

PARISH PLAN UPDATE



On Saturday 26 March, Hursley launched the first stage of creating its Parish Plan at a well attended event in the Parish Hall. The purpose of the event was to get parishioners thinking about the aspects of the parish that they value and those they want to change. The next stage is a questionnaire that everyone in the parish will be invited to complete. The aim is to have the plan in place by the end of the year. The meeting was addressed by Steve Brine MP and Steve Lincoln from Winchester City Council. The highlight of the displays that formed part of the event was an exhibition of posters and postcards produced by the children of John Keble primary school, revealing their dreams for the future of the village.



Steve Brine said, “This was a useful start to what is a great chance for the village to come together and work on a plan everyone can be a part of and buy into. I look forward to working with villagers as the plan emerges and will offer every support.”

Work to date on the plan has been taken forward by the Parish Plan Launch Group. At the start of the launch Mike Watts told the meeting about the group.

“We are a small group of Hursley parish residents who are interested in ensuring that the

views and priorities of the community are taken into consideration as change happens around us and to us. The Parish Council is happy for us to take a lead on this because Parish Plans should be led by the community. The conversation started in the pub rather than the ballot box. We are not in charge we are just starting a conversation.”

Parish Plan v Neighbourhood Plan

Whereas a neighbourhood plan deals primarily with new building development, a parish plan deals with the whole range of issues that residents face. Traffic and parking are emerging as the major concerns in Hursley and these are outside the scope of a neighbourhood plan.

What has happened so far?

- A simple 3 question SurveyMonkey (online questionnaire) had 150 responses
- The launch meeting was attended by around 55 people and included focus groups exploring the top 5 issues raised by the SurveyMonkey questionnaire. As you can see overleaf both the survey and the focus groups generated a wide and fascinating range of concerns and ideas.

What is happening next?

Coming soon will be a questionnaire that will give you the chance to make sure that your views are taken into account.

If you have any queries or would like to get involved, please contact us at parishplan@hursley.net or leave a note addressed to ‘Parish Plan’ at the Post Office.

RESPONSES FROM THE FOCUS GROUPS

Note on ‘votes’ and ‘post-its’ - contributors to the focus groups wrote their ideas on post-it notes and these ideas are transcribed below. Duplicate post-its are recorded accordingly. At the end, everyone could vote on the ideas they liked best and numbers of votes are also recorded below. A couple of comments haven’t been included on the probably indefensible grounds they might have caused disproportionate offence!

TRAFFIC

Why is it an issue

Safety (3 post-its)
 Child safety (3 post-its)
 Don’t let a child be killed
 Speed will kill someone in Hursley
 Safety: injury and health
 Volume of traffic
 Too fast, too noisy, too busy
 Increase (perceived) in very heavy trucks
 Weight and quantity of traffic will increase
 Noise
 Noise level
 Air quality (2 post-its)
 Pollution
 Quality of life
 Truck vibrations
 Heavy vehicle vibration and damage (1 vote)
 Potential damage to listed and unlisted buildings
 Damages countryside surrounding the village
 Does not fit with village environment
 Previous actions have not worked
 Consultant paper of 2012
 It keeps the village alive / vibrant (2 votes)

Effects and examples

Had car accelerate towards me and 2 children while crossing at the alleged ‘safe space’ by Dolphin.
 Accidents
 Cars leaving road
 Cars going through iron railings
 Multiple accidents at P/T traffic lights
 Crash by school
 Head on crash by school
 Collins Lane + parking by P.O. — near misses (1 vote)
 Vibration damage to property
 Soaked numerous occasions walking to school
 Soaked thru high speed traffic
 Cannot open the car door when getting in and out of the car
 Being overtaken when driving at 30 mph
 Being overtaken in the village
 Tailgating while driving at 30
 Time to turn onto main road
 Stressful driving at busy times
 We have not ‘educated’ drivers sufficiently
 Worry with young kids
 Kids should be able to walk/ride to school
 Families will not feel safe
 Seen results of a child being killed on the road
 Not feeling kids are safe

Feels unsafe/stressed on walk to school. Ironically makes the kiss + drop drive option to school appealing (but I don’t!)
 Children cannot easily cross the road safely (2 post-its) (1 vote)
 Difficulty crossing main road
 Road safety becomes irrelevant when there is not the facilities to be safe (crossing)
 Stressful atmosphere when walking along paths “feel vulnerable”
 Not possible to have a conversation on main road
 Cannot enjoy the village outside due to noise
 Feeling of ‘living by the road’ rather than living in a village
 Separation of village east and west
 People will stop enjoying village life which previously they enjoyed
 Reduces village feel
 It feels like our village is being trespassed by speeders
 Cars hitting the drain covers since recent tarmac was laid
 Type of traffic and increase in lorries due to house building
 Tractors too fast
 Ineffective signage
 Signage not maintained
 Poles Lane “motorway speed!”
 Poles Lane is lethal - especially for cyclists
 Traffic data from speed spike trial
 Average speed camera results
 Results of CSW

The future

Revisit / implement all or part of Hamilton Bailee (4 post-its and 5 votes)
 Remove safety signs, white lines etc.
 Restore ‘village’ feel - remove ‘signage’ and white lines (1 vote)
 Paint over white lines (3 votes)
 Resurface road and replace drains (1 vote)
 Different road surface colour (2 votes)
 Integration of pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles
 Don’t want village too “urban” with signs etc. (3 votes)
 Avoid traffic lights except in centre
 Safe crossing (2 post-its, 14 votes)
 Pedestrian crossing (3 post-its)
 ‘Lollipop man’ for school runs - across Hursley Park Rd / Main Rd (1 vote)
 Road crossing not feasible in village centre (bend, bus stop etc.)
 Traffic calming measures (4 post-its, 1 vote)
 Speed cameras and visual speed reminders from the ‘gateways’
 New Speed Indicator Devices (SIDS)
 Average speed cameras (village revenue stream?) (2 votes)
 Average speed camera cheap and effective
 Average speed camera (one vote)
 Speed camera (4 votes)
 Data on number of speeding cars/lorries
 Enforcement is the only thing that will work (8 votes)

Weight and size limits (3 post-its, 1 vote)
 Reduce speed limit
 40 mph speed limit in Poles Lane - start with 50 mph
 20 mph in centre (Memorial to school) and side roads
 Bypass - via IBM
 Bypass (2 post-its, 4 votes)
 Footpaths + cycleways away from roadside (2 votes)
 A path through the woods by IBM that we can use
 even when it is muddy (3 votes)
 Cycle lanes
 Clear cycle / footpath Ladwell to Chandler's Ford (5
 votes)
 HPC have to take ownership!

PARKING

Why is it an issue?

Lack of parking; church, shops (2 post-its & 2 votes)
 High car ownership means we need more parking
 More tolerance of parking in small village
 School parking is an issue now school has doubled in
 size
 Is the KH car park public?

Effects and examples

Don't like parking on the pavement
 Parking opposite Tudor Cottages on pavement
 Parking on the Main Road can be dangerous &
 difficult/ dangerous for pushchairs/ wheelchair/
 runners users etc) (6 post-its 3 votes)
 Opening car doors on Main Road
 Parking damages surface at N. End and it is privately
 owned so should not be used (2 post- its)
 Meredun at school pick up is a nightmare (also
 speeding parents using Meredun as a turnaround)
 Most garages in Heathcote (in village?) are used for
 storage
 Some cars parked all day outside shops (1 vote)
 Can't stop at shops (2 post-its) (1 vote)
 Unable to get to work due to inconsiderate parking
 No parking for visitors to church; especially wedding
 & funerals (2 votes)
 Difficulty seeing stopping bus
 Dangerous to pull onto main Road
 Can't park near my house
 No path on Port Lane: dangerous traffic going fast (3
 votes)

Future

Could IBM open the land next to the school
 permanently? (2 post-its 10 votes)
 Compulsory purchase order?
 Car park(s) required
 Use IBM car park overnight/ weekends (9 voted 3
 post-its)
 Widen Port Lane/ Heathcote

AMENITIES

Why are they an issue

To provide necessary services for people to use
 Keep things local (save the planet)
 Drop in when you want to
 People talk and get to know each other
 Interaction
 Integrate more — avoid us and them
 Mutual support
 To bring people together (1 vote)
 Places people can gather as a community
 To make a community
 Age groups and intergenerational
 Keep village alive
 To help keep the village alive (1 vote)
 Avoid a dormitory village (3 votes)
 To enhance the parish experience
 Make people want to live here — quality of life
 Support the local businesses (2 votes)
 Help local business (1 vote)

Effects and examples

Shops: provide services & goods locally. Notices,
 ticket sales (2 votes)
 Post office
 — Brilliant service!
 — No queues
 — great advice
 — other things available (3 votes)
 Pubs where people meet participate (2 votes)
 Pub — can have a drink and not drive (2 votes)
 Hair salon provides a service bring people into the
 village
 Church — historic and range of services (full at
 Christmas)
 Church we have weekly services and a friendly group
 of regular people. Worth trying
 School — local children don't have to travel (2 votes)
 Buses - good service at the moment but expensive! (3
 votes)
 Recreation ground — children can meet to play,
 village events
 Phone box —new use?



Women's Group 50 next year
 Cricket Club —free membership for villagers
 Pilates in the Parish Hall —local activity saves travel
 (2 votes)
 Computing for beginners save travel (1 vote)
 Allotments (2 post-its, 3 votes)
 Cemetery
 Pavements
 Maintained footpaths - enjoy local environment
 Farley Mount
 Sense of community
 People get together
 Creates a strong community environment
 If no amenities 'dead village'
 Quiet in village no people around
 School grounds open for hire (2 votes)

The Future

Coffee Club — provide meeting place for chatting & socialising. 2/3 days a week / village hall. (2 votes)
 Pop up community café at weekends (3 votes)
 King's Head to consider a coffee shop (2 votes)
 I'd love a bakery for fresh bread ... mmm (10 votes)
 Use local shops more! (or lose it) (9 votes)
 Use shop more in post office (5 votes)
 Locals using all the amenities
 Require lottery terminal
 More info about amenities
 Make more use of the church as a community space (11 votes)
 Get rid of pews in church
 The village is and never has been user-friendly for those of us who live 4 miles away still in the parish.
 You should provide more parking for church, hall, butcher & PO
 Car parks to encourage wider parish involvement
 More car parking for Parish Hall (1 vote)
 Faster = larger capacity broadband (8 votes)
 Open some 'private' footpaths (2 votes)
 More footpaths (4 votes)
 My children used to do a walk through parkland to Merdon castle (Happy Days)
 Community 'ownership' of amenities (1 vote)
 No street lighting. 'Suburbia' (5 votes)
 Street lighting - yes! - but discreet lamps on houses? (1 vote)
 Street lighting in the main road
 Mountain bike trails and jumps (12 votes)
 Sainsburys

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Why is at an issue?

Allow us to maintain our shops and pubs- need to expand (9 votes)
 Need for affordable housing
 There isn't enough mixed housing (3 votes)
 Not a Barton Farm! (13 votes)
 Not a Winchester village!

Need to maintain village feel (not become suburban) (5 votes & 3 post-its)
 We have an ageing population (2 post-its)

Effects and examples

More diverse community
 More pressure on school
 My kids can't afford to live here (3 votes)
 Excessive house prices
 Accessible village centre
 "Exception housing (4 post-its & 1 vote)
 Sympathetic expansion with character (2 post-its and 3 votes)
 Expansion = more traffic (2 votes & 5 post-its)
 Vibrant
 Family friendly



The Future

Small, incremental, sympathetic development
 Max 10-20%
 Local builder not developer
 Need to protect conservation area & listings
 Parking needs to be considered more seriously if development (2 votes)
 Maintain status quo!
 Remove Pelican court; rebuild it in fitting style, prettier & more dense. Rehouse existing residents in it (12 votes)
 Mix age groups (4 post it notes & 1 vote)
 A music stadium (2 votes)
 Identify sites to densify using "exception sites" (2 votes)
 High quality design & amenity (2 post-its)
 More amenities if expansion
 More parking for Church, village hall & shops for outlying parishioners
 No new house building (12 votes)
 Some new houses (14 votes & 2 post-its)
 Village seats
 Twinning of Hursley

COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

Why are they an issue?

Pubs & shops feel empty but we don't want to lose them: need more trade
PTA is a great community group (3 votes)
HVCA is a great community group (2 votes)
Smaller Hamlets in Parish not known to many & do they get to events (2 post-its, 2 votes)
It is a large Parish and has isolated pockets
We need more coordination eg. Many don't use Net & miss out (2 votes)
Lack of knowledge about organisations
Parish council does not accomplish much

Effects and examples

Church plays no role
Church building in danger of gradual decay (1 vote)
Failure of church to secure large enough congregation to fund itself
Parish magazine dated but great source as goes to everyone regularly (3 post its)
Slack works for those that want to be part of it
Slack not user friendly/ inclusive/ user friendly as Yammer (3 post-its 5 votes)
No facilities for teenagers (2 post-its)
Cricket
Might lose current shops & pubs
Not enough people use PO (6votes)
Not enough people use pubs & shops (3 post-its)
Lots of stuff happening people don't know about

Social isolation
Young people leave

The future

Could the tennis club be open to all or for beginners at the weekend?
Film club (indicates poor communication?)
Coffee club (1 vote)?
Working from home office club?
Shop part of PO is more important revenue wise than PO (question on stock type in questionnaire?)
Clubs & societies brought together (5 votes)
Support Hursley FC (5 votes)
Walking group (2 post its 4 votes)?
Monthly Newsletter
Further use of Masonic hall (5 votes) (as a car park?)
Larger cycling club (5 votes)
Social dance group?
Local reps for welcome pack (so it works)
Brownies/ Rainbows? Guides
Festival (Music, beer, food, cider) 11 votes
Mixture of comms vital
Encourage smaller village groups to come together (HVCA, PTA, a men's Group, Women's group, church...)
Pop up café at village hall or church?



FROM THE SURVEY MONKEY

WHAT WE LIKE

Nature of Village/location/ transport

Village look and feel
Close to Winchester / Romsey
Rural nature / Walking
Beautiful buildings
Close to open countryside
Good transport links
Small village compactness
History
Chimneys
Church Bells
Close to services
Close to shops
Conservation area

Amenities

Two Pubs
Post Office / Shop
Butchers
John Keble School
Park & Playground
Kings Head
Church
Parish Hall
Access to IBM
Hairdressers
Green spaces in village
Allotments

Community

Community / Friendly people
Community Association
Great neighbours
Diverse community groups
Willing volunteers
Sense of identity
Safe for elderly and children
School community
Socio-economic mix
Village website

Events/Activities

Lively nature and events
Film Night
Pantomime
Hursley 10K
Litter clean-ups
Bike Group
Christmas Carols

Christmas trees
Morris dancers
Newcomers lunch
Safari Suppers
School community events
Sports events
Everything

WHAT WE DON'T LIKE

All about the roads...

Traffic Speed
Main Road - dangerous!
Traffic Volume
Traffic Noise
Too many large lorries
Traffic signs - too many at South end of village
Botched new crossing outside
Dolphin pub
Lack of regular road maintenance
Lack of safe area to cross with children
Roads are too narrow

All about the parking...

Pavement parking (esp. Port Lane and Meredun Close)
Road parking
Lack of parking spaces (prioritise when planning)
Not utilising parking in space next to school
School parking over-running the village
Kings Head patrons parking on our roads inconsiderately
Lack of parking close to shops

All about the housing and amenities...

Lack of affordable housing
Poor transport links
Lack of larger village shop
60's houses look out of place
Too much building in Pitt
Too much building in Ampfield
Anti-development mentality
Cannot easily access doctors by public transport
Church needs toilets

Elderly people living in large houses (waste of space)
Lack of fast broadband and TV
Poor mobile phone coverage
Threat of urbanisation/commuter village

All about the people...

Cliquishness
Residents not supporting local businesses
Fractured communications
Recent inhabitants not joining in
Dog mess in Collins Lane
Dogs should not be allowed into our pubs
HVCA not communicating well where funds go to
Ineffective parish councillors
Irresponsible dog owners
Lack of links between school and village
Lack of support for Parish Council (from unelected groups)
Moaners
Neighbours not tolerant of children and other vulnerables
NIMBYism
Not including the elderly enough
Parish plan a waste of time (should be neighbourhood plan)
Political jostling for position
Reluctance to change (even if services disappear)

All about the village...

Flood risk
Advertising signs (footpaths and Village Hall)
Dog faeces in Park (at times)
Lack of any historical information for visitors
Lack of greenery on main road
inc flowers

Litter and fly-tipping
 No collection plan for how it evolves
 Potholes and damaged drains
 Broken or dirty roadsigns
 Overgrown hedgerows
 Cycling to Chandlers Ford very hard
 Hocombe footpath fields poorly maintained
 Lack of facilities for teenagers
 Lack of pavements from Ampfield
 No footpaths
 No indication of what to see around the village
 Suburban without facilities
 Tarmac footpaths
 Untidy centre of village
There is nothing I don't like....

WHAT WE'D CHANGE

All about the roads...

Traffic calming (safety for all, especially children)
 Enforce speed limit through village
 Road crossing at Village Hall
 Build a bypass to reduce pollution and noise
 Average speed cameras (ie Speed Spike)
 Road crossing near the Dolphin
 Implement Hamilton-Bailey Report (...it's a Village)
 20' is plenty signage - reduce to 20 at peak times
 Sleeping policemen
 Speed cameras with revenue re-invested in village
 Traffic light crossing somewhere
 Extend barrier along main road (protection for children)
 Hursley/Ladwell improvements (for cyclists or alternate)
 Lollypop person at school times
 Mini roundabout at Collins Land junction
 Reduction in number of HGV's
 Regular road and drainage maintenance
 Remove most signs at South end of village
 Resurface frontage of houses near Olde Forge
 Resurface parking area above Village Hall
 Road markings on entry to village
 Roundabout at Poles Lane junction
 Speed camera in centre of village

Traffic from Romsey to Winchester should use M27/M3
 Weight restrictions
All about the parking...
 Disallow all pavement parking
 Additional parking at IBM for school traffic
 Central community parking area
 More parking
 Access to parking area next to school for parents
 Better parking outside local shops
 Define what is meant by allowable/sociable parking
 Improve parking on main road
 Main road lay-bys for parking (narrow main road and adjust pavements)
 Parking on one side of road only
 Residential parking permits for IBM out of hours

All about the village...

Improve appearance of centre of village (green area)
 Path to Chandlers Ford via Ladwell
 Better care of sewers and ditches
 Better lighting and paths
 Better path from rec to Meredun
 Create central point for historical information
 Create signposts for walks
 Create town sign
 Ensure/improve flood plan to manage the risk
 Improve footpath surfaces
 Improve path through Ampfield woods
 Knock down Old Forge for safer pavement
 Path between Hursley and Ampfield
 Path between Hursley and Bunstead (to link with bus routes)
 Path/cycle way to Olivers Battery/ Winchester
 Post Office information noticeboard
 Produce a response for if IBM downscaled, businesses under pressure
 Redevelop Keble Close and Pelican Court (poor use of space)
 Remove boards outside both pubs
 Remove large banner advertising the nursery
 Turn Meredun street lights off at 24:00

All about the people...

Better communications between different village entities
 Local history tours
 Make more of the village history
 Ban dogs in pubs
 Better involvement of the elderly
 Create a Hursley Community day and involve local groups and businesses
 Create A4 walk guides
 Create Hursley Guide
 Create local Facebook page
 Develop a more accepting society to support others (ie Time Bank)
 Encourage a wider social demographic
 Encourage more villagers to use our local businesses
 Have a pro-active Parish Council (to sort out the speed issue)
 More people on social media
 Prosecute irresponsible dog owners

All about the housing and amenities...

Better early morning and late night bus services
 Better shops
 Coffee shop
 Incentives for additional shops
 A more diverse commercial presence in Village
 Bakery shop
 Better lighting and paths
 Better play facilities for teenagers
 Can we have a bakery and village shop aka Twyford
 Development of affordable housing
 Extend the village (to provide for more young families)
 Funding to improve the Church
 Improve Pelican Close as a focal point (replace with affordable homes)
 Maybe another shop
 More attention to church (...and less to school)

There is nothing I want to change...



Look out for the questionnaire!

Coming soon.

Your chance to have your say.