbeque – no.

Q14. Car parking. 3 - but not Mill Street.

- Parking alongside the Arbor Tree is making it difficult and dangerous to turn in or out of Mill Street, both in cars and farming machinery.
- Suggest "mirror" at the Arbor Tree junction to assist cars coming from 3 ways, trying to turn into Mill Street or up the Hopesay Road.
- Re Q15. Passing places. Problems are arising as vehicles are exceeding sensible speed limits along the Hopesay Road.
- Re Q11. Pedestrian crossing. The existing pavements need widening, to ensure safety of children prams; elderly people etc. prior to any pedestrian crossing.

## 019

Q4. Exercise facilities. Do not support facilities in hall. Do support outside.

Q10. Arbor Tree junction. No space at junction – except for Traffic Lights!

Q12. Speeding. NO to traffic calming, YES to Speed Notification. Suggest also a laser gun campaign.

Q16. Broadband. Govt. Definition of Superfast Broadband is 24mbps + download speed, I doubt anyone gets this at present

Q17. Newsletter. HPC & AVH websites quite sufficient.

A large percentage of Parish residents are pensioners & Council Tax inc. Parish Precept make up a significant proportion of monthly outgoings. Therefore it is necessary to consider the increasing costs of supporting these projects on an ongoing basis ie. insurance and maintenance costs.

## 020

The five (small) bar gates they have on verges entering some villages down south seem effective and look good. (Drawn picture added).

## 021

If traffic speeds are enforced to 10 to 30mph, the Arbor Tree junction is safe. Changes to the layout are likely to increase speeds as drivers will think they are safer. The inherent vulnerability of the junction serves to make drivers more cautious and slows them down and [they] take care. There are very few incidents at present because of this. A clearer layout is likely to increase accidents.

## 024

Pavement between Broome barns & Broome Road. Number of kids walk along there & is uneven & slippery. I have already complained to County Council

Don't think there is a good location for a crossing in Aston due to the bends.

Park play area would be great. We travel to Clun to use theirs.  
The village hall is pretty good building & fit for purpose. Heating definitely needs improving!

**025**

1. Street lighting between Broome & Aston on Clun
2. Pet waste bin and general bin on green at Aston on Clun
3. Speed bumps between Broome & Aston on Clun

**030**

Would support traffic calming but not flashing signs.

**031**

Q18. Arbor tree festival in May, not autumn, how would they be linked??

Dog bins on green

Hedge cutting along roads to improve safety to walkers

Maintenance of public footpaths in parish and styles.

**032**

If traffic calming was in the form of speed bumps or (better still) chicanes this would help alleviate need for specific pedestrian crossing. If said crossing was anywhere near the Arbor tree corner it would be ineffective as cars would not see it until coming from blind corner sides.

**033**

Footpaths through village to be levelled or crowned to stop puddling also road surface to have same treatment to stop cars splashing pedestrians.

Redwood Drive to be cleaned as well as the other roads in village.

*Name supplied.*

**034**

Q7. Play area. But not at the bottom of the green.

Q14. Parking. Supported @ 4 if not linked to the Arbor Tree. 1 if linked to the Arbor Tree.

Although it would be time consuming at the beginning, it would be of great benefit to all to obtain legal advice relating to covenants which affect the green, village hall and whatever else is relevant to the smooth running of the village generally.

I would like to see the village hall and green run together on a business footing and income generated which could be put towards maintenance, upkeep and village events.

At present there are so many rules and regulations and covenants that many villagers are reluctant to get involved.

*Name supplied.*

**035**

Refurbishment of the footway on the north side of the Clun road between the Kangaroo Inn frontage and the corner of Mill Street. The macadam surface has deteriorated, holds water after rain (continually topped-up by splash from the road camber), and is a hazard during freezing weather conditions.

\* Shropshire highways maintenance budget.

*Name supplied.*

**037**

QQ12/15. Speeding, Passing places. Speeding is the problem so speed restrictions would be a better option. Passing not a big problem when cars not going too fast!!

Not aware of the issues/problems highlighted, so unable to make an informed judgement on most of these questions.

Fast driving on narrow lanes, with walkers, horses and cyclists besides other car users is my main concern.

### 038

Q6. Overspill parking at green. Overspill car park is too far from village hall. People will not use it and they will still park on the road.

Q7. Play area. Not sufficient children in Aston to justify.

Q16. Broadband. People need better broadband speeds without the expense of paying extra for Superfast Broadband.

Could an information board be provided inside the gate at the entrance to Burrow Hill camp to describe how the fort would have looked and been used.

### 039

Q3. Community room. Manning could be a problem, I wouldn't volunteer.

Q5. Petanque. Dogs would foul area.

Q6. Overspill car park. Don't believe people would use it.

Q7. Play area. Can't justify as few children in parish.

Q8. Orchard. Who would maintain it?

Q15. Passing places. Could cause speeding between passing places. Difficulty is Hopesay to Kempton.

Q16. Broadband. Shouldn't have to pay – should have better Broadband anyway. Lobby for this.

Q17. Parish newsletter. Lovely idea but who would do it?

1. Facilities need to be provided for elderly population; not children.
2. Some lovely ideas but need people willing to do the work.
3. Village hall is more used than the green which is an expensive dog walking area. Money should be spent on village hall. If it is a good venue it is well used. Look how Lydbury North usage has changed since new hall built. Would like more clubs etc. there.
4. Most times travelling between Aston and Hopesay is fine – but Hopesay to Kempton can be off putting.
5. Essential we get better Broadband and mobile reception in Hopesay to encourage working families to move in.

### 040

In response to Q17. Jenn Cole produces an online newsletter. Perhaps she could be approached to print off copies to be included in a Parish Magazine or left at the village shop for folks to help themselves. Just an idea.

### 041

Mobile phone reception as in lack of – just as important as broadband, Causes problems for visitors, small businesses etc.

Don't go overboard on too much street furniture – signs etc. eg. junction at Arbor Tree junction by bridge.

### 042

Q10. One way to reduce danger from 5 different roads or drives is to move the entrance to Aston Hall to part way up School bank as it was proposed some years ago. Also the bus stop must be used by the school bus at the moment it stops at the head of Mill street. The children leaving the bus onto the road. Also while lines can be replaced, and information can be painted on the road informing road users that there is emerging traffic.

Q12. There are 30mph signs at the start of the village, this should be enough, but perhaps parish councillors can be trained to use a speed gun.

Q14. The builder who rebuilt Aston Hall, promised many years ago to provide 6 parking places in the driveway into the Hall, what happened ??

*Name supplied.*

**043**

The proposals for the Village Hall and surrounding area is not high priority.

Exercise facilities? Look at the average age of the Hopesay Parishioners. There are Library and Internet facilities at the Community Centre in Craven Arms. We had Broadplace at the Kangaroo, that has now gone. I do not think moving the date of Arbor Day is a good idea, it's May as it's tradition.

High priority is slowing the traffic down coming through the Village, and attempting to put restrictions on the size of lorries hurting through. An area for children is not necessary, there are hardly any children in the Parish.

**045**

Q12. Speeding. Not traffic calming, but **active** speed notification signs can be a good deterrent to speeding.

**046**

Q12. Speeding. Yes signs no speed bumps.

**049**

On conjunction with Q12 consideration to calming methods (speed restriction) on the B4367 along the short length at Broome village crossroads.

Investigations to improve the evacuation of surface drainage during the wet season at the entrance to Broome village from the B4367. Currently, storm water drains do not clear road water very efficiently.

Local authority to maintain, and keep flushed, storm drains within the full area of Broome village and adjacent to the village green.

**050**

Q18. NO!! Arbor Day is in May!!

Who's who of Aston Green/Village Hall? Village green and village hall should be all one and the same with one committee (all members and Trustees) publicly named.

The convenance (on the green & hall & overspill car park areas) needs to be looked at to generate income for the Parish (e.g. caravan park/Purslow shows examples).

Mtce [maintenance] of green is not very good now and costing much more than couple of years ago. Precept must be able to cover costs but not go up to cover costs.

Public parking for walkers required, not in front of village hall. Hopesay also.

Street light at Arbor Tree needs to be turned off!!

*Names supplied.*

**051**

Round Oak hamlet of 10 houses has no entrance signs which could discourage drivers from speeding through. Apart from ageing population round oak is highly populated with cats, dogs and horses.

**055**

Village Green.

Noting the estimated thousands of pounds for some of the projects overleaf surely a few hundred pounds could be spent supplying a bog waste bin at the exit of the green. The present state of the green is disgusting & dangerous. This public area is being spoilt with damage & dog mess. How about CCTV?

**057**



Q2. Hall veranda. This is essential for future use. Covered veranda no good, must be proper brick extension.

Q7. Play area. WE have few children.

Q12. Speeding. Overall speed limit should be reduced to 50mph.

Q14. Parking. Village Hall Car Park provides sufficiently.

Q17. Newsletter. Use church magazine.

Q18. Fairs. The Arbor Tree Celebration is the one we must have, together with the Steam Show. We don't have the helpers these days.

The Village Hall and its Green is one of our most important assets, but we must allow for the Hall itself to be upgraded so that it can compete with other venues and provide the comfort people look for. It basically has one lovely big room. However the ceiling is too high, the room is cold and expensive to heat and nowhere for persons to sit when the room is full, or if they want to move away or out of the reach of noise or loud music. An extension on south /west side is essential. Heating and insulation can be sorted at same time.

#### **059**

In relation to Q10 [A Tree junction] we live in Long Meadow End and believe that we should also lobby the Highways Authority to improve the junction with the B4367 Broome & Clungunford Rd & B4368 Clun Road. We have recently had the speed limit changed to 40mph but it is still being ignored & cars, lorries and motorbikes are using that turning as a bend rather than an actual turning. We have lived here now for 15 years and seen 1 fatality and numerous accidents but still nothing is done. If possible the speed limit should be 30mph with either traffic calming or flashing warning signs.

#### **060**

I am strongly in favour of extending the village hall, to accommodate future events.

#### **061**

There is not children's play area in Hopesay, Clunbury, Broome, Clunton – and the existing playground in Clungunford is very tired. Parents from all the area would use a good playground as a place to meet with knock-on benefits for the community shop.

An additional thought – would a "Men is Sheds" type initiative work on this area?

*Name supplied though illegible.*

#### **063**

AS we all know, the parish of Hopesay is in a rural situation of great natural beauty and, as such, is rare and precious. Most of its inhabitants will have chosen to live here for those very attributes and therefore would surely resist any hint of creeping urbanization. Such features as pedestrian crossings, traffic-calming and extra road-signs would certainly change the spirit of the place for the worse and, no doubt, permanently. Rather, it would be for better to leave well alone.

#### **065**

Q1. Heating 4, toilet 2, car park 2.

Q2. This would make the hall dark.

Q3. ?Use existing upper room.

Q15. And on road to Edgton

Q17. ?Would Clun Chronicle extend to become Clun Valley Chronicle.

Q18. Much better to retain unique Arbor Day.

Parish is well served by those who use their time on the council, village hall, shop committees which make it such a successful community. **Thank you all!**

Could we lobby for mobile phone coverage please [Hopesay presumed] and – dream on – mains drainage.

*Names supplied.*

**066**

Before adding facilities, maintain what you have. Surface of the green very poor and full of dog poo. Waste bins? Dogs on leads?

**069**

Q6. There is already increasing light pollution in the area without adding to it. Why cannot people use a torch!

Q15. The provision of more passing places in the lane would encourage more traffic and speeding through [Hopesay presumed] the village.

**071**

Q15. Providing passing points would only cause speeding and develop a "Rat run" along this [Hopesay-Edgton] road.

Q18. It would be better for steam & vintage show be moved to autumn and Arbor Tree Festival to be kept at what is historically an unmovable date.

*Name supplied.*

**076**

Q4. The Parish Council are not making a very good job of upkeep of grass areas now.

Q5. Petanque. Would this be covered when not in use ie. Dogs.

Q7. Not many children in Aston. Can't see man people coming from further afield to push small children on swings. Also Health & Safety who is going to see to maintenance?

Present basketball/netball doesn't seem to be used. See Q4.

Q.8. Orchard. Who is going to maintain this?

Q9. Barbeque/seating. What about clean-up food debris, paper, grease and cleaning of bbq equipment?

Q10. Arbor Tree junction. It does depend on where layout suggestion for improvement.

Q12. It depends where/if traffic calming is suggested.

Q14. Public car parking. If you deal with Q6 [parking on lower field] this problem might be dealt with.

Q17. Newsletter. We have Parish Mag, Village Hall website, Broadplace & The Bulletin Board.

Q18. Parish Events. Would there be room for other organisations. ie. W.I?

Q4-Q5. If you were to go ahead with this suggestion the Parish Council would have to guarantee that grass surface/courts etc. were ready for use at the times required, not after an event.

I have little interest in games/sport, but, do realise that people enjoy them and are just as entitled to their opinions. It is however important not to grab at anything just because Shropshire Council will only provide money for certain things. I would not like facilities that are not used.

**077**

Council has had a go at a few of these before, some more than once.

Suggest that when surveys results are clear, council picks a few (2 or 3) of the more popular items for which implementation resources (time, effort, money, land etc) are likely to be available.

The pursue these vigorously to demonstrate that it can produce results. Set out the best of the rest in a longer term plan.

*Names supplied.*

**078**

1) Request for painting the Red telephone Box in Hopesay as being such a feature of the village.

**079**

Q2. Veranda. !! Way too expensive!

Superfast broadband for *all* the houses in the parish really must be a priority. Without it we will be left behind both in business & in our personal & social lives. We pay the same taxes as folks who live in the towns yet we are expected to up with a third-world style internet service.

Whilst we are at it why not try to improve mobile phone reception as well?

*Name provided*

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## **LATE SUBMISSIONS – TEXTS ONLY**

See

**081** (21<sup>st</sup> Sept.)

Q14. Re Parking. Village Hall is adequate. (There is a notice at Arbor Tree indicating same).

Q6. Re Parking to bottom car park. 2 car tyre tracks is all that is req. At the same time a duct could be laid for future elec. & water.

Have not heard from anyone in connection with the state of green & offer of grass cutting.

*Name provided*

**083** (24<sup>th</sup> Sept.)

1. If a Petanque is made, would it effect other users ie. Rounders and Football etc..

2. What about a footpath to the Beambridge road.

3. As you have said parking is a problem, however cars are taking to parking on the pavement on the Clun road, making it dangerous for pedestrians who now have to walk on the road around them by the blind bends. Please can this problem be sorted out. Thank you.

4. There is no signage about the deep water on the village green? Could this area be fenced off and sign's put up for children's safety.

**084** (27<sup>th</sup> Sept.)

Q10. Arbor Tree junction. A mirror at the junction of Clun Road & Mill Street, by the Arbor Tree would solve a lot of near misses!

Q12. A speed recognition sign is the more eye catching of the speeding signs (ie. as the one in Craven Arms). It does make you aware and brake.

I would suggest a proper extension to the Village Hall – not just a covered one!

*Name provided.*

**085** (28<sup>th</sup> Sept.)

I do not support questions 4, 5, and 7. [ad. exercise, Petanque and play area]

There is a very small number of young children in the parish to make this a viable expense and I think little interest in the adult facilities.

When the Village Green was mooted I was the W.I. representative on the Committee. I remember that when the Committee applied for grants the proviso was that a grant would only be provided if the Green was open for the use of all parishioners and that there should be no dedicated area for any particular group. There would be no objection to equipment being use if it was temporary and easily removed to allow the Green to use as a large open area is required. The overhead electric cables were removed at great expense to allow children to fly kites. How many times has this happened?

The cost envisaged could be more appropriately used to make the hall more welcoming and attractive for indoor use. The entrance is very cold and cheerless. The large area downstairs is expensive to heat and the acoustics poor, making it difficult to hear speakers. The high ceiling was provided for the use of badminton players. How many times has it been used? There has been no badminton played since I arrived in the area in 1990.

The hall is poorly designed and could be made much more welcoming, cheerful, and useful.

My apology for being late with my reply.

*Name provided.*

#### **086**

Additional "30" signs through Aston on Clun and Broome.

The removal of "speed-limit end" signs and replacement with 30mph signs going out of Broome to crossroads.

Extra signs "30" mph on main road from Broome Marsh to Clungunford Road.

Name provided.

#### **087**

Q10. Arbor Tree junction. Only problem is the right turn on to Mille Street at the Hopesay lane. A mirror by the telephone box might fix it.

Q12. Speeding. Not humps. Is there a problem?

Q13. Footways. A footway as far as the Beambridge Lane would be useful.

A footway to Craven Arms would be very useful indeed!

**Numeric contributions closed on the stated deadline of 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016 –**  
see 2.1.1 above.

Text contributions continued to 29<sup>th</sup>, see 2.2 above.

*JJT for PC 20160929*

# HOPESAY PARISH COUNCIL

## Community Infrastructure Improvements

### Background

The Parish Council is looking at making improvements to the local community infrastructure based upon what you, the people of the Parish, want. We have consulted with a number of local parish groups to ensure we are asking for feedback on the most popular topics, these are included in the questions. There is a section at the end of the questionnaire to add any additional thoughts and suggestions you may have.

### Questionnaire

The questionnaire below lists the items being considered as infrastructure projects. Where possible we have included an indicative cost estimate. Please take your time thinking about the questions, and return your completed questionnaire before 19<sup>th</sup> September. Returns can be made to one of your local councillors or left in the post box attached to the village shop. Additional collection boxes will be positioned at Hopesay Barn Door and Broome notice board. We have supplied one questionnaire per household, please copy more sheets for additional members of your household if required, we will also make additional copies available to the Community Shop.

It is important to note that this is just the consultation stage of the improvement plan; all these projects will require funding and as always decisions will need to be made on what can be done with the budgets available. In some cases the project will need ongoing support from an already stretched volunteer pool, again take this into account when rating the questions.

We have some funding available from the Community Infrastructure Fund, Parish Council Reserves, plus contributions from recent activities on the green. We will also be making application for grants from award bodies including National Lottery Awards for All.

To access these funds we must demonstrate that we have consulted with the people of the parish on the specific infrastructure improvements we would all like to see.

**Please Note:** The Parish Council will have to fund future upkeep and maintenance from the annual precept which is raised through your contribution to the council tax so this must be considered when making a decision on any project.

The next stage of this work will be to generate supporting documents for any grant or funding request.

**Thinking about the Village Hall & Aston Green please rate questions below.**

**Where** 1 = *don't support at all*, 2 = *don't support*, 3 = *tend to support*, 4 = *strongly support*.

**Q1:** The Village Hall Trustees are actively considering three work programmes to refurbish and upgrade the Hall facilities in order to ensure that the Hall remains an attractive venue. These are (i) updating and improving the heating; (ii) refurbishing the toilets (iii) resurfacing the car park. Please indicate your level of support for these projects?

Please rate between 1 & 4  TBA

**Q2:** If the Hall added a covered veranda over the existing patio area and enclosed part of the space for a function/meeting room, would that be useful?

Please rate between 1 & 4  Estimated Cost £50K

**Q3:** Thinking about the question above, if the addition meeting room was made available it could be used as a community meeting point with internet access and access to library services. Would you support this and would you volunteer to man it?

Please rate between 1 & 4  Estimated Cost £10K

**Q4:** There is a suggestion that we provide adult exercise facilities on the green and in the hall; this could include a dedicated recreational area. Would you support this?

Please rate between 1 & 4  Estimated Cost £10K

**Use:** If you support Q3 would you make use of the facilities?

Please rate 1 = *never* 2 = *infrequently* 3 = *occasionally* 4 = *regularly*

**Q5:** Would you support the creation of a Petanque Area (to play boules) on the Green?

Please rate between 1 & 4  Estimated Cost £6K

**Use:** If you support Q4 would you make use of the facilities?

Please rate 1 = *never* 2 = *infrequently* 3 = *occasionally* 4 = *regularly*

**Q6:** The Parish Council and the Hall Trustees believe we should improve the access to the overspill car park in the lower field with improvements to the access track and walkway lighting so that it can be used in most weathers, do you support this?

Please rate between 1 & 4  Estimated Cost £4K - £6K

**Q7:** Do you think that we should create a play area for small children within the green?

Please rate between 1 & 4  Estimated Cost £4K - £6K

**Q8:** Would you support the creation of a small community orchard area in the lower field?

Please rate between 1 & 4  Estimated Cost 2K

**Q9:** Should we provide a permanent barbeque and seating area on the green?

Please rate between 1 & 4  Estimated Cost £1K - £2k



**Now thinking about roadway issues, please rate the following questions?**

**Where** 1 = *don't support at all*, 2 = *don't support*, 3 = *tend to support*, 4 = *strongly support*.

**Q10:** There are lots of complaints about the safety at Arbor Tree Junction, should we lobby the highway authority to make changes to improve the layout?

Please rate between 1 & 4  Shropshire Highways budget

**Q11:** Thinking about safety, should we request a pedestrian crossing in Aston on Clun?

Please rate between 1 & 4  Shropshire Highways budget

**Q12:** Speeding vehicles have become a problem through roads in the parish, should we consider traffic calming and speed notification signs?

Please rate between 1 & 4  Shropshire Highways budget

**Q13:** Should we request extensions to footways where possible in the parish (particular hazards on Clun and Broome roads to Caravan Parks)?

Please rate between 1 & 4  Shropshire Highways budget

**Q14:** There is very little public car parking anywhere in the parish, should we look at providing some extra spaces to encourage visitors?

Please rate between 1 & 4  Cost dependant on location and how many

**Q15:** The road to Hopesay is very narrow and passing other vehicles is difficult, should we request the installation of passing places?

Please rate between 1 & 4  Shropshire Highways budget

**Other more general issues, could you rate the following questions?**

**Where** 1 = *don't support at all*, 2 = *don't support*, 3 = *tend to support*, 4 = *strongly support*.

**Q16:** Not all properties in the parish have access to Superfast Broadband, should we lobby the network providers to improve availability?

Please rate between 1 & 4  Cost for provider

**Q17:** Should we consider creating a newsletter for Hopesay Parish (will need an editor and contributors)?

Please rate between 1 & 4  Cost small but will need local support

**Q18:** We have a very successful Steam and Vintage show in June, there has been a suggestion that we also have an Autumn Fair as a second major parish event (perhaps linked to a revised Arbor Tree celebration), and should we look at organising such an event?

Please rate between 1 & 4  Will need to cover its cost and would need volunteers

**In Conclusion:** Thanks for taking the time to complete and return this questionnaire, it will provide valuable information that will be used by the Parish Council, Village Hall and Green when prioritising infrastructure projects, and will also help with any future grant applications. Please add any other general comments or additional items that you would like to be consider as part of the infrastructure improvements projects.

**Additional Comments**

Please add any additional ideas or suggestions below:

If you would like someone from the Parish Council to contact you concerning the questionnaire or you would like to offer any help with please add your contact details below

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