

**Fontmell Magna Neighbourhood Plan Options Consultation on Infrastructure
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Community Infrastructure Under the ‘community right to bid’ parish councils can designate facilities as ‘assets of community value’ included in a register held by North Dorset District Council. This is a means of protecting the most valued and essential parish facilities from change of use after a breakdown. The facility must have a reasonable chance of continuing to be run by the parish, to justify designation.

Q.1 Please tick which of these you consider to be a **priority for the parish**:

- Local education for primary school aged children.....
- After school provision offered by St Andrews C of E Primary School.....
- Preschool provision by Under Fives and by the Toddler Group.....
- Shopping facilities at the Village Stores.....
- Village Café integral to the stores
- The Fontmell Pub.....
- Fontmell Surgery run by Blackmore Vale Partnership.....
- The private health clinic based at the surgery
- Sports facilities adjacent to the Village Hall.....
- Village playground adjacent to the Village Hall.....
- Church Services at St Andrews Church.....

Responses by choice:

Shop 12, Local education 11, Pub 10, Surgery 9, Sports Facilities 9, Playground 8,
Church services 7, Preschool provision 7, Toddler Group 6, After School Club 4
Private Health Clinic 0

Conclusion: It would appear from this small sample that the ‘community right to bid’ should apply to the shop and the pub.

Q.2 Are there any facilities or amenities listed in the FMDP literature or otherwise that you would like included?

Tennis Club, 1

Youth Organisations Although there appear to be a relatively small number of children and teenagers living in the parish currently this will probably change with the addition of new and affordable homes.

Please circle **Y** or **N** where appropriate.

Q.3 Are you:

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| looking for additional activities for young people? | Y | N |
| willing to facilitate this by helping to run a youth club? | Y | N |
| willing to be involved in scouting, guiding or similar? | Y | N |
| able to offer any other social opportunity for young people? | Y | N |

Written comments:

Respondent 13 ‘Not looking for it but missed youth club/other activities for teenagers when our boys were that age’

Conclusion: It would appear from this small sample that youth provision is not needed currently but that it may be in the future if more children and young people are living in Fontmell Magna

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Facilities and Amenities

The Village Hall would benefit from improvements subject to the agreement of, and provision by, the Management Committee. As part of the consultation residents are asked to indicate priorities from:

- A. At a potential cost of £2000, **An audio loop system**
- B. At a potential cost of £2000, **New chairs**
- C. Subject to land/site 24 being available, **Additional land** to provide a 7 a-side football pitch
- D. At a potential cost of £20,000, modernised **Playground Equipment**
- E. **Wi Fi access** to the internet

Q.4 Of options A to E **please rate in importance for the community**, by
1= very important, 2= desirable, 3= not a priority, 4= not needed

Tally of Responses: A priority 1 B priority 5 C priority 4 D priority 2 E priority 2

Comment: This information will be made available to the Village Hall Committee

Allotments

Q.5 Would you use an allotment scheme if it was available?

Responses: 2 would use an allotment

Written comment:

Respondent 13 'No but would be willing to help set it up'

Comment: It is suggested that the Parish Council search for a suitable site for the possible subsequent and legal requirement for the provision of allotments

Pharmacy

Q.6 It is not likely that a pharmacy will be provided in Fontmell Magna. Is pharmacy provision currently based in Shaftesbury or Child Okeford likely to meet your needs?

Responses: 11 agreed their needs are met with current provision

Conclusion: It would appear from this small sample that existing pharmacy services are adequate

Broadband Provision

Q.7 If your broadband speed is currently slow (less than 2Mbps) would you be prepared to pay for a wireless network from a private provider e.g. Wessex Internet? The cost is approximately £39 per month. Responses: 8 would not pay; 3 would pay

Conclusion: It would appear from this small sample that there is little evidence of a desire for a community initiative to improve mobile phone network coverage or the provision of fibre broadband over and above the existing plans in place by BT

Business and Employment

Q.8 Primarily, new businesses should make use of existing structures such as redundant farm buildings and through change of use of a property.

Do you agree? Responses: all (13) agreed

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Q.9 The Local Plan policy is to allow the expansion of existing employment sites. Do you agree? Responses: 8 agreed; 3 were against

Q.10 The Neighbourhood Plan should facilitate the development of tourism, hospitality, local services, locally produced goods and on local skills. Do you agree?
Responses: 12 agreed; 1 was against

Q.11 The Neighbourhood Plan should restrict the development of light industry and storage facilities. Do you agree? Responses: 11 agreed; 2 against
Written comment:
Respondent 8 'Restrict to village outskirts'

You can add comments or suggestions about business and employment here:

Written comments:

Respondent 2 'Craft business should be encouraged'

Respondent 3 'Providing they don't radically alter F M's character'

Respondent 5 'The essential character of the village should be protected and revolve around shop, church, school and pub'

Conclusion: It would appear from this small sample that the findings from the initial questionnaire (May 2016) have been confirmed and that any new business should:
utilise existing structures including redundant farm premises
are a result of the expansion of existing businesses
are focussed on tourism, hospitality, local services, locally produced goods and local crafts
do not include light industry and storage facilities
new businesses should not have a detrimental effect on existing businesses.

Community Energy Saving Scheme 67% of respondents to the initial questionnaire (May 16) indicated support for a community energy saving scheme. Such a scheme would need to be implemented by the community.

Q.12 A list of potential schemes and their attributes accompanies the document on 'Essential Community Facilities; Having adequate sewage and drainage'. Are any of the schemes mentioned worthy of further investigation? Please state which

Written comments:

Respondent 4 'Hydro-electric should be investigated'

Respondent 5 'Hydro-electric scheme'

Respondent 11 'Bio mass operation if well situated; collective switching of electricity suppliers'

Respondent 13 'I don't think it would involve us, as we are not in the village'

Q.13 Would you be willing to get involved in this voluntary initiative?
Responses: 10 said no, 2 said yes

Q.14 Is there anything about community energy saving you would like to add?
Written comments:
Respondent 2 'An oil purchasing group would be useful'

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Respondent 3 'I don't think people realise this is COMMUNITY energy saving'

Respondent 8 'Hydro-electric power'

Respondent 9 1) 'Collective purchasing of heating oil is no more cost effective than searching around. There is tremendous competition still from providers

2) Collective switching for energy, I have discovered, is only cost effective for dual fuel (electricity and gas, which we don't have)

Conclusion: It would appear from this small sample that it would be difficult to recruit an organiser and plan for a collective community energy saving scheme. There is insufficient evidence to support any collective scheme.

Transport and Roads

Public Transport consists of a bus between Blandford and Gillingham (including stopping in Shaftesbury) by the Damory bus company. It runs every two hours from 07.03 to 18.11. This service seems sufficient and needs to be maintained. Building development would mean an increase the number of people residing in the parish which, it is expected, would boost custom for the service.

Q.15 How often do you use the local bus service provided by Damory?

Frequently **none**

Occasionally **3**

Never **9**

Q.16 How could public transport be improved?

Written comments:

Respondent 2 'More buses'

Respondent 3 'Return the weekly Salisbury service'

Respondent 8 'Restore Salisbury bus service'

Respondent 9 'More frequent service'

Respondent 11 'Bus service to Gillingham train station, morning and evening'

Respondent 13 'If not improved it should be maintained'

Q.17 Would you find a community mini bus service more useful than the current public bus service? Responses: 10 said no; 1 said yes when we are old

Written comments:

Respondent 6 'Don't know'

Respondent 9 'Don't know'

Q.18 If yes, why?

Written comments:

Respondent 13 'As we get older, maybe a Community bus – which I imagine picks up from home, could be an asset'

Q.19 Would you be prepared to contribute towards the cost of this community scheme?

Responses: 9 said no; 1 said yes

Written comments:

Respondent 9 'Would need more details before deciding'

Respondent 13 'Yes, financially or with time'

Q.20 Would you be prepared to help organise and run a community mini bus scheme?

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11 said no; 1 said yes

Conclusion: It would appear from this small sample that the public transport provision available at the time of writing is adequate. Additional services may be needed in the future. There does not appear to be any interest in a community mini bus initiative.

Roads

Q.21 Do you agree that the rural character of local roads should be protected from development and overuse by traffic? Responses 13 agreed (all)

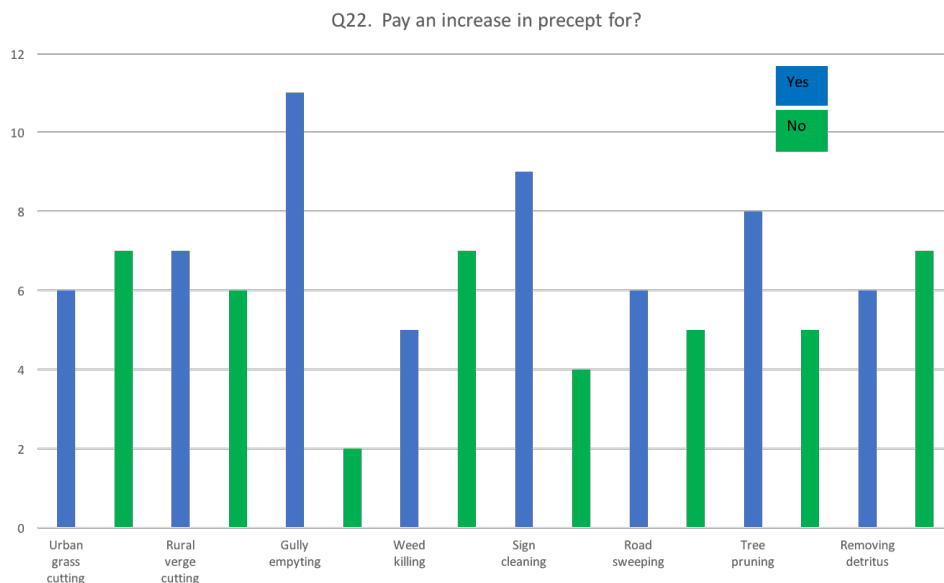
Written comment;

Respondent 13 'Very much so'

Dorset Highways have a responsibility for core functions relating to highway maintenance. Local communities may want the following non-essential functions carried out more frequently than DCC can accommodate.

Q.22 Would you pay an increase in the parish precept for this work? Specifically:

Urban grass cutting	Y	N	Rural verge cutting	Y	N
Gully emptying	Y	N	Weed killing	Y	N
Sign Cleaning	Y	N	Road sweeping and general cleaning	Y	N
Tree pruning	Y	N	Removal of detritus from footways	Y	N



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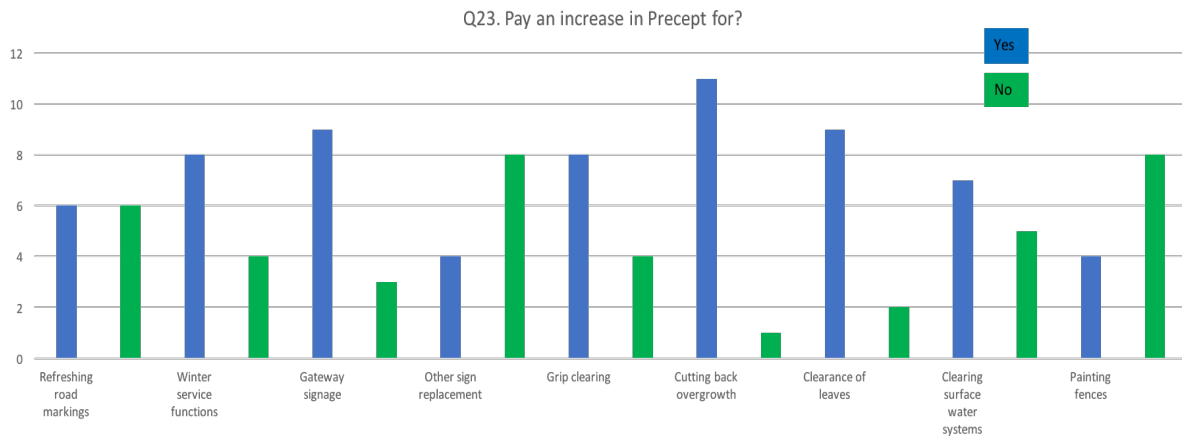
Written comments:

Respondent 1 'within the village only NOT on the A350'

Other work by Dorset Highways is even more vulnerable and will probably need Parish Council funding and/or organisation if it is to take place.

Q.23 Would you pay an increase in the parish precept for this work? Specifically:

Earlier refreshing of road markings and replacement of road signs	Y	N
Winter service functions – salt and bins, salting of routes	Y	N
Village gateway signage	Y	N
Other non-essential sign replacement	Y	N
Grip (the link between carriage way and ditch) clearing	Y	N
Cutting back overgrowth around surface gullies	Y	N
Clearance of fallen leaves from gullies	Y	N
Proactive cleaning of surface water systems	Y	N
Painting or treating fencing	Y	N



Written comments:

Respondent 1 'within the village only NOT on the A350'

Q.24 Would you volunteer as part of a supervised work party to carry out all or some of this work? **Responses: 8 willing to volunteer; 4 unwilling**

Conclusion: It would appear from this small sample that parish roadways are considered to contribute to the valued character of Fontmell Magna and should be safeguarded and maintained.

It would appear from this small sample that residents recognise that more local involvement in road maintenance will be necessary if DCC do not continue with the present level of service and that some residents would be willing to contribute time towards keeping roads both safe and in character with the parish. This includes caring for road side verges as valuable wildlife habitats. They agreed that an increase in the parish precept might be necessary.

The aesthetic character and appearance of the parish

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Q.25 How important do you think the preservation of the rural appearance and character of the parish is for the future? Please tick one of these values:
Extremely important **9 responses** Important **4 responses** Of little importance and of no importance **no responses**

Conclusion: It would appear from this small sample that there is an overriding desire to protect the parish from adverse or challenging change

The Neighbourhood Plan is the responsibility of the Parish Council.

Q.26 What else do you expect from the Fontmell Magna Parish Council?

Written comments:

Respondent 1 'Engagement with the village, proactive on behalf of the village, good communication'

Respondent 2 'Better communication, litter pick scheme, help for the village shop'

Respondent 3 'Monthly meetings'

Respondent 4 'More dynamism'

Respondent 8 'Revert to monthly meetings'

Respondent 9 'More involvement in the village hall play area, which should be a public responsibility really'

Respondent 11 'That it works efficiently'

Respondent 12 'To use the money that they are given each year'

Comment: The Parish Council will be informed of these suggestions.

Q.27 Is there anything else about community amenities and facilities you would like to mention?

Written comments:

Respondent 7 'Shop is important, but nothing in the plan to support it. Policy needed to say 'if you value the shop. Use it!' or something'

Respondent 9 1) 'The continuation of the Doctor's surgery is crucial 2) The play area becoming a parish amenity and liability rather than an add on to the village hall'