

CLERK'S UPDATED BRIEFING NOTE

AUTUMN 2007 PARISH PLAN SURVEY

1. 675 forms were delivered with the September Bulletin by volunteers to every house in the parish.
 - a. 44 forms were returned (6.6%) to the box in the Post Office or sent directly to the Clerk by or soon after the closing date of 15/10/07. 14 of the respondents live alone, 22 are in 2-people households, 3 are in 3-people households, 4 in 4-people households and 1 is in a 6-person household. Of the 42 respondents:
 - i. 6 do not want another consultation exercise
 - ii. 3 want someone other than the PC to do one
 - iii. 2 do not know
 - iv. The remaining 33 want the PC to do another consultation exercise.
2. Respondents were asked to list "up to three issues that you think should be tackled in Sedlescombe". Some people listed more than 3 issues. The results show that these people have various concerns summarised as follows:

CRIME

- Concerns about anti-social behaviour
- Concerns about vandalism
- Concerns about harassment from youngsters
- Petty garden theft
- More effective Police cover wanted, not PCSOs - described as "useless"
- Wants to see more of the PCSO around the Village
- Haven't heard of anything useful achieved by PCSOs. Has the Parish Council complained?
- Want to see police in the village, especially in dark evenings to protect against antics of youths and burglars
- Limited street lighting requested for security and safety and defence against vandalism – solar suggested by one person

ENVIRONMENT

- More tidying of footpaths needed (use of "probation" suggested)
- Wants maintenance of stiles
- Concern about litter generally and Village Green particularly
- Wants litter bin in the unofficial layby at the telephone box at junction of B2244/A21
- Concern about dumping at the recycling centre at the Brede Lane car park
- Wants unsightly second hand car lot bought and used for temporary schools coach parking
- Grass verges look a mess and make paths narrower
- Hedgerows need tidying (use of "probation" suggested)
- Wants trimming of hedges/overhanging trees in twittens including footpath between Orchard Way and Balcombe Green
- Excessive number of bonfires

- Firework parties after 11pm which is illegal
- Banners at Blackbrooks should be restricted as they make the approach to Sedlescombe look tawdry
- Dislikes fencing at Park Shaw which is not in keeping with open plan (also does not like fencing in Balcombe Green)
- Would like new designated path along River Brede to Rye
- Wants collection of cardboard for recycling

HIGHWAYS

- Parking problems -
 - on the path outside Springfield Cottage, Brede Lane
 - at the School when there is room in the car park
 - outside doctors' surgery when there is room in the car park
 - on the grass verge at Park Shaw when taking children to school,
 - in the layby and on the road outside Meadowside & Roselands as not enough parking space for Roselands
 - outside Bistro
 - outside Brickwall Hotel
 - outside pub
 - coaches parking on corners ie opposite The Brickwall
 - parking opposite the garage restricts sighting of oncoming vehicles
 - on grass verges
 - outside shop where short-term parking is wanted to enable less mobile to park
- Concerns with the speed
 - of vehicles through the Village – traffic calming wanted
 - Brede Lane
 - in the lanes
 - Hawkhurst Road where there should be a 40mph speed limit
 - Crazy Lane where it is increasingly used as a rat run to and from the A21 and vehicles travel at an increasing speed. Vehicles from Westfield pay no attention to SLOW painted on the road or the junction sign at the top of Chapel Hill
 - The Green particularly young mums using it as an escape onto The Street – even people in wheelchairs are not immune from the impatience of some drivers. Traffic calming or one-way system wanted and “no footway” sign.
 - Church Hill – traffic calming wanted eg speed restrictions/ramps/chicanes from hall to Church
 - A21 near junction with B2244
 - Wants “white picket fencing with 30miles sign” (ie gateways) north of Hurst Lane and south of Kester House
- Need for low-noise asphalt on A21 between Marley Lane and extending beyond Crazy Lane
- Wants improvement of A21/B2244 junction
- Hedge-cutting at Pestalozzi corner for safety reasons wanted
- Turning right into Crazy Lane from Chapel Hill is becoming an increasingly risky business as you cannot see traffic coming from Cottage Lane. Accidents go unrecorded.

- Need for hedges and overhanging trees to be cut back at the junction of B2244 and Hurst Lane, the road to be kept swept to help pedestrians and safe speeds to be enforced
- Support for extension of the footway between Sandrock Hill and Hawkhurst Road – can funds for this footway be found soon?
- Pavements
- Early morning deliveries using The Green's small access road often shake the foundations of the old houses even causing beds to shake with the vibration
- Problems with volume of traffic in The Green because of the change from a village store to a mini-supermarket
- Resident willing to do a survey of the use of The Green
- Motorcycle speeds and noise need tackling
- Concern about very noisy cars

HOUSING

- Amount of new housing should be limited

SERVICES

- An improved bus service wanted. Two-hourly bus service is not convenient and people would like a return of the one-hourly service. The two-hourly service is too long for a visit to Sainsburys. Without a car, older people cannot visit Tunbridge Wells and Eastbourne or leave the Village after 6pm, on Sundays or public holidays
- Continued support of the post office urged
- Petrol station, and ASDA in Marley Lane wanted (1 person)
- Recreation facilities to be regularly maintained
- The delivery of activities at the village hall, scout hut and new pavilion need a strategic group to oversee the planning and delivery in order to ensure that they are all sustainable and do not end up competing with each other
- Suggests employment of a retired part-time person for odd jobs in the Village

YOUTH

- Youth culture - consultation with youth required as to possible activities plus responsibilities for such involvement
- Activities and organisation needed for youth
- No to Youth Club in East View Terrace
- Concerns that the Scout Hut youth club will engender noise and rubbish
- Wants representative of the Parish Council to sit on the management committee of the scout hut