

Little Waldingfield Village Review 23rd and 24th November 2012 at the Parish Room

Approximate population of the village: 300

Attendance at the consultation: 51 (17%)

The percentages below are percentages of those who attended.

By Age

Under 18	6%
19-24	0%
25-45	8%
46-59	36%
60-74	40%
75+	4%

By length of residence

Under 18 years	52%
18-24 years	6%
25-44 years	38%
45-59 years	4%
60+ years	0%

By Location

The Street A134 to Church Road	14%
The Street from Church Road to Humble Green	26%
Wade Crescent	0%
Croft Lea	6%
Church Road	32%
Grove Avenue	22%

Below are the responses from those who attended.

Parish and District Council Effectiveness

Negative comments:

The district council is an incoherent unit geographically. The ‘consultation’ on councils was inadequate in its options.
District council could give the PC more support on their quest for a proper bus service.
District council needs to be more <u>sensible</u> and take account of rural needs.
We do not need money wasted on spurious exercise like Police and Crime Commissioner elections.
The CC conducts consultations where the outcome is decided before the consultation begins.
I expect the PC to be more than a branch of a major political party.

Advice

Attend parish council meetings and you’ll find you are fully informed.

Positive comments

Good communications via Box River News from parish council. Could be improved with other organisations.	1
They do a grand job.	1
They do a sterling job.	1
The Parish Council has started showing real efforts to engage the community. This is a welcome development and now it needs to fight effectively for the community.	1
They are good listeners and communicators.	1
They are dedicated and keep us well informed.	1
Very good communicators.	2
The PC website is really useful – well done! But more info on the site please.	1
Very good minutes on the website and in the BRN	1
The BRN keeps us well informed	6

REQUEST Suffolk CC down grade B1115 as a lorry route so that HGVs only have access to local work.2 people made this comment.

How we Welcome Newcomers

It took 13 years for a neighbour to say Hello	1
In response to 1 – It takes 2.	1
We were new 3 years ago and made to feel welcome immediately.	1
We've been here almost a year and cannot fault the welcome we received!	1
We've been here 12 weeks every one has been very welcoming.	1
Probably depends where you live some people are reticent to make the first move.	1
Delegate a specific person to welcome a new family	2
Provide information such as bin collection, mobile library, butcher, church services, village societies, annual events and (bus services! ?) on the website	2
A "Welcome Pack" would be a good idea.	5
We now have an information box so the above could be displayed there.	1
Knock on your neighbours door and introduce yourself.	1
Be a good neighbour.	1

Those who Offered to Help with Village Activities

A total of 21 (42%) people signed up to help in a variety of ways some offering their services in several different ways.

to help people who had transport needs or were housebound.	6
to help with refreshments at events	4
help deliver news letters and leaflets	7
to help with general muscle	4
to help as general volunteers	4
to help by mowing the playing field and trimming the hedges on the field	1
to help with general DIY skills	1
to help with the village tidy up.	1

How the village is cared for

Concerns about pet fouling	19
Bins left out on days other than collection days	2
Speed watch praised and request that they had more power	1
Could speed watch operate in Church Road	2
Cheap repair to foot paths in Grove Avenue	1
Pavements often blocked by vehicles particularly from Pitt Cottage to Church Road	2
Muddy dangerous footpaths particularly from opposite Grove Ave to Pitt Cottage	1
Good effort by PC grass cutting on footpaths etc	1
Could visibility be improved crossing the main road at the end of Grove Ave.	1
Please employ tree expert to care for the trees – tree safety review	2
Repairs needed to the pavement by the phone box	1
Very disappointing that after the annual litter pick detritus returns the following day	1
No more concrete please	1
Some more trees around the playing field	1
Are there any grants to make the village more attractive – bulbs, plants etc.	1
Village could be better kept: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• bulbs and planters• upkeep village sign• wonky white fence	1
Could we enter best kept village competition	1

Adequacy of Clubs and Social Facilities

Villagers should support the church more	1
Need for a film club	7
Crafts Group - craft events	7
Magazine club	1
Table tennis club	1
Darts	1
Local History Society an excellent venture	1
Involvement in Open Gardens unifies the village and gives a sense of pride	1
Try to become less fragmented	1
Participation is the key apathy the killer	1
Dancing classes – ballroom jive	3
Bingo fortnightly in the winter	1
Yoga	1
Carpet Bowls	11

Indoor Facilities

Use the church for concerts	1
The church should be the centre for the whole community	2
Easter Bonnet contest for all in the church	1
Need a toilet in the church	1
Not enough space for Zumba, Pilates or dancing in the parish room	4
Christmas Fayre	3

Preservation and Development

No to new development	7
No to street lights	2
Small scale 2 bed development for young families	2
Affordable development for young	2
Allotments On the field?	5

Outdoor Events

Annual Fete	9
New goal nets	1
Petanque	4
Reinstate tennis courts	5
Sports day	1
Athletics	1
Rounders	1
Cricket	2
Kite flying	2
Model aeroplane flying	1
Archery	1
Car boot sale	2
Croquet	1
Vegetable show and stalls	1
Village Barbeque	1
Walking club	2
Social gatherings	4
Outdoor gym for adults	4

Village Services

Drainage problems by Woodhall	2
Can we have gas	2
Better Broadband including:	21
• Can Parish Council consider County Broadband 3 people	
• Let us have fibre optic Broad Band	
• Can Parish Council get exemption for BB antennae in Conservation area	
Issues with BT	1
Reinstate fortnightly library van – monthly too long for those dependent on it	1
We use Long Melford and Lavenham Doctors	1
Drainage problems a regular problem at the top of Church road	2
We need a regular bus service	6
Community bus, lift share scheme in cooperation with other villages	4

Other Facilities

Community Shop	9
More variety of beers in the pub	2
Excellent milk service by Byhams	7
Need info. on milk delivery, butcher, fish van, newspapers, library van etc	3
Could the pub sell papers	1
Village woodland/ community Orchard	4
Very helpful postman, milkman and newspaper man	2
Need a post office	1
We're lucky to have a pub	1

Other Thoughts

Consolidate village facilities into one place (pavilion, Parish room) more cost efficient and better for raising funds and getting support	2
Replace trees in Grove Ave. that were destroyed by storm in 1987	1
What is being planned to replace ash trees in the village	1
If everyone joined one village activity everything would be a success	3
Lovely village, friendly people, good activities keep it the way it is.	2
Make some barrier between the field and Grove Avenue to prevent travellers settling, trees a ditch or posts	1
School choice is only there if there is transport to at least 2 schools at each level	3
Recycling site	2
Safety	1
Security	1
Peeping Toms	1

Summary of priorities

Better Broadband	21
Pet fouling	19
Carpet bowls	11
Transport	10
Community shop	9
Annual Fete	9
Information for Newcomers	7
Film Club	7
Craft Group – event	7
NO to new development	7
Reinstate Tennis Court	5
Village Woods/Orchard	4
Outdoor adult gym	4
Petanque	4