

Ashbury Parish Neighbourhood Plan Evidence Base

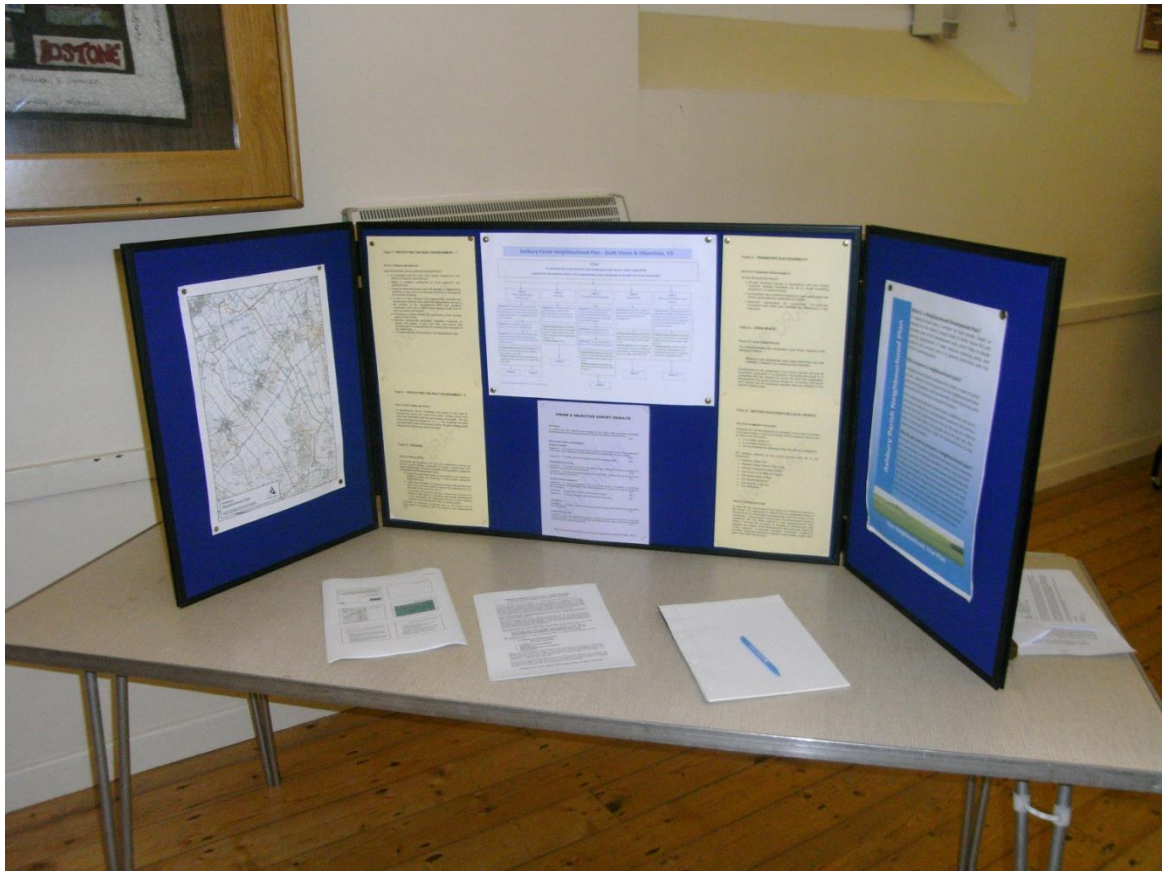
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INTRODUCTION

The surveys covered by this appendix are those that directly influenced Plan policies, or that could do so in future editions of the Plan. Important surveys that did not of themselves call for a report were the Plan initial survey, that shaped the Plan process, and the Vision & Objectives survey that served to ensure that the steering group had correctly interpreted the wishes of the community.

An overview of the results of these surveys are to be found at the end of this appendix, together with a summary of all the community consultations carried out as part of the Plan process.

Public Consultations & Other Engagement

Objectives, Methods and Key Dates

In preparing the Parish of Ashbury Neighbourhood Plan the steering group consulted regularly with the local community to ensure that our policies reflected the aspirations of residents as far as possible, while remaining consistent with district & national development policies.

For each consultation, the date or launch date, objectives, method and key personnel involved are provided below, and for the consultations each has remained 'open' for a period of 4-6 weeks before collating and analysing the data. With the possible exception of that on the Plan area, however, the steering group has been prepared to accept contributions on any of the topics listed throughout the Plan process, even where the bulk of the data has already been acted on in order to progress the Plan

Proposed Plan area:

Launch date: 24th June, 2016
Objective: To confirm the Plan area as coinciding with that of the Parish of Ashbury.
Method: Flier drop [all households] & poster campaign via notice boards, plus stakeholder consultation
Key Personnel: James Greenham – former Parish Clerk.

Public Meeting 1:

Launch date: 23rd August, 2016
Objective: To make community aware of the Plan and calling for residents input to process.
Method: Flier drop [all households] & poster campaign via notice boards.
Key Personnel: Cliff Davies, David Pain, Yoshi Nishio & Nigel Warren.

Initial Survey:

Launch date: October, 2016
Objective: A 'fishing trip' survey to gain some insight into the aspirations of the community in embarking on the Plan process.
Method: Flier drop [all households], poster campaign via notice boards, Ashbury website & Facebook posts with feedback via Email & drop-box.
Key Personnel: Jonathon Loose & Yoshi Nishio.

Consultation Events:

Method: Pre-event flier drop [all households], Email campaign, poster campaign via notice boards, Ashbury website & Facebook posts with feedback via Email & drop-box.

Key Personnel Cliff Davies, Fiona Jury, and steering group.

V&O's Campaign 1:

Launch date: June/July, 2017

Objective: Follow-up events at Ashbury market [25th June] & Shop tea-room [19th July] to address any queries and/or note specific comments on V&O's.

Method: One-to-one 'drop-in' presentations for those unable to attend public meeting, publicised through poster campaigns via notice boards, Ashbury website & Facebook posts.

Key Personnel Peter Cowx, Cliff Davies, Fiona Jury, Christopher Prentice.

V&O's Campaign 2:

Launch date: July, 2017

Objective: To follow-up on specific queries and/or uncertainties identified from completed survey forms.

Method: Targeted Email campaign and/or one-to-one telecons.

Key Personnel Peter Cowx, Cliff Davies, Yoshi Nishio & David Pain.

Draft Policy Consultations:

Launch date: October, 2017

Objective: To make community aware of the draft policies.

Method: Pre-event flier drop [all households] Email campaign, poster campaign via notice boards, Ashbury website & Facebook posts.

Key Personnel Cliff Davies, Jonathan Loose & Christopher Prentice.

Public Meeting 3:

Launch date: 30th October, 2017

Objective: To present the draft policies to the community and address immediate queries.

Method: Slide-show presentation of 'grouped' policies interspersed by Q&A sessions.

Key Personnel Jeremy Flawn [BSP] plus steering group.

Draft Policy Campaign:

Launch date: November, 2017

Objective: Follow-up consultations events at Church Christmas Bazaar [25th] and School Christmas Fayre [30th].

Method: One-to-one 'drop-in' presentations for those unable to attend public meeting, publicised through poster campaigns via notice boards, Ashbury website & Facebook posts with feedback via Email & drop-box.

Key Personnel Peter Cowx, Cliff Davies, Yoshi Nishio, Christopher Prentice & Pauline Smith.

Draft Document Consultations:

Launch date: March/April, 2018

Objective: To provide the first opportunity for the community to have sight of the draft Plan & Character Appraisal documents.

Method: Targeted Email campaign, poster campaign via notice boards, Ashbury website & Facebook posts and at Parish council meetings.

Key Personnel Cliff Davies & Jonathan Loose.

Dates: Ashbury Market – 20th November, 2016; Church Christmas Bazaar – 26th November, 2016: School Christmas Fayre – 1st December, 2016.

Objective: To make community aware of, and/or address queries about the Neighbourhood Plan & Process, while obtaining feedback via the initial survey.

Method: Pre-event poster campaign via notice boards, Ashbury website & Facebook posts with feedback via Email & drop-box.

Key Personnel: All steering group.

Business Survey:

Launch date: March, 2017

Objective: To determine whether there were any specific/immediate 'land use' issues that should be pursued when formulating the ANP policies.

Method: Targeted flier drop and Email campaign.

Key Personnel: Cliff Davies

Stakeholder Consultation:

Launch date: March, 2017

Objective: To determine needs and/or aspirations of local community groups, particularly with regard to local amenities..

Method: Targeted Email campaign and one-to-one meetings.

Key Personnel: Christopher Prentice & Pauline Smith

Open Space & Views Survey:

Launch date: May, 2017

Objective: To determine the communities priorities for the usage/upkeep of the Open Space at Wixes Piece, and further determine their opinions as to the key-views within the Parish and whether to protect them.

Method: Pre-event flier drop, Email campaign, poster campaign via notice boards, Ashbury website & Facebook posts with feedback via Email & drop-box.

Key Personnel: Jonathon Loose & Yoshi Nishio

Public Meeting 2:

Launch date: 19th June, 2017

Objective: To present the draft Vision & Objectives [V&O's] document to the community and provide guidance on how to go-about completing the survey form.

BUSINESS SURVEY

REPORT ON THE BUSINESS SURVEY

Introduction

The number of businesses that responded to our survey was a little disappointing as, being a targeted survey, we had hoped for a good cross-section of replies from all the sectors in the Parish. However, those that did respond represent the three major farming businesses, the main employers and a good cross-section of sole-traders thereby enabling us to obtain a firm direction on where we need to concentrate our research in the period leading to our first review.

The key points arising from the survey are as follows:

1 About your business:

Almost twice as many sole-traders responded as 'employers'. This is not too surprising as most work from home and there are obvious 'quality of life' attractions to living in the Parish.

Similarly, almost twice as many of the business owners/managers that responded live within the Parish, while only circa 25% of their employees do so. This is a significant disparity as it suggests that there are insufficient potential employees with the right skills available from within the Parish – something that merits further research given that some 25% of the businesses anticipate employing more staff within the next 5-years.

2 Public Transport:

The responses suggest that in excess of 2/3^{rds} of those employed by businesses in the Parish choose not to use public transport, and the key reason mentioned was that the local bus service was insufficient to make it practical. This is a complaint that has been forthcoming from other Parish groups, and lends weight to the perceived need for a better service to/from Shrivenham.

3 Communication:

Three-quarters of the businesses considered their telephone service to be adequate. By contrast the internet service appears to fall short of what businesses require as while a good service is considered important to almost 70% of businesses, less than 50% considered this to be the case.

4 Premises & Location:

The responses to questions in this section appear to bear out the supposition in 1-above that it is 'quality of life' issues that attract businesses, particularly sole traders, to the Parish – e.g. almost 2/3^{rds} stated the setting was not important to the viability of the actual business.

The same break-down in responses appears to run through the remainder of this section as only 40% contemplate expanding in the short-term, while some 60% consider their premises to be adequate.

5 About Your Farm

Most of the farms within the Parish are tenanted, with only some 12% of the total land farmed by those that responded being farmed by the land-owner, a figure that is reflected in the 'overview' provided in Appendix 3-section 4. In addition, the land usage appears to have changed over the years so that those that responded appear to be more biased toward crop production rather than the more traditional meat production – this too is reflected in the overview appendix.

While the question of ownership may account for the apparent lack of enthusiasm for regenerating redundant farm buildings [i.e. for contractual reasons], it does not explain the apparent similar lack of enthusiasm for further diversification. Given the importance of farming to the community, this is an area that needs to be better understood if relevant policies are to be produced/brought forward in the future.

6 In summary

It is evident that while the survey provided a better insight into the various businesses that operate within the Parish and the corresponding employment opportunities, more work needs to be done to fully appreciate how the ANP and/or Parish Council can best ensure that these businesses continue to thrive and thereby enhance the local economy. Similarly, the Parish benefits from fascinating historical sites set in a wonderful landscape and yet other than farming there appears to be very little economic benefit coming back to the community, not least from visitors.

It is therefore proposed that prior to the first review of the Plan a more comprehensive study be carried out to fully understand these issues and identify areas where the local business community can be encouraged to thrive and so enhance our economy. The object being to enable relevant policies to be brought forward in support of the existing business/farming base, while also providing opportunities for complimentary businesses catering for visitors.

A full list of the business canvassed follows, with those that kindly responded highlighted in bold type.

BUSINESSES CONSULTED

Amenities & Tourism

Ashbury Primary School
Village Shop & Tea Room

The Rose & Crown Inn
National Trust, Ashdown *

Farming 'Industry'

Ashbury Farms

Chapelwick Farm
Fern Farm
K Peploe & Son
Ruffinwick Farm
West Mill Forestry

H G Ball

Compton Beauchamp Estates

R W Green & Partners

F G Reade & Sons
Stainswick Farm

Other Employers

Ashbury Electricals
Bunce [Ashbury] Ltd
D-lite Design
NMW Architects
R S Home & Garden

Roger Baker Architects

Clare's Organics
Electrical Technolo-G Ltd
R & P Engineering
Touchwood Crafts

Sole-Traders

Julie Carr [Consultant]
Nicola Cornick [Author]
Liz Derrington [Ombudsman]
Alistair Kemp [Thatcher]
Amanda Loftus
Andy New [Joiner]
David Pain
Ruggiero James [IFA]

Andrew Cornick [Counsellor]
Peter Cowx [Consultant]
Icknield Originals [Eliza Lewis]
Fiona Jury Planning [Consultant]
Tony Murray
Yoshi Nishio
Red Lily [Kate Watkins]

* Telephone survey

FEEDBACK FROM BUSINESS QUESTIONNAIRE

Only nineteen businesses completed the full survey, with the National Trust provide some responses by telephone, and of the full responses twelve were sole traders.

1 ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS

- | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|
| a. Are you a 'sole-trader'? | Y 63% | N 37% |
| b. If yes, do you work from home? | Y 47% | N 11% |

Business owners;

- | | | |
|---|----------|-----------|
| c. Do you live outside the parish? | Y 38% | N 62% |
| d. How many employees do you have | 64 total | 8 average |
| e. How many of these are administrative staff | 9 total | 1 average |
| f. How many employees live within the Parish | 17 total | 2 average |

All business;

- | | | |
|---|-------|-------|
| g. Do you anticipate employing more staff within the next 5-years? | Y 26% | |
| h. Are you aware of the grants that may be available to assist business growth? | Y 16% | N 32% |

2 PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The Parish is served by a limited bus service, while a more comprehensive service operates from Shrivenham, and Swindon & Oxford offer national rail-links. With that in mind;

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|---|------------------------|-------|
| a. Do you / your employees use public transport? | Y 32% | N 68% |
| b. Do you find that available to be adequate? | Y 37% | N 47% |
| c. If you answered no to Q2b, how could it be improved? | More frequent service. | |

3 COMMUNICATION

- | | | |
|--|------------------------|-------|
| a. Do you consider your telephone service to be adequate? | Y 76% | N 24% |
| If not, how could it be improved? | No comments received. | |
| b. Is a fast broadband service important to your business? | Y 68% | N 21% |
| c. If so, does that available meet your needs? | Y 47% | N 37% |
| If not, how could it be improved? | No comments received.. | |

4 PREMISES & LOCATION

Ours is a rural parish and while this could prove restrictive to some, self-evidently you have opted to establish your business here.

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|--|-------------------------|-------|
| a. Why is your business based here? | Historic or for setting | |
| b. Is the rural setting important to the operation of your business? | Y 37% | N 63% |
| c. Do you anticipate expanding within the next 5-years | Y 39% | N 61% |
| d. Are your premises adequate for your current/future needs? | Y 61% | N 29% |
| e. If not, what type of premises would prefer, and how would this improve your business. | No comments received. | |

The following section relates only to the farming sector and because of the small sample, only 3 of the twelve farm business with land falling within the Parish boundary responded, the results cannot be considered conclusive.

5 ABOUT YOUR FARM

a. Are you a tenant farmer?		Y 83%	N 17%
b. What type of farm is it?	Arable 25%	Pastoral 25%	Mixed 50%
c. Approximately what size		4,500 total	1,500 average
d. Does the whole of your farm fall within the Parish boundary?		Y 33%	N 67%
e. If not, what percentage falls <u>inside</u> ?		32% average	
f. Do you intend to diversify from your mainstream farming?		Y 50%	N 50%
g. If yes, how		No comments received.	
h. Do you have any plans within the next 5-years to regenerate farm buildings that are no longer in use?		Y 0%	N 100%
i. If so please describe below		N/A	

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		Name														
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2	1	Ashbury Pre-school		1				1	2		1	1			1	
3	1	Rose & Crown [amenity - p'house]		1			1		16	1	2	1			1	
4																
5																
6	1	C B Estates [farming]		1			1		10	3	1		1	1		
7	1	R W Green & Partners [farming]	1					1	4							1
8	1	Ashbury Farms [farming]	1		1											
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11	1	Bunce [Ashbury] Ltd [manufacturing]		1				1	17	2	5	1		1		
12	1	Electrical Technolo-G [electrical contractor]		1				1	6	1	6		1		1	1
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16	1	Roger Baker Architects	1		1											
17	1	Julie Carr [education consultant]	1													
18	1	A Cornick [counsellor]	1			1										
19	1	N Cornick [author]	1		1											1
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28	1	Yoshi Nishio Consulting	1		1											1
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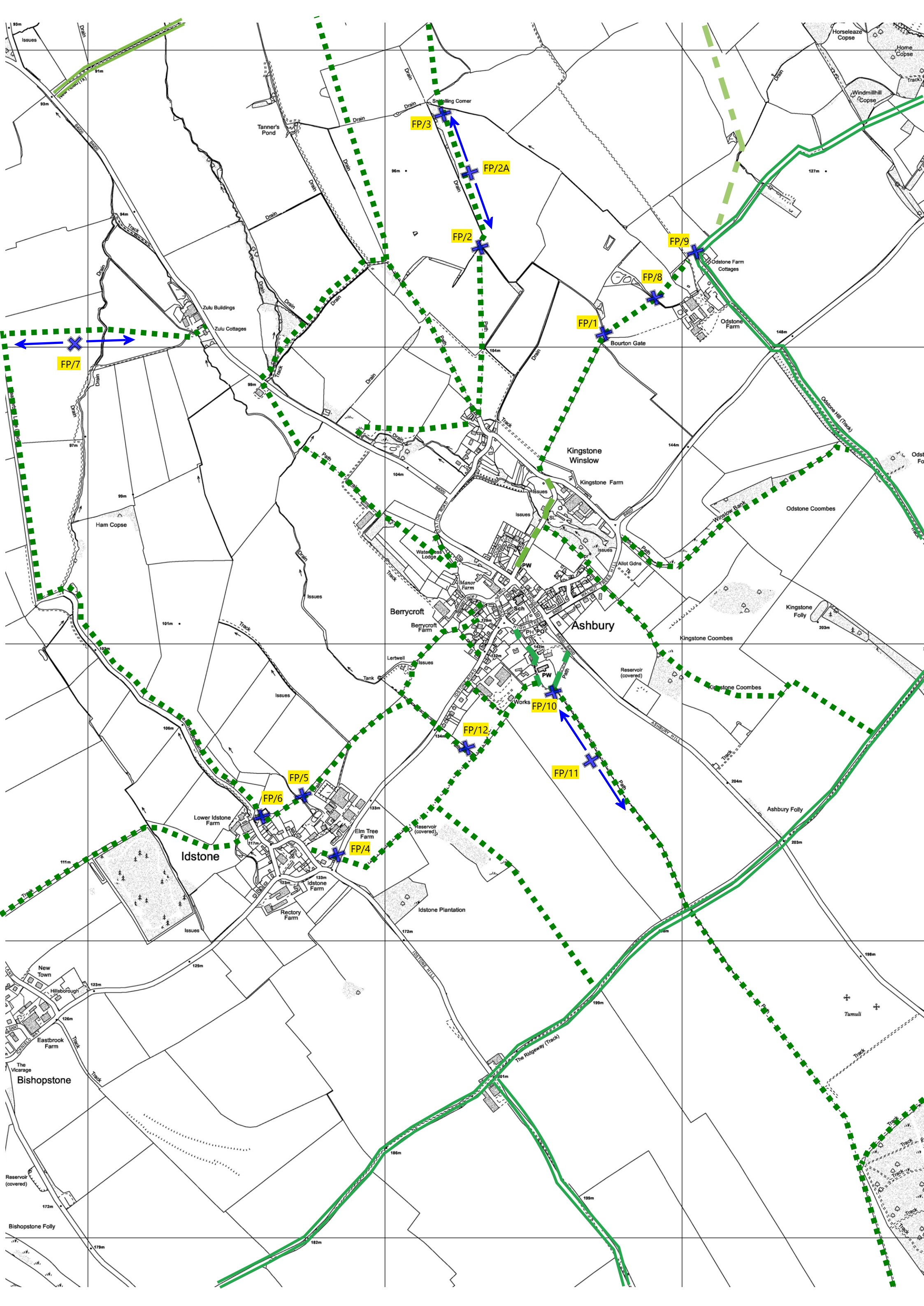
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83.3%	16.7%	25.0%	25.0%	50.0%		33.3%	66.7%		50.0%	50.0%		0.0%	100.0%		

FOOTPATHS REPORT

ANP FOOTPATH REPORT, JANUARY 2016

References according to the footpath numbering on 'Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way for Oxfordshire 2006

Location	Reference	Commentary
FP/1	112/7	Stile & Bridge removed, leaving a narrow sloping path that is treacherous when wet.
FP/2	110/7	Bridge broken, unstable, and dangerous.
FP/2a		The route of the path between FP/2 & FP/3 is no longer discernible.
FP/3	112/10	One of the two bridges at Snivelling Corner partially collapsed leaving a 300mm plank with a loose handrail.
FP/4	112/4	Path overgrown and impassable.
FP/5	112/5	The bridge crossing stream is broken & unsafe, and obstructs access for path users.
FP/6	112/5	Stiles overgrown and too narrow for use.
FP/7	112/6	Path between Featherbed Lane & Zulu farm overgrown and impassable in places.
FP/9 & FP/9	112/7	Stiles 'high' and difficult to negotiate
FP/10	112/2	At junction with 112/1 a steep ramp, slippery when wet, which could be improved by appropriate [rural style] steps. Note: this is a well used path leading out of Ashbury village southwards to the Ridgeway.
FP/11	112/2	The patchy quickthorn hedge either side of path on the steep slope often restricts path
FP/12	112/15	Footpath impassable.



Ashbury Parish Facilities

Ashbury Parish Facilities

The Parish of Ashbury offers a normal range of local facilities for a small village in the 21st century. The wider ownership of private cars in the later 20th century led, as elsewhere, to the disappearance of several local facilities, including the separate sub-Post Office and then sole surviving shop. Recent developments have begun to reverse this trend. A new village shop was opened in 2015; and Post Office facilities have been re-started with a once a week visiting service. Formal institutions in the Parish include two churches, St Mary's Anglican Church and the Free Evangelical Church.

Ashbury scored a total of 9 points in the VWH Assessment of Village Facilities 2011 (App.3), since which time Ashbury has lost one of the facilities then registered (the visiting Library – value one point).

Ashbury residents have come together in several voluntary groups to offer additional facilities and organise community events. These include: a Neighbourhood Watch; a group managing the Village Hall; a Community Group; a Village Show Committee; a walking group; and a knitting group.

In March 2017, we conducted a survey, seeking views on twelve existing facilities in Ashbury, their future development and on what other facilities might be desirable in the future. Fuller analysis of the responses to the survey questionnaire on the twelve existing facilities is shown overleaf.

The main conclusion to be drawn from the survey is that all the facilities now available in Ashbury Parish are strongly appreciated, even by those not directly involved in each one. The survey results attest to a widespread wish in the Parish to deepen links, strengthen the sense of community and the spirit of “voluntarism”, address the interests and future needs of the elderly and disadvantaged and broaden opportunity for all. Specifically, there is a clear wish for a new bus service to Shrivenham; for more extensive postal services at the Rose and Crown; for imaginative and fuller uses for the Wixes Piece Open Space; and for future development to include provision for a similarly visiting medical clinic.

This concern is also expressed in terms of fear that the existing facilities could be at risk: that the Village shop might prove not to be a long-term going concern; that the allotments might be targeted for development by the private landowner; that the Rose and Crown Inn could close; that the Pre-School might not find a permanent ; or that even the present public transport services could be cut back.

Some of the proposals emerging from the Survey raise Land Use issues - for instance, the provision of land for a potential Medical Clinic as part of a future development; the various ideas for the use of the Wixes Piece Open Space owned by the Parish Council; and the uncertainty over the legal status and hence the continued availability of the allotments.

Collated Responses to Questionnaire on Ashbury Parish Community Facilities and the Stakeholder Survey

A.

**From your use of the existing facilities below, please
give us your views on**

- The present scope of each facility
- The potential future need for that facility

1. Post Office (in the Rose and Crown)

Present :

[Walking Group]

- **Excellent service. Not having to get the car out to drive to Shrivenham makes such a difference. Wonderful having the service on our door step.**
- **Very efficient and friendly. I use it every week**
- **I don't use it, as I can easily drive to Shrivenham, but I can see the benefit of it for those without transport**
- **Have never used it as personally hardly ever have need of one and probably wouldn't be around when it is open**
- **Excellent friendly service, use it regularly.**

[National Trust]

- **Adequate**

[Village Hall Group – Maggie Symons]

- **I have never used the post office in the pub – probably because when I need a post office it is not open. I use Shrivenham Post Office**

[Neighbourhood Watch Group]

- **Very useful**
- **Great service for those who don't drive though Shrivenham post office offers an excellent service especially cash withdrawals now that the cash machine at Lloyds is no longer.**
- **The present arrangement is just about adequate but because Shrivenham can offer such an excellent service for all needs the mobile visit twice weekly can offer but may not be available during the whole of the next 10 years. The Royal Mail is keen to save money and so mobile services may be on the list for closure.**
- **Great for use by those who find it difficult to travel outside the village (health/ lack of transport) and for paying in payments for local organisations (e.g. PCC) for onward transmission to banks. Personally I have never used this facility**

[Marion Turner]

- **This answers the current essential need for those who are without transport and also takes some of the burden from the Shrivenham P.O. Its hours and facilities are restricted but under the circumstances this is to be expected.**

[Village Show Committee]

- **A very useful asset which needs support to ensure it's survival**

[Ray Giggs]

- **OK**

Future:

[Walking Group]

- **Obviously a more frequent service would be better, but in light of the size of the community I do not think that it would be efficient. Simply maintaining the same service would be great.**
- **Will become more necessary as local banks close down**
- **Should ideally continue**
- **I can see the need for it for other people who particularly don't have transport to get to other facilities**
- **As local bank branches close, it is important that this service continues.**

[National Trust]

- **DEBATABLE GIVEN CURRENT AND FUTURE TECHNOLOGY**

[Village Hall Group – Maggie Symons]

- **I feel it would be better for the Post Office to be in the Village Shop which would be longer hours.**

[Neighbourhood Watch Group]

- **Certainly continuation but perhaps opening an extra morning around Christmas**
- **Important to continue to offer this service from the R&C**
- **We should do all we can to continue this limited facility for those who need it**

[Marion Turner]

- **Failing a future transport link to Shrivenham one cannot see that the need for a basic service will diminish.**

[Village Show Committee]

- **A very useful asset which needs support to ensure it's survival**

[Ray Giggs]

- **No comment**

2. The Bus Service to Lambourn and Swindon

Present :

[Walking Group]

- I have never used this service, but I can see the value in this for those who wish to travel to Swindon for the shops or to work (albeit quite a restrictive timetable).
- It is disappointing that there is no service to Shrivenham. This is the nearest village with a variety of shops and services, including the GP service and people need to travel by car to get there. Not everyone has a car.
- Useful route for going to hospital also for students at New College
- Can be used for connections at rail and bus stations.
- Saves petrol and parking costs
- I don't use it, but I know some of my neighbours count on it
- I currently don't use it as I drive and due to convenience and time constraints am currently unlikely to use a bus. Hardly ever use it. Would need to be a more frequent service to make it more useful, but this would not be viable.

[National Trust]

- Adequate

[Village Hall Group – Maggie Symons]

- I have used the bus to Swindon on a few occasions when the timing is OK but it is very limited.

[Neighbourhood Watch Group]

- Vital for those who are unable to drive
- Too infrequent but an essential service to the transport links further afield such as Oxford, Bath and Bristol.
- The present service is ok
- As with comments above badly needed by those without transport or not happy to drive into Swindon but I personally have only used the bus three times. Also very useful that there is an easy access to the Hospital and Lambourn surgeries

[Marion Turner]

- Those without private transport rely on this infrequent service for transport to work, college and for everyday shopping needs. Others rely on the connection to the surgery in Lambourn. It is absolutely essential.

[Village Show Committee]

- No comment

[Ray Giggs]

- OK

Future:

[Walking Group]

- A bus service to Shrivenham would be extremely useful.
- Need more frequent buses
- Need buses to Shrivenham
- Ageing population may increase bus usage
- It would be more useful if there was a Lambourn to Shrivenham service and people could catch the 66 from there
- If I didn't drive I definitely would want a bus service to Swindon
- Bus service to Shrivenham would be useful as it would connect with the frequent bus service to Swindon and Oxford.

[National Trust]

- Definite future need.

[Village Hall Group – Maggie Symons]

- I think a more regular bus from Ashbury to Shrivenham would be better to link with the buses to Oxford and Shrivenham.

[Neighbourhood Watch Group]

- Is there any possibility of buses to Shrivenham or Wantage?
- A connection to Shrivenham would be invaluable. A useful extension of travel options (Oxford-London etc) and also to the GP service in Shrivenham
- Would very much like a bus from Ashbury to Shrivenham to pick up connecting services.
- It would be a tremendous boost if there was a route to Shrivenham. Connections are more frequent to both Oxford and Swindon
- Still needed but recognise the cost/benefit is high. Think we might consider as an alternative routing the Lambourn bus to Shrivenham to pick up the No 66 into Swindon, Faringdon (with access to their surgeries) and Oxford.

[Marion Turner]

- There has been a desire for a link to Shrivenham and thus to Oxford as well as Swindon for at least 30 years. This would give much greater flexibility for users.

- The 47/90 service has been under periodic threat of cancellation for some time. The Lambourn –Swindon link has been particularly strongly supported by West Berks in recent years in order to ensure Lambourn residents can reach the GW Hospital. With the withdrawal of subsidies by Swindon and more recently O.C.C. ,how much longer can we rely on the continuation of the service?

[Village Show Committee]

- No comment

[Ray Giggs]

- A connection to Shrivenham would be useful extension of travel options (Oxford-London etc.) and to access GP surgery in Shrivenham

3. GP Services at Shrivenham and Lambourn

Present :

[Walking Group]

- We use the GP at Shrivenham and feel that this is suitable. However, without a car, how can people get there without relying on others or paying high charges for a taxi?
- Shrivenham surgery is excellent
Easy to get an appointment
- I use the excellent Elm Tree surgery
- My GP is in Shrivenham and I have always found them good and been able to get appointments in reasonable time.
- We use the Elm Tree service which is excellent

[National Trust]

- VERY GOOD (LAMBOURN). SHRIVENHAM CAN'T COMMENT

[Village Hall Group – Maggie Symons]

- I use the Shrivenham Elm Tree doctors surgery and am very happy with the service I get

[Neighbourhood Watch Group]

- No knowledge of GPs in Lambourn
- Ok service
- Good GP in Shrivenham and access to all doctors services
- Both have a good reputation and being close to the GWH and Oxford hospitals can offer consultations and operations. There is also a private clinic at the Ridgeway

- I personally use the main Shrivenham GP very happily. No experience of the Lambourn surgeries

[Marion Turner]

- **I cannot comment on Lambourn but the need for continuing bus service to it is obvious.**
- **Shrivenham at present seems satisfactory as far as I can judge.**
- **Future:**
- **Shrivenham services are going to come under increasing pressure of numbers as the house-building plans are realised.**

[Village Show Committee]

- **No comment**

[Ray Giggs]

- **OK**

Future:

[Walking Group]

- **Transport link to the GP service in Shrivenham.**
- **Increase in houses will need larger surgery**
- **Long may it continue!**
- **I assume with more houses being built then more GP hours will be needed at the surgery.**
- **Hope the high standard of service can be maintained in the future.**

[National Trust]

- **DEFINITE FUTURE NEED**

[Village Hall Group – Maggie Symons]

- **I hope the doctors surgery will remain in Shrivenham – it would be even more useful to more people if there was a bus service.**

[Neighbourhood Watch Group]

- Possibility of having a place for GP to visit once a week in Ashbury for local appointments etc?
- Could expand to include a larger practice offering more health services.
- Receptionists need better customer service training!
- Perhaps these services could continue and expand to cater for added population
- I am very concerned that the GP provision in Shrivenham will soon be overtaken by the number of new residents arising from the very many

new Shrivenham & Watchfield Housing developments. Do not know what Oxford CC's proposals are for this expansion in terms of support services?

[Marion Turner]

- Nil return

[Village Show Committee]

- No comment

[Ray Giggs]

- Possibility of having a place in Ashbury for GP to visit once a week for local appointments

4. Local Dental Services

Present :

[Walking Group]

- We use a dentist at Wantage. Ideally, it would be convenient to have a dentist in Shrivenham, but for once a year this is adequate. However, it must be stated that without a car this would be difficult. Even with the bus link to Lambourn, I do not believe that there is an NHS dentist there, so this makes acquiring a dental service problematic.
- I go to Swindon
- I don't know of any really local dentists and use one in Swindon
- I don't use them till I have toothache due to a bad previous experience!
- We use Swindon and Highworth.

[National Trust]

- UNKNOWN

[Village Hall Group – Maggie Symons]

- I use the dentist in Faringdon. I am very happy with the dentists but it would be very difficult to get there if I didn't drive. The dentists is private so quite expensive. Before coming to Ashbury our dentist was NHS but there were no available NHS dentists.

[Neighbourhood Watch Group]

- Registered with Dentist in Wantage
- Ok
- Registered in Marlborough. Don't think it is necessary to provide dental services in a village such as Ashbury. Especially with our close proximity to emergency 24 hour dental services in Swindon

- Not viable unless there is a large increase in population around the surrounding villages. At present there are excellent Dental services in Highworth, Lambourn, Faringdon and several in Swindon.
- I do not have experience of this other than I could not find an NHS dentist in the area when I arrived here, so go to private dentist in Faringdon.

[Marion Turner]

- **Local means Faringdon, which is always busy.**

[Village Show Committee]

- **No comment**

[Ray Giggs]

- **OK**

Future:

[Walking Group]

- **The provision of NHS dental services in Shrivenham or Lambourn.**
- **maybe increase in houses could support a local dentist**
- **The nearer the better**
- **I don't think we need anything more local providing, Swindon and Faringdon not being too far away.**

[National Trust]

- **Unknown**

[Village Hall Group – Maggie Symons]

- **I can foresee problems for those who do not drive and cannot afford private dental fees.**

[Neighbourhood Watch Group]

- **Needs further investigation**

[Marion Turner]

- **Increasing population across the Vale will demand greater capacity.**

[Village Show Committee]

- **No comment**

[Ray Giggs]

- **No comment**

5. The Village Shop

Present :

[Walking Group]

- **This provides provisions and social needs for the community and is an asset for Ashbury.**
- **Good community feel – especially in Jam Jar**

- **Needs more customers**
- **I pop in every day for a paper and occasional coffee or last minute items, but the stock is so limited that the Co-op, supermarket or local market always wins.**
- **It is wonderful having a shop in the village and Lorna is perfect in her role, and ever cheerful, but I feel guilty not to be a bigger spender there**
- **Excellent !**
Good community facility.

[National Trust]

- **Adequate**

[Village Hall Group – Maggie Symons]

- **Wonderful that we have a shop again. Unfortunately there is not a very large range of goods so I still do most shopping in supermarkets. The café seems to work well and I believe it is supporting the shop.**

[Pre-School]

- **The shop is an excellent resource for Pre-school. We use it regularly. Children can walk to the shop from Pre-school without crossing any roads, and learn about the basics of shopping in safe and friendly surroundings. The shop is also ideal for informal meetings with parents. In addition Lorna has offered huge support to Pre-school fundraising – selling tickets at the shop for various events and also personally organising a bingo session in aid of Pre-school.**

[Neighbourhood Watch Group]

- **Good to have a local shop**
- **Fantastic to have a local shop in the village**
- **Delighted that the new development provided this opportunity. However I do think that the extent of goods available could be expanded. Like many in the village I rarely buy more than a handful of things and go to local supermarkets. Concept of coffee shop area excellent, not only providing for passing traffic it also forms a hub where those in the village (especially the lonely) can get out and meet up with other villagers.**

[Marion Turner]

- **It has restored the ‘gathering place’ for the village and the coffee shop is a great boon for the community. The problems with stocking a sufficient variety of goods to be a flourishing and viable shop are self evident. This is not a criticism in any way, merely a statement of fact.**

[Village Show Committee]

- **An asset to the village and one which we should all cherish and support to ensure it's survival and prosperity. I am a customer **early** every day for**

newspapers, magazines and sundries, however **later** visitors have been greeted by a group of smokers outside the front door, which to quote them is "*a complete turn off and a Health and Safety issue and should cease forthwith!*"

[Ray Giggs]

- OK

Future:

[Walking Group]

- **To continue**
- **Needs more support as essential it survives**
- **for a successful community**
- **I fear for the future of the shop and its sustainability as it services such a small community, unlike the Uffington shop which also provides a PO and lottery service and village hall bookings, plants and local produce.**
- **"use it or lose it" campaign if there is a danger of closure**
- **The shop is so good for the community that I hope people can be encouraged to use it more.**
- **Hope it will be sustainable**

[National Trust]

- **COULD EXPAND INTO HIGHER QUALITY MERCHANDISE AS OPPOSED TO 'LONDIS' TYPE OF PRODUCTS**

[Village Hall Group – Maggie Symons]

- **I really hope the shop will continue as it serves a very useful role for many in our community.**

[Pre-School]

- **We value the shop greatly and will continue to use it to support children's learning and as a venue for meetings.**

[Neighbourhood Watch Group]

- The present shop is in early development. Unless we have financial information it is impossible to form an opinion in 2017 let alone 2027. Like all these enterprises at the end of the day success is earned by stocking the correct commodities and offering a pleasant friendly reliable service.
- Think it would do better if it catered more for walkers and cyclists and expanded the catering side.
- Would like to buy more locally grown veg (fantastic that Pauline Smith provides her home grown veg – could others join in too? From the village allotments
- Now that the shop is established it needs to be better stocked with every day food. Perhaps local meats, local cheeses. The Ashbury farmers market is proof that villagers enjoy buying from local businesses.
- Perhaps open on a Sunday morning for ramblers/cyclists to enjoy

- Continue - but see if Lorna could do with some help to enable her to expand her range and ideally her profits

[Marion Turner]

- **It would be great to see the present venture flourish and give something back to the valiant couple running it. Whether that could be achieved with a 'community shop' with shareholders and involving more of the village, is debatable.**

[Village Show Committee]

- **Living directly opposite the cafe is of little attraction to me as it stands. Others feel the profile of the teasop should be raised to attract custom from a wider area (including cyclists and walkers), whilst the shop element could be changed, focusing on staples requiring less space thus freeing up more space for the tea room. Some cited Bloomfields in Shrivenham as a model.**

[Ray Giggs]

- **No comment**

6. The Rose and Crown Inn

Present :

[Walking Group]

- **Excellent service providing hospitality for locals and visitors.**
- **Providing the post office service is highly appreciated. Serving as a fish and chip takeaway is also welcome.**
- **Good village pub**
- **It seems to be doing well now and I think it's a hub for the community we should support**
- **Have only been in for a drink with book club. However, seems a good atmosphere and looks like it has more custom. I hear good reports of the service and food.**
- **Another good village facility.**

[National Trust]

- **NEW OWNERSHIP A BREATH OF FRESH AIR**

[Village Hall Group – Maggie Symons]

- **Again it is excellent that we still have a pub in the village but we don't use it very often – only for an occasional meal.**

[Pre-School]

- **The pub has also been very supportive of Pre-school fundraising. It supplied a generous prize for a prize draw and also hosted the draw itself. If we are looking for a place to go to celebrate, or for a venue for trustees' meetings that is**

more homely than Pre-school, we always choose the Rose and Crown.

[Neighbourhood Watch Group]

- Good friendly pub
- Very welcoming
- Heart of village. Great landlady, friendly vibe and good food
- The success or otherwise of the Rose and Crown depends upon on whether the brewer thinks it is economically viable and this is strongly linked to the efficiency of the Landlord/lady.
- Since 2005 there have been 5 different landlords. The present couple seem very capable and as a village we should give them every support. It would be a tragedy if it closed. The Church, the Pub and the Parish Hall are the main gathering points for events.
- Really pleased that the facility exists but have to admit I only go there to eat about once a month. At my age not one to go there just for the bar

[Marion Turner]

- **This seems to be doing very well under the present management.**

[Village Show Committee]

- **An asset worthy of support to ensure it's survival. Many of us have had some good meals and team very friendly. Well done so far!**

[Ray Giggs]

- **No comment**

Future:

[Walking Group]

- **Continue as now**
- **May it go from strength to strength**
- **Hope that it can continue in the same way.**
- **Hope it continues**

[National Trust]

- **FUNDAMENTAL AS HUB OF COMMUNITY**

[Village Hall Group – Maggie Symons]

- **I think the pub in the centre of the village is such an important building that it would be a real shame if it was sold and pulled down or turned into housing. I think it is very difficult to make it pay for itself though.**

[Pre-School]

- **We shall continue to use the pub for meetings and fundraising events.**

[Neighbourhood Watch Group]

- It could do more to enhance the restaurant side by having smaller tables and laid up with flowers etc.
- Very important to have a local pub in a village
- Hope that the present owners can be successful and make it pay

[Marion Turner]

- **An essential to a village-long may it continue.**

[Village Show Committee]

- **Restaurant area could be more welcoming as landlords become more established and seek to move the business forward.**

[Ray Giggs]

- **No comment**

7. Ashbury w. Compton Beauchamp (CE) Primary School **Present :**

[Walking Group]

- **Have not needed to use this, but we feel that this forms a valuable link in the community.**
An excellent school with a most dedicated Head and fantastic results and a rounded education
Not relevant to me as have no children
Excellent, caring, centre of learning. Extremely important to the community.

[National Trust]

- **UNDERSTAND IT IS A HIGHLY RATED AND PERFORMING SCHOOL**

[Village Hall Group – Maggie Symons]

- **A very good school which I enjoy going to for after school craft classes and Open the Book. At the moment it is thriving.**

[Pre-School]

- **Not surprisingly, Pre-school has a close collaborative relationship with the Primary School. Our shared goal is to provide children in our community and the surrounding area with the best possible start in education and an easy, seamless transition between Pre-school and School.**

[Neighbourhood Watch Group]

Excellent reputation. Lucky to have a local primary school in the village

- **Both the Pre school and the primary School have an excellent reputation due to the Headmistress and teaching staff and the support from the Governors**

[Marion Turner]

- I am not in a position to judge now; it seems to be well supported and performs well as far as OFSTED is concerned..

[Village Show Committee]

- No comment

[Ray Giggs]

- No comment

Future:

[Walking Group]

- **Long may it thrive**

[National Trust]

- **FUNDAMENTAL AS SOURCE OF EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT FOR LOCAL COMMUNITY**

[Village Hall Group – Maggie Symons]

- I can't see a time when the school will not be needed in Ashbury

[Pre-School]

- Our current vision is to make Pre-school strong and sustainable so that it can continue to provide a service to the community, and enable parents to use the funding the Government provides for early years education in a local setting.

[Neighbourhood Watch Group]

- Onwards and upwards. I only hope we can keep Marcia as their Head

[Marion Turner]

- The school has always been regarded as vital to the village community and I see no reason to change that.

[Village Show Committee]

- No comment
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[Ray Giggs]

- No comment

8. The Pre-School

Present :

[Walking Group]

- Not many villages can boast the presence of a school, let alone a pre-school. Again, a valuable link in the community.
- Seems to be thriving
- Its good to be able to offer this service for parents and children

[National Trust]

- AS ABOVE

[Village Hall Group – Maggie Symons]

- I have no experience of this

[Pre-School]

- There has been a Pre-school in Ashbury since 1974, run on a voluntary basis for the benefit community. It is valued because it is small and friendly and local but highly professional, and also for its close links with the Primary School. There are parents in the village who do not drive and it is vital for them to have a Pre-school within walking distance. Our landlords, the trustees of the Free Church have been hugely supportive since we moved to their Church in 2015, welcoming the opportunity to support our work with children as well as expanding the use of the Church.

[Neighbourhood Watch Group]

- Very grateful that our daughter enjoyed a wonderful time in the pre-school. So friendly, fantastic teachers and a special local community feel.
- No experience

[Village Show Committee]

- No comment

[Ray Giggs]

- No comment

Future:

[Walking Group]

- No comment

[National Trust]

- AS ABOVE

[Village Hall Group – Maggie Symons]

- Nil return

[Pre-School]

- Our current vision is to make Pre-school strong and sustainable so that it can continue to provide a service to the community,

and enable parents to use the funding the Government provides for early years education in a local setting.

- Our long term ambition is for a new purpose-built Pre-school – perhaps funded as a part of any future housing development.

[Neighbourhood Watch Group]

- I imagine that funding is a real issue here. Is it supported by the local Council?

[Village Show Committee]

- No comment

[Ray Giggs]

- No comment

9. The Playground at Wixes Piece

Present :

[Walking Group]

- I believe that this is well used, but disappointing that some of the equipment is no longer in use. Nevertheless, it appears to be kept safe and tidy.
well used in good weather
- It's an asset which the younger members of the village seem to enjoy
- Seems to be a nice play area for young children.

[National Trust]

- THINK IT IS SLIGHTLY UNDER USED BUT I DO WHEN FAMILY VISITS

[Village Hall Group – Maggie Symons]

- When my grand children come to stay they enjoy playing on the play equipment but I don't see very many children using it.

[Pre-School]

- We use the playground regularly. As with the shop, we really like the fact that we can walk there with the children without crossing any roads.

[Neighbourhood Watch Group]

- Very good and used by locals but grass etc not maintained very well
- Good equipment. Great for local children to have a place to go
- Not much activity at present
- No experience

[Marion Turner]

- The playground has been a great success and is pretty much in constant use in all but the vilest weather. This

facility has been on the wish list for fifty years ; it is wonderful to see it achieved at last.

[Village Show Committee]

- Waste bins often full to overflowing and rubbish blows everywhere. Grass rather long on occasions (is the Section 106 money for this?). An asset to the whole village.

[Ray Giggs]

- OK

Future:

[Walking Group]

- To repair the broken apparatus and to maintain its safety and tidiness.
- needs to be well maintained for maximum use
- If possible, provision for older children.

[National Trust]

- IMPORTANT FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS BUT MUST BE MAINTAINED

[Village Hall Group – Maggie Symons]

- It will need to be maintained to a high safety level which will cost money and I can see this may mean it will be closed in the future.

[Pre-School]

- It will be important for the equipment to be well maintained so that it continues to be safe and attractive to children.

[Neighbourhood Watch Group]

- There is space for more play equipment
- Perhaps include some older children's equipment
- With some encouragement from the School, Parish Council and others perhaps the field could be used for football matches with other schools. The Parish Council could supply the necessary equipment and keep the grass in good order

[Marion Turner]

- Keeping the playground in good condition will be expensive for a small community such as ours and money needs to be put aside for this. It is adequate for the small number of young children in the village, in my opinion.

[Village Show Committee]

- Regular maintenance most necessary (Question Section 106 as above)
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[Ray Giggs]

- No comment

10. The Open Space below Wixes Piece

Present :

[Walking Group]

- **Very disappointing. It simply is an 'open space' without any function.**
Footpath makes part of a circular walking route
- **Nothing much going on there**
- **Does not seem to be used for anything at the moment.**

[National Trust]

- **SHABBY ROUGH AREA THAT I HAVE NEVER WITNESSED IN USE**

[Village Hall Group – Maggie Symons]

- **Don't have any experience of this**

[Pre-School]

- **We use the footpath regularly to get to the playground and shop. We would probably use the space itself more if it were better drained. At present the surface is often saturated and muddy.**

[Neighbourhood Watch Group]

- Not maintained at all well and therefore quite unusable. Ground needs to be levelled and grass cut much shorter. Flower borders surrounding it also are in dire need of regular attention.
- Encourage/cultivate borders of the Playing Field to the natural habitat for wild flowers and insects that existed pre-war (1930s) if possible
- An unused plot of land – needs attention.
- Although not in use at present I can see a planning application for the development of the site not too far away particularly as the Government, County Council and the Vale are pressing all villages large and small to add to the existing housing stock.
- This also applies to sites on the Idstone and Shrivenham roads approaching Ashbury. Unfortunately the occupiers or owners of these new developments are unlikely to contribute much to our Village. There are no jobs of any consequence in Ashbury. The nearest possible opportunities are for example Harwell, Oxford, Reading and London etc. Some of the new properties in Wixes are only used as weekend retreats and therefore the occupants are unlikely to attend the many functions in Ashbury throughout the year.
- Seems to be a white elephant at the moment

[Marion Turner]

- **The condition in which the open space was handed over to the control of the Parish Council was far from satisfactory and the delay in doing so and the failure of Redcliffe (or**

their contractors, which ever was responsible) to respond to the P.C. in their requests for proper completion of the

- work, as I understand, led to no proper maintenance contract being in place during the summer of 2016.
- It is clear that the open space is being used as a walkthrough from Pound Piece –as was intended with the siting of the path and its entrance to Miller's Lane, as well as a general exercise area. Clearly it is also being used to walk dogs, something which the former Parish Councillors were opposed to, but this does allow dogs to run free without danger to livestock. Providing owners clear up after their dogs, there seems no reason to object.

[Village Show Committee]

- A potentially useful resource for the whole village, but not at all what was expected, in that it's unusable in it's present state. People have referred to it as a "white elephant"!

[Ray Giggs]

- Encourage / cultivate the borders of the playing field to create the natural habitat for wild flowers and insects that existed pre-WWII , if possible

Future:

[Walking Group]

- A lot of potential, but needs to be maintained as an area that people can actually use.
- A football pitch would be an asset
- Some creative thinking needed. It will be a large commitment to maintain this big area.

[National Trust]

- COULD BE DEVELOPED AND IMPROVED. EVEN A COUPLE OF GOAL POSTS MIGHT ENCOURAGE MORE USE

[Village Hall Group – Maggie Symons]

- Nil return

[Pre-School]

- Apart from improving the drainage, it will be important for the space to be regularly maintained to make it inviting to children.

[Neighbourhood Watch Group]

- Needs constant maintenance and this should be addressed.
- Any plans for future use of this land?
- Desperately needs a Parish Council sub-group with youngish leader to provide outdoor opportunities (football, cricket, village picnics etc.). Appreciate volunteers are in short supply at the moment but are we even looking for someone like this?

[Marion Turner]

- This area was designated as a 'community open space' with the intention that village events-such as summer fairs could be held there. It was not designed to be a sports field or anything other than an ad hoc place for children or young people to kick balls around. School use would of course come into that.
- There are a number of restrictive covenants on access and use of the open space in order to protect the residents of Wixes Piece. These should be referred to before any major decisions are made as to other use of the space. The Clerk has a copy of the relevant document.

[Village Show Committee]

- Whatever the history, this area must be levelled so that children can safely play on it. It is a site with potential for the whole village to enjoy. There is always a risk that if it's not used it could end up (perish the thought) for "other purposes"! Is there any Section 106 money for this?

[Ray Giggs]

- Encourage / cultivate the borders of the playing field to create the natural habitat for wild flowers and insects that existed pre-WWII , if possible

11. The Allotments

Present :

[Walking Group]

Clearly bring joy to many hard working people. An excellent asset to the village.

- **Seem well used**
- **They seem to be well used and appreciated**
- **Bring much enjoyment to the few people who have them**

[National Trust]

- **FROM WHAT I SEE THEY ARE VERY POPULAR AND WELL USED**
-

[Village Hall Group – Maggie Symons]

- This is a good facility and appear to be well maintained and used.

[Pre-School]

- We have not so far visited the allotments, but may well do so in future. We have received an invitation from one of the

allotment holders to visit her allotment so that children can learn about growing vegetables organically.

[Neighbourhood Watch Group]

- I enjoy having my allotment
- Good to see more allotments being cultivated. However the use of metal infrastructures and brightly coloured netting should be discouraged
- Invaluable addition to the village.
- Great meeting place and should be encouraged.
- At present the available land is not 100% in use. It's an excellent feature in a small village and should be encouraged.

[Marion Turner]

- **These are underused at present but greatly valued by those who have them.**

[Village Show Committee]

- **An asset to the village and all those allotment holders**

[Ray Giggs]

- **Good to see more being cultivated. However, the use of metal structures and bright coloured netting should be discouraged and timber and wire or neutral coloured netting used instead. This would greatly enhance the view of the downland for all to enjoy.**

Future:

[Walking Group]

- **People may prefer smaller plots**
- **Maybe more of their produce could find its way to the village shop**
- **I don't use it but glad that it is used. Thought the lady selling her produce in the shop last year added an interesting dimension and wonder if it might promote more interest in others to grow their own.**

[National Trust]

- **IMPORTANT TO COMMUNITY**

[Village Hall Group – Maggie Symons]

- **I would hope they will continue to be well used**

[Pre-School]

- **See above**

[Neighbourhood Watch Group]

- They appear to be well used and appreciated. Generally well maintained
- As far as 10 years is concerned it would be advisable to check with present owner of the land and see what his plans are for the usage in future.
- Perhaps a committee/club could be formed for allotment holders

- Encourage the use of timber and wire or neutral coloured netting which would greatly enhance the view of the Downlands for all to enjoy.
- Selling produce to local shop to provide fruit and veg to the local community
- Hopefully the present holders will continue to ensure their success

[Marion Turner]

- **It may be that less space is needed for allotments but they may then disappear under bricks and mortar.**

[Village Show Committee]

- **No comment**

[Ray Giggs]

- **No comment**

12. Dial-a Ride

Present :

[Walking Group]

- **Was not aware of this. Have not seen this on the Parish Website.**
- **Most people do not realise this is available for anyone to book and use**
- **I have no experience of it though neighbours seem to appreciate it**
- **I know people who use and value this service. I don't know what the criteria is to be able to use it and wonder if people using that instead of the bus may negatively impact on our bus service if this is reviewed again.**
- **Didn't know about it**

[National Trust]

- **UNKNOWN**

[Village Hall Group – Maggie Symons]

[Neighbourhood Watch Group]

- **An excellent service**
- **Not aware of anything**

[Marion Turner]

- **Demand for this service is limited and the service provider has often suggested we should 'use it or lose it'.**

[Village Show Committee]

- **No comment**

[Ray Giggs]

- No comment

Future:

[Walking Group]

- No experience
- Needs more publicity.
- Needs to be promoted as a help for anyone without use of a car.

[National Trust]

- UNKNOWN

[Village Hall Group – Maggie Symons]

- Nil

[Neighbourhood Watch Group]

- Can it be expanded over the next 10 years and help more people to get to more destinations?
- Not aware
- Feel this may be the future if Councils cannot provide the funds.

[Marion Turner]

- With the general ageing of the population and more people perhaps unable to drive or use public transport; it may become more, not less valued.

[Village Show Committee]

- No comment

[Ray Giggs]

- No comment

B. What facilities not now available in Ashbury do you see a need for, either now or in the next decade?

[Walking Group]

- Mobile Library
- Extension to graveyard?
- Bus service to Shrivenham
- I'm not sure this very vague thought is relevant or helpful to this questionnaire but every now and then I mull over the problem of care of the elderly and whether there is some miracle model of care that communities can adopt

that hasn't been thought of yet. That said, Ashbury is extremely caring when a need is known!

[National Trust]

- THE PRICE OF LIVING IN A BEAUTIFUL AND REMOTE VILLAGE IS NOT HAVING ALL THE FACILITIES ONE WOULD ASSOCIATE WITH URBAN LIFE. I THINK WHAT WE HAVE IS JUST ABOUT RIGHT. WITH ASHDOWN WOODS WE ARE LOOKING INTO PROVIDING DOG WASTE FACILITIES DUE TO AN INCREASE IN VISITOR PRESSURE, PROBABLY FROM DEVELOPING AREAS , WHERE THE PRACTICE OF BAGGING POO AND THROWING IT INTO BRAMBLES BUSHES ETC IS FOLLOWED. I DO THINK THE CAR PARKS AT THE TOP OF ASHBURY HILL COULD BE BETTER MAINTAINED AND MANAGED. I RECENTLY LITTER PICKED IT MYSELF, OUTSIDE OF MY OWN DUTIES, AS IT WAS IN SUCH A STATE. I AM AWARE THAT THE O.C.C NATIONAL TRAILS TEAM MAINTAIN THE RIDGEWAY IN OUR AREA ABOUT ONCE A YEAR AND THIS SEEMS ABOUT RIGHT. WAYLAND'S SMITHY IS UNDER MY MANAGEMENT WHERE ACCESS AND PRESENTATION HAVE BEEN RECENTLY ADDRESSED

[Village Hall Group – Maggie Symons]

- A volunteer run bus to Shrivenham and/or Swindon

[Pre-School]

- The mobile library that used to visit Ashbury was a super resource for Pre-school children and we would very much like to see the service revived.

[Neighbourhood Watch Group]

- Look into the possibility of having a first aid building somewhere in the village. A place for GPs to visit the residents. Perhaps located on the playing area near to the end of Malthouse Close. Funding possible from future developments which are approved in the village?
- Building of a village swimming pool or tennis court – great exercise and could charge a nominal fee which could go towards the village infrastructure.
- Speed restrictions on the exits/entrances to Ashbury
- Speed restrictions have been discussed many times with the Highway authority without any success.

- My personal view is to install speed restriction units on all four entrances to Ashbury. These should be as the design coming out of Shrivenham on the Watchfield Road.
- **BUT NOT** as in Station Road going into Shrivenham from Ashbury. Vehicles with a wide axle are useless as a speed inhibitor. Small cars have to creep across to judge the correct path so as not damage the suspension.
- The condition of the Roads and Pavements has been discussed in PC meetings for many years without any success. It would be hoped before the end of 10 years all the pot holes would be correctly filled and all the roads entering Ashbury from the 4 directions including Chapel Lane would be correctly surfaced and the gutters swept and kept in good order. This also applies to all the grass verges and other areas within the Village. Additional traffic will mean these should be attended to asap

[Marion Turner]

- **There will be increasing need for measures to calm traffic as the eastern expansion of Swindon gets under way and the village roads are used as rat runs to ease congestion on the A420 and junction 15 of the M4. This effect is already noticeable and has been surveyed in the recent past for the Western Vale Villages consortium.**

[Village Show Committee]

- **No comment**

[Ray Giggs]

- **The possibility of having a building for First Aid and to host Doctors during weekly visits (see comment on GP services). This could be located on the playing area near to the playing area at the end of Malthouse Close. Funding possible from future developments which are approved in the village.**

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Additional Info (from Neighbourhood Watch Group)

Ashbury is a small Village nestling under the Ridgeway and some parts are over 2000 years old. Over the last 60/70 years it has changed from a Hamlet to a

small village. Many people had jobs on the land supported by various trades. I.e: Blacksmiths, Bakery, Butchers and Post office etc.

Due to economic changes over the years, plus mechanisation becoming more and more sophisticated, even more jobs were lost.

In Ashbury Bunces Engineering is the largest employer first established in the early 20th Century and employing at its peak some 30 tradesmen and backroom staff. Not all employees lived in Ashbury. Some skills were not available in the village and so outside labour made up the shortfall. Bunces has changed hands recently.

In the next 10 years Ashbury can and will change dramatically unless pressure can be achieved to stop house building. It doesn't necessarily mean further employment in the village. Unless the properties are affordable I can't imagine jobs would be available only for non- manual tradesmen. Where would they be employed?

At Present

The population has a large retired population. Those who are not retired mostly work away from home or are self- employed. Increases in population through further building will put a strain on the class sizes in the Pre-School and the C of E Primary and later in Faringdon or Wantage Senior Schools. The Schools at present have an excellent reputation due to the Headmistress and teaching staff and the support from the Governors

Anglican Church and Free Church

More efforts have to be made to attract and build up the congregation. Many people in the village put in a lot of work each year for different events and raise monies to keep the Church viable. This is fantastic but the Church needs regular attendance. It can be very restful and thought provoking to help solve a problem in the peace and quiet in such a lovely Church. Without further support then in the next 10 years the very worst may happen.

Cemetery

The present new cemetery will within a few years have no plots available. Now is the time for the Parish Council to explore what possible sites could be available for future use for the next 10 years!

Walking Group

Hope this continues and more Villages join in over the next 10 years.

Knitting group

Same comments as above.

WI

This unlikely in Ashbury. There are excellent well established WIs in Shrivenham and Hinton Parva which started 53 years ago.

Library

The visiting library service to the school and general use has been scrapped.

Neighbourhood Watch

This was established some years ago. Members on the Committee are notified by the Police of any local crime. Each member is responsible for a specific area and can report any suspicious activity direct to the police. There is no reason why this should change; except more houses in Ashbury will require further members.

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This questionnaire was sent to the following Ashbury Groups:

Ashbury Shop
St Mary's Church
Evangelical Church
Primary School
Pre-School
Rose and Crown Inn
Lambourn Surgery
Elm Tree Surgery, Shrivenham
Village Hall
Community Group
Neighbourhood Watch
National Trust
Village Show Committee
Allotment Holders
Post Office
Walking Group
Knitting Group

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C. Responses to First Stakeholder Survey

1. From Norma Ferguson (St Mary's Church)

Ashbury Neighbourhood Plan – vision and objectives

Vision: To conserve and enhance the rural character and landscape of the Parish, through sustainable, community-led development

Objective 1: To ensure that new development respects the existing form and function of the settlements within the Parish.

Objective 2: To ensure that new development is accommodated in a way that maintains and enhances our built environment so as to contribute positively to the visual character of its local surroundings.

Comment: I like the fact that the objectives start with the acceptance of development within the parish – we are not seeking to preserve Ashbury and the surrounding areas in aspic but to create a thriving, intergenerational community in which people can live, learn and work (at risk of sounding too much like a vicar “to live and move and have their being”). I think I remember a concept of “vernacular architecture” using local materials and in keeping with (though not necessarily identical to) existing buildings.

Objective 4: To maintain the Parish’s rural setting, and retain the openness between the settlements to protect the identity of individual settlements.

Comment: I think this is hugely important. One of the things I disliked about living in London was that places merged into one another with no sense of arrival or departure.

Objective 3: To respect the significance and setting of heritage assets, including the Ashbury and Idstone Conservation Areas.

Objective 5: To protect our distinctive landscape which contributes to the sense of place and community, including views, and important nature conservation interests.

Objective 8: To support the local economy, and opportunities for farming diversification, where appropriate.

Comment: I see these as interdependent: not just because we need to support the farmers but because it is the landscape and heritage which draws so many of our visitors who will spend money in the pub and the shop. As a church, we see the churchyards as God’s gardens, to be maintained as places of beauty and tranquillity; effective stewardship of the environment is something to which we are called

Objective 6: To improve accessibility to and around the Parish, including the provision of improvements to the existing footpath linkages to outlying hamlets.

Objective 7: To maintain and improve access to public open spaces.

Comment: These will be particularly important in the context of new housing development; in particular, safe and accessible footpaths to and around the village will help reduce the number of car journeys and encourage people to use local amenities. Once in the car, you may as well go to the Co-op or Tesco as to the local shop. And when you are walking, you meet and talk to people, which is how we create a welcoming, inclusive community. On the subject of accessibility, consideration needs to be given to the width of the roads around any new development, the need for passing places, speed limits and to safe intersection with existing main roads. And, I know, the path up to the church is hardly a model of accessibility, but we are looking to see how that could be improved.

Objective 9: To maintain and protect existing facilities and activities wherever possible. The policies should be aimed at ensuring that the current level of services enjoyed in the Parish are retained and that where appropriate, new services and facilities can be added in the future, where appropriate and as a result of new development.

Comment: I do hope this objective includes transport! Better public transport probably beyond our control, but some kind of community bus service would be really helpful and, again reduce the number of cars. Possibly one of the supermarkets might help support even a weekly shoppers' bus? Obviously we the shop needs to be protected, but even Lorna can't supply everything.

Objective 10: To ensure new residential development meets the needs of the local community and is proportionate in scale to Ashbury's small village status in the settlement hierarchy.

Comment: We were not around when the development at Wixes Piece was being considered but it does seem to be an add-on rather than something which meets community needs (always accepting that we now have the shop/tea room for which I am very grateful!). Like the rest of the world, Ashbury needs housing which young families and first time buyers can afford, thus sustaining numbers at the school. Falling numbers at rural schools is a matter of national concern. Anecdotally, I am told of young people who would like to live into the village but can't afford it. The key word here is proportionate; in my experience, Ashbury is a welcoming community but people can easily feel overwhelmed by large numbers of new buildings.

1. *Which of the Objectives on which we are working are in your view more important?*

To be honest I find it hard to prioritise, but do see links between specific objectives. Mildly surprised not to see transport and infrastructure as separate objectives, but understand that it may be better for these to be integrated across the plan

2. *In relation to those Objectives of interest, what is your particular perspective?*

My perspective is one of pastoral care for the people who live here: that the elderly can continue to live independently because they have easy access to the resources they need; that the young can afford to live here; that we continue to have a school for the children; and that we continue to have places which can act as a focus for community engagement i.e. church, open space, pub, shop, village hall (strictly alphabetical order)

3. *Would you or your organisation / business be able to help us to achieve any of the objectives?*

We can pray! Obviously we will help and support in any way we can

4. *Do you wish to be kept informed about the further stages of our work on the NP?*

Yes please

5. *Would you welcome an opportunity to talk in person, or by telephone, with a member of our team? We would be glad to arrange that.*

Not unless you think it would be helpful to discuss any of the comments above

Rev'd Norma Fergusson
9 February 2017

REPORT ON THE OPEN SPACE & VIEWS SURVEY

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OPEN SPACE

INTRODUCTION

There are a number of small areas of Open Space within the Parish such as that where the Parish war-memorial is sited, and an area to the front of the Rose & Crown Inn where benches have been added for the benefit of customers of the Inn. None of these are considered to be of a size where they can realistically be used as a recreational amenity, but rather provide a setting for public seating, some with views, or a refuge at key sites such as the Parishes war-memorials already mentioned. A full list of these areas are provided at the end of this section and cross referenced on the Maps in Local Green Space Report

There are then only three areas of open space within the Parish of significant size in the context of 'land-use', only two of which are owned by the Parish, and each is dealt with separately below.

THE GREEN, KINGSTONE WINSLOW

Historically, the Green in Kingstone Winslow comprised a much larger area than it does today, and was probably used for grazing animals owned or tended by the then occupants of the older, more traditional cottages in the hamlet. As recently as the last century the current lane was little more than a farm track used for herding animals to the open fields beyond the Green to the south-east, but over the subsequent period the lane has become more established and significantly wider, while at the same time the verdant area has been eroded to provide parking and/or vehicular access to adjacent properties.

Currently the Green [see map in Local Green Space Report] comprises a small area. and hence offers only limited potential for recreational use. The few events that do take place tend to take the form of public parties such as that held for the millennium and other national celebrations, or events arranged & organized by local residents such as the impromptu Carols at Christmas that took place a year or so ago.

The verdant area is maintained entirely by local residents and, unlike other such areas within the Parish, with no assistance from the wider Parish and/or funding from the public purse. This was not always the case as in keeping with other open-spaces within the Parish, the Green used to be cut perhaps two or three times per year. Inevitably, however, the cutting was insufficiently frequent to maintain its appearance and as a consequence the residents took it upon themselves to maintain the Green and the outside assistance very quickly ceased thereafter.

In summary: The Green at Kingstone Winslow is very much a local amenity entirely maintained by residents and with only limited potential for recreational use. Nevertheless it is considered key to the character of the hamlet and should therefore be designated a 'Local Green Space' and any attempts to reduce its size further, or proposals for development on it, vigorously resisted.

THE ALLOTMENTS, ASHBURY VILLAGE

The Allotments sited on the southerly side of the B4507 to the south-east of Ashbury village, are a public amenity enjoyed at the sole discretion of the owners; Compton Beauchamp Estates [CBE].

As with The Green at Kingstone Winslow, the Allotments are entirely self-maintained, in this case by the individual allotment-holders, and managed by two long-standing allotment-holders nominated by CBE

It was common practice in the mid-1800's onward for landowners to provide land near populated areas for 'home cultivation' by residents. While we have not been able to source any documentary evidence, it is likely that the Craven family, the then landowner, made that that accommodates the Ashbury allotments available to residents of the Parish at around that time. It would almost certainly have been before the turn of the century as in the early part of the 20th century Local Authorities were required to allocate land for 'home cultivation' where none existed, and such a need clearly didn't arise in Ashbury.

What is known for certain is that a large swathe of land that included the allotments was purchased firstly by the Astor family, and then in 1988 by Compton Beauchamp Estates, and both generously continued to make the land available to local residents. The current owners have also confirmed that they remain committed to the ongoing use of the land for an allotment site and this will continue until there is no local demand for 'home cultivation' purposes at which time the land will revert to a field.

In summary: The Allotments are on land owned by Compton Beauchamp Estates but generously made available to local residents for 'home cultivation' and are wholly maintained by the allotment holders and hence offer no potential for alternative recreational use. As with the Green at Kingstone Winslow, this is considered another key area that should be designated a 'Local Green Space' whether/not it remains as allotments. In this case because it not only sits within the AONB but affords uninterrupted views to the Kingstone Coombes and the Ridgeway beyond, views that can be enjoyed from many parts of Ashbury Village & Kingstone Winslow.

THE MILLPOND & MILLSTREAMS, KINGSTONE WINSLOW

Currently the millpond adjacent to Upper Mill is not in a 'balanced' condition as it is becoming increasingly stifled by plant growth fed no doubt from the nutrients in the run-off from the cattle pens at Kingstone Farm. As a consequence, while there are self-evidently a variety of water-fowl that nest around the millpond, there have been no recent sightings of the freshwater crayfish for example. These were known to be breeding in the pond and while they may still be there, recently conducted surveys have not been able to confirm this.

It is therefore proposed that to protect the ecology of the millpond & chalk-springs that feed it, it be designated a green space. The ultimate aim being to provide the opportunity to introduce management techniques over time aimed at restoring the balanced condition of the millpond thereby enabling the species that may have been reduced or lost to recover.

Similarly a variety of wildlife species have been sighted on the course of the millstream below the millpond together with other chalk-streams that emanate from the AONB and these too should be designated to afford some protection to these species, some of which are categorised as endangered.

WIXES PIECE, ASHBURY VILLAGE

The Open Space at Wixes Piece is by far the largest area of publicly owned land within the Parish boundary. It was ceded to the Parish in March 2015 as part of a S106 agreement with the developer of the adjacent residential estate. The Open Space is protected, and it's usage defined, by a restrictive covenant established as part of the conditions of the land-transfer to the Parish, examples of this being:

- i. The area can be used by residents at any time as an amenity for recreational purposes provided always that it does not “ . . . become an actionable nuisance”, while events organised by the Parish are restricted to just 6 per annum.
- ii. Should a building be required for the storage of maintenance or recreational equipment, as well as having to seek any planning consent deemed necessary it would also require the express permission of the transferor.
- iii. While the maintenance and planting of the Open Space is entirely at the discretion of the Parish, it is constrained by conditions relating to the original planting and that within 3m [10ft] of any boundary.

As a consequence the survey conducted as part of the Neighbourhood Plan consultation process was restricted to take account of such constraints and hence were aimed primarily at determining how Parish residents wished to see the Open Space managed and used to the benefit of the community as a whole.

The survey was therefore very straightforward and correspondingly brief comprising of three key questions. A total of 47 residents responded and the questions together with an appraisal of the responses received are provided in full in a separate report, but are summarised below as follows:

a. Management of the grass [i.e. excluding the children's play area]

A total of 52.2% of those that responded opted for the partly managed option, defined as some kept short, and some growing longer and further described as the 'medium cost option'. Where follow-up comments were made this was further defined as the need to keep the main field cut short for recreational use, while leaving the outer area (beyond the footpath) to grow naturally for the benefit of wildlife, but the number of such comments were small compared with the overall number that opted for this middle-road approach.

There was then a fairly even split between 'neatly maintained' [23.9%], and 'kept more natural' [17.4%], with 4.3% undecided.

However, from responses received through the 'Stakeholder Consultation' conducted in parallel to the Open Space survey there are concerns about the prevalence of animal faeces that would be likely to deter greater usage of the main field for recreational use unless eliminated completely, and would certainly need some form of management & supervisory process to eliminate the problem.

There were also real concerns expressed about whether the desired level of maintenance could in fact be achieved/sustained as some considered that the maintenance too date had been wholly inadequate to permit meaningful usage.

b. Overall Character

The overwhelming response (97.8%) was that the space should be left 'open to the surrounding longer views'. The response for this option was self-evidently a firm rejection of the alternative that the field be enclosed to give a sheltered feel, and the only ambiguous response that prevented a possible 100% was where a resident had failed to complete the survey form

c. Field uses

This was a multiple choice question and of the completed surveys [there were three that didn't respond to this question] all of the usage options received a good level of positive responses. The joint favourites were 'summer relaxation' & 'general play area' that each attracted a 67.4% positive vote, followed closely by a vote of 63.0% for 'sports use' such as cricket & soccer. The final result was a vote of 54.3% for 'educational use'.

This last result is perhaps surprising given that residents of the Parish are generally both public spirited & very community aware. One possible explanation may in fact be this community awareness as it appears to be understood that the primary school Headmistress is very safety

conscious and, in the absence of anyone on duty to control traffic, very reluctant take the schoolchildren across the B4000.

FURTHER OBSERVATIONS

While there were some residents that expressed the view that The Open Space at Wixes Piece should be brought-up to a condition where the grassed area could be used for pursuing recreational sporting activities, there was no identifiable requirement for such a facility whether from individual residents or community groups.. Given that it is the only Open Space within the Plan area of a size capable of accommodating such activities, it remains to be seen whether such a requirement would emerge if the condition and cleanliness of the grassed area improved.

More worryingly, however, at the time of writing it became known that the deeds in the Parish Council's possession contradict those of the owner of the 'private road' that provides vehicular access to the field, with the consequence that usage of the land is currently curtailed to a far greater extent that had been expected.

In summary: While the covenant on Wixes Piece contains a number of restrictions, it does not preclude the future development of the site whether for commercial or residential use. Given that it provides the only meaningful green space within the parish that could be used for a broad range of recreational purposes it is considered essential that this too should be designated a 'Local Green Space'.

VIEWS

The second part of the survey was used to determine which views residents considered to be noteworthy, with a selection already identified by/referred to members of the steering group used as an illustration. The results were quite varied & widespread, the latter probably only restricted by mobility of the individual – i.e. those less mobile tending toward the views around the settlements, with others opting for those in the rural areas.

The initial feedback, and that gathered subsequently through the website & poster appeals have been collated and built into a dedicated views map reproduced in the Character Appraisal and Neighbourhood Plan documents.

LIST OF GREEN SPACES

Large:	The Allotments, Ashbury*
	Wixes Piece, Ashbury*
Medium:	The Green, Kingstone Winslow
	The millpond & millstreams, Kingstone Winslow
	The Children's Play area, Ashbury*
Small:	The War Memorial, Oddstone
	At the Kingstone Winslow junction with the B4507
	The old graveyard, Kingstone Winslow
	On Chapel Lane at junction with the B4000, Ashbury*
	On Chapel Lane adjacent to the Manor, Ashbury*
	At the Rose & Crown, Ashbury*
	The War Memorial, Ashbury*
	Adjacent to Rectory Farm, Idstone

* Refers to village of Ashbury

OPEN SPACE & VIEWS SURVEY OVERVIEW

a.

b.

c. Section 1 – Wixes Piece Field

This field is the only large area of public open space in the parish. Responses to our the first questionnaire suggested a number of ways to use and improve it, and we would like you to say which you prefer.

i. Q1a – Management of the grass

Which management method would you prefer? (tick a single choice)

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|--|-------|
| 1. Neatly maintained throughout, all grass cut etc [high cost] | 25.5% |
| 2. Partly maintained* with some longer grass [average cost] | 53.2% |
| 3. Kept more natural with occasional cutting [low cost] | 17.0% |
| 4. It doesn't matter | 0.0% |
| 5. Dont know | 4.3% |

** Partly maintained would be some kept short and some allowed to grow longer*

ii. Q1b – Overall character

Which of the following would you prefer (tick a single choice)

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|--|------|
| 1. That the field is enclosed to give a sheltered feel | 0.0% |
| 2. That the field is left open to the surrounding longer views | 100% |
| 3. Don't know/don't mind | 0.0% |

iii. Q2 – Field uses

Which uses would you or your household have for the field if available (multiple choice, tick as many as you wish)

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|---|-------|
| 1. Summer relaxation | 70.2% |
| 2. Sports – e.g. football, cricket, etc | 66.0% |
| 3. Educational use – e.g. by school. | 55.3% |
| 4. General play area | 70.2% |
| 5. Other | 4.3% |

d.

e.

f. Section 2 – Views and protection of other open spaces

The section of land running down from the allotments to the corner junction of the B4000 with the lane running through Kingstone Winslow separates Kingstone Winslow from Ashbury. It contains the allotments, the pond and a section of the brook running from the pond through private gardens.

Q3 – Which of these views do you think are most important to the character and feel of the Parish.

Optional multi-choice		
1	Across the allotments to the Coombes	67.4%

2	Down & across the pond if it were cleared	27.7%
3	From the top of Upper Mill Lane	17.0%
4	From Idstone Road across the vale	39.7%
5	From the B4000 Station Road corner up to the Coombes	24.1%
6	Other publicly accessible views [please write in below]	7.8%
7	None	

Other

Q4 – The allotments are privately owned, but do you think that the area should be designated a green space to protect the views?

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|----------|---------|
| 1. Yes | 78.7% |
| 2. No | 8.5% |
| 3. Maybe | 10.6% * |

Q5 – Taking into account the views, pond and brook and separation of Ashbury and Kingstone Winslow do you think the overall sweep of land separating the two is important to the parish?

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| 1. Yes | 80.9% |
| 2. No | 8.5% |
| 3. Maybe | 10.6% * |

Q6 – If possible would you like to see them protected?

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|----------|---------|
| 1. Yes | 74.5% |
| 2. No | 6.4% |
| 3. Maybe | 14.9% * |

Q7 – If possible would you like to see open space separating Idstone and Ashbury with its views across the vale protected?

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| 1. Yes | 80.9% |
| 2. No | 2.1% |
| 3. Maybe | 10.6% * |

Q8 – Are there any other areas or views within the Parish not listed above and/or already protected that you think should be?

None given

*** The 'maybe' vote seemed driven by doubts over whether protection was possible/practical.**

Parish of Ashbury Neighbourhood Plan

		Q1a	Q1a	Q1a	Q1a	Q1a	Q1b	Q1b	Q1b	Q2	Q2	Q2	Q2	Q2	Q3	
		1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	1	2	3	4	other	1	
		Name														
1	1	ANON	1					1		1	1	1	1		2	
2	1	Jacklie Baker				1		1						1	1	
3	1	Ruth Baker-Hayes	1					1		1	1				1	
4	1	Julia Blake & Peter Smith		1				1			1	1	1		3	
5	1	Julie Carr		1				1		1	1	1	1		1	
6	1	Lisa Compton		1				1		1					1	
7	1	D J Cookson				1		1				1	1		1	
8	1	Donna Cordon-Stacey		1				1					1		3	
9	1	Peter Cowx		1				1		1	1	1	1		3	
10	1	Cliff Davies	1					1			1	1				
11	1	Karen Davies		1				1		1			1		3	
12	1	Dominick/Kirstin Donald		1				1		1	1		1		3	
13	1	Phillip Dubois		1				1		1	1	1	1		2	
14	1	Pamela Farrelly	1					1		1	1		1		1	
15	1	Ray Giggs		1				1		1			1		1	
16	1	James Greenham		1				1			1		1		2	
17	1	Lorna Halford			1			1		1	1	1	1		3	
18	1	H & A Hawley		1				1		1		1			3	
19	1	Diane Highbury + David		1				1		1	1	1	1		1	
20	1	Marion & Nigel Jefferys	1					1			1	1	1		3	
21	1	Josh Jury	1					1				1	1			
22	1	Ilze Kadegis	1					1			1	1	1		3	
23	1	Alfreda Kemp			1			1		1	1					
24	1	Jeff Kerton	1					1		1	1	1	1		1	
25	1	E Law		1				1		1	1	1	1		2	
26	1	Bill Leppard		1				1		1	1		1		3	
27	1	Diana Leppard		1				1		1	1		1		3	
28		Eliza Lewis		1				1		1	1	1	1			
29	1	Alison & Mike Linley		1				1		1	1	1	1		3	
30	1	Deanna le Coyte			1			1		1	1	1	1		3	
31	1	? McAllister		1				1			1	1			2	
32	1	Elain Mellor			1			1					1		1	
33	1	Dorothy Moulding	1					1							3	
34	1	Anika A Nishio			1			1		1					3	
35	1	Yoshi Nishio		1				1		1					1	
36	1	Nina Prentice	1					1		1	1	1	1		3	
37	1	Sue Reade		1				1		1			1		2	
38	1	Anne Reynolds		1				1						1	2	
39	1	Ian Robb		1				1		1	1				2	
40	1	Roger & Maggie Simons		1				1		1	1	1	1		3	
41	1	K Smith			1			1			1				2	
42	1	Reg Smith					a load of rubbish evidently									
43	1	V S Terry	1					1		1	1	1	1		1	
44	1	P Threadgold	1					1		1	1	1	1		3	
45	1	Marion Turner			1			1		1		1	1		2	
46	1	Kate Watkins		1				1		1	1	1	1		3	
47	1	??? Webb		1				1		1					3	
48	1	Jane Worell			1			1		1	1	1	1		3	
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53	47	TOTALS	12	25	8	0	2	0	47	0	33	31	26	33	2	95
54																
55			25.5%	53.2%	17.0%	0.0%	4.3%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	70.2%	66.0%	55.3%	70.2%	4.3%	67.4%
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1		3					1		1					1	1				
	2			3				1			1			1			1	from bench on ashbury hill	
1	1	1	1			1			1					1			1	speed bumps ???	
		2	1			1			1			1			1				
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	2	1				1			1			1			1				
	1	2				1			1			1			1			field currently too rough for sports use	
1		3				1			1					1	1				
1	1	1	1	1		1			1			1					1		
1			1	1		1			1			1			1			roadside verges	
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1		2	2			1			1			1	1				1	would particularly like a tennis court	
3	2	1				1			1			1			1				
		3	2			1			1			1			1			concerns on limted views listed	
3		1				1			1			1			1				
		2	1			1			1			1			1				
1			2			1			1			1			1			appears to want to rewrite q'naire	
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		3	1			1			1			1			1				
3			2			1	1		1			1			1			from bench on ashbury hill	
	2			1		1			1			1			1			3-post hill across coombes	
	2		1			1			1			1			1			upper mill toward ridgeway	
2	3					1			1			1			1			upper mill toward ridgeway	
	1	2				1			1			1			1			field with cob	
		3	1					1		1			1		1			millers hill to coombes	
	1	2				1			1			1			1				
1		3				1			1			1			1				
		2	1			1				1				1	1			kept short in summer for cricket	
		3	1			1			1			1			1			downland from idstone road	
						[still] a load of rubbish evidently													
	1	1	1			1			1			1			1				
2			1			1			1			1			1				
3		1				1			1			1			1				
		2	1			1		1			1			1			1	from bench on ashbury hill	
		1	2			1			1			1			1				
2			1			1			1			1			1				
39	24	56	34	11		37	4	5	38	3	5	35	3	7	38	1	5		
27.7%	17.0%	39.7%	24.1%	7.8%		78.7%	8.5%	10.6%	80.9%	6.4%	10.6%	74.5%	6.4%	14.9%	80.9%	2.1%	10.6%		

Parking Survey

Parking information Ashbury – Key hot spots

The parking data below was collected in response to feedback and comments received from parishioners during the Neighbourhood plan consultation events. Concerns were raised about the current levels of 'on road parking' leaving no capacity to accommodate any influx of parking resulting from new house build or housing development whatever the size of such development.

Intention of data collection: to provide data that will illustrate the current capacity and use of 'on road parking' in support of Policy --- requiring any development to make provision within the build for 'off road' parking.

To note:

- There are no 'yellow parking lines' in any part of the Parish apart from the marked area of 'no parking' on the road external to the school frontage railings in Station road (B4000)
- We have recorded parking on the road areas listed below at known hotspot, heavy parking areas
- We have noted but not recorded traffic speed or flow. The issues reported in the comments section of the tables will be forwarded to the Parish Council for their consideration
- We recorded parked cars at each area identified at the listed times over a 2 week period
- The baseline number for each sector represents the number of cars which can safely be parked there, not including blind or difficult corners. We allowed 21 feet for each parking slot and calculated for parking on only one side of the street, except where there would be ample space, for example, a farm vehicle to pass between two parked cars or where parking is staggered on both sides (as in Chapel Lane section 2 and High Street) because this is current common practice
- No 'on road' parking hotspots were identified in Idstone. Idstone has separate traffic issues: no footpath to Ashbury, 2 sharp bends making walking on the road a dangerous activity and speeding traffic through the village. These are already reported to and recorded by the Parish Council.

Location	Date and Day of week observed with timing	Baseline of maximum parking at that site	Number of cars parked	% of available Parking spaces used	Comments
Chapel Lane Section 1: leading from the B4000 turning into Chapel Lane to the gated area of the Manor House	January 2018	8 cars			Clear evidence of congestion and hazardous parking at school drop off and pick up times
	Saturday 27 th at 16.30		2	25%	
	Sunday 21 st at 13.00		1	12.5%	
	Sunday 28 th At 13.00		3	37.5%	
	Tuesday 23 rd at 08.30		10	125%	
	15.00		8	100%	
	Tuesday 30 th at 08.30		10	125%	
	15.00		7	87.5%	
	Midweek 24 th at 18.00		2	25%	
	Midweek 31st at 20.00		3	37.5%	
	Thursday 25 th at 08.30		11 (including 2 on the bend)	137.5%	
	15.00		8 7	100% 87.5%	
	16.00				
19.00	2	25%			

Location	Date and Day of week observed with timing	Baseline of maximum parking at that site	Number of cars parked	% of available Parking spaces used	Comments
Chapel Lane Section 2 From the Manor Gate to the War Memorial, and the right turn area which leads onto the Idstone Road (B4501) Calculation allowed for parking on both sides of the road in parts on Chapel Lane as this is already the norm. This leads to frequent episodes of single line traffic	January 2018	17			Fullish at most times, particularly around the triangle (which can make for difficulties for the right turning from Chapel Lane in front of the War Memorial and for those turning off left from Idstone road to join Chapel Lane)
	Saturday 27 th at 16.30		12	76%	
	Sunday 21 st at 13.00		11	65%	
	Sunday 28 th at 13.00		16	94%	
	Tuesday 23 rd at 08.30		9	53%	
	15.00		5	30%	
	Tuesday 30 th at 08.30		6	35%	
	15.00		3	18%	
	Midweek 24 th at 18.00		10	59%	
	Midweek 31 st at 20.00		8	47%	
	Thursday 25 th at 08.30		9	53%	
	15.00		12	76%	
	19.00		11	65%	

Location	Date and Day of week observed with timing	Baseline of maximum parking at that site	Number of cars parked	% of available Parking spaces used	Comments
High Street Calculation allowed for parking on both sides of the road as this is already the norm though often leads to single line traffic	January 2018 Saturday 27 th at 16.30 Sunday 21 st at 13.00 Sunday 28 th at 13.00 Tuesday 23 rd at 08.30 15.00 Tuesday 30 th at 08.30 15.00 Midweek 24 th at 18.00 Midweek 31 st at 20.00 Thursday 1 st Feb at 08.30 at 15.00 at 19.00	5	2 5 12 2 5 4 3 1 1 2 2 1	40% 100% 240% 40% 100% 80% 60% 20% 20% 40% 40% 20%	Congestion from pub overspill especially for Sunday lunch times and often during school drop off and pick up times

Location	Date and Day of week observed with timing	Baseline of maximum parking at that site	Number of cars parked	% of available Parking spaces used	Comments
Station Road From the crossroads to the School	January 2018	9			
	Saturday 27 th at 16.30		3	33%	Clear evidence of congestion and hazardous parking at school drop-off and pick up times. Regardless of whether parking is at capacity or not, sight lines for driving are restricted for travel in both directions and severely restricted for those turning left out of Chapel Lane onto the B4000 towards Shrivenham
	Sunday 21 st at 13.00		3	33%	
	Sunday 28 th at 13.00		2	22%	
	Tuesday 23 rd at 08.30		12	133%	
	15.00		11	122%	
	Tuesday 30 th at 08.30		14	155%	
	15.00		9	100%	
	Midweek 24 th at 18.00		4	44%	
	Midweek 31 st at 20.00		5	55%	
	Thursday 25 th at 08.30		15	165%	Morning To note that as this area was over capacity, the parking area for the Evangelical church was used (on opposite side of road from the school). This takes 5 The site was used in rotation, so a total of 9 cars used this space
	15.00		13	143%	
	19.00		2	22%	

Location	Date and Day of week observed with timing	Baseline of maximum parking at that site	Number of cars parked	% of available Parking spaces used	Comments
Idstone road (B4501) The final section before leaving the village at the site of the Traffic Calming Boards	January 2018	8			<p>Permanent presence of cars at this site when spread out leads to difficult driving sight lines for leaving the village, regardless of parking capacity reached</p> <p>To note only: 'Fast' driving behaviours were noted on entering and on drive up to leaving the village. Those entering the village did not break after the Traffic calming Boards to enter the 30mph speed but on reaching College Farm Road where the road bends sharply to lead into Idstone Road or the triangle area into Chapel Lane</p>
	Saturday 27 th at 16.30		4	50%	
	Sunday 21 st at 13.00		4	50%	
	Sunday 28 th at 13.00		4	50%	
	Tuesday 23 rd at 08.30		3	37%	
	15.00		4	50%	
	Tuesday 30 th at 08.30		4	50%	
	15.00		6	74%	
	Midweek 24 th at 18.00		5	61.5%	
	Midweek 31 st at 20.00		5	61.5%	
	Thursday 25 th at 08.30		4	50%	
	15.00		3	37%	
	19.00		5	61.5%	

Location	Date and Day of week observed with timing	Baseline of maximum parking at that site	Number of cars parked	% of available Parking spaces used	Comments
Lower Mill * Kingstone Winslow	January – Feb 2018				* There is usually only one 'on-road' parking space in this location, namely, immediately adjacent to the Mill, with a further three part road/part verge on the lane between the Mill & B4000. The Mill is currently being renovated and at times there have been as many as three vehicles parked adjacent to the Mill and nine on the lane with the inevitable result that the lane is blocked. Although a temporary [6-months] phenomenon, a similar situation can arise anywhere within the hamlet when building work or renovation is being undertaken.
	Saturday 20 th at 20.00	4	0		
	Saturday 27 th at 20.00	4	0		
	Sunday 21 st at 13.00	4	0		
	Sunday 28 th at 13.00	4	2	50%	
	Tuesday 23 rd at 08.30	4	6	150%	
	15.00	4	7	175%	
	Tuesday 30 th at 08.30	4	8	200%	
	15.00	4	7	175%	
	Midweek 24 th at 20.00	4	0		
	Midweek 31 st at 20.00	n/a	0		
	Thursday 25 th at 08.30	4	6	150%	
	15.00	4	5	125%	
	Thursday 1 st Feb 08.30	n/a			
	15.00	n/a			

Location	Date and Day of week observed with timing	Baseline of maximum parking at that site	Number of cars parked	% of available Parking spaces used	Comments
The Green, Kingstone Winslow	January 2018				
	Saturday 20 th at 20.00	7	6	86%	* The 'excess' vehicle was that of a workman from the adjacent building site parked at the telephone box sited on a 90-degree blind bend. .
	Saturday 27 th at 20.00	7	6	86%	
	Sunday 21 st at 13.00	7	7	100%	
	Sunday 28 th at 13.00	7	6	86%	
	Tuesday 23 rd at 08.30	7	7	100%	
	15.00	7	5	71%	
	Tuesday 30 th at 08.30	7	8 *	114%	
	15.00	7	6	86%	
	Midweek 24 th at 20.00	7	6	86%	
	Midweek 31 st at 20.00	n/a			
	Thursday 25 th at 08.30	7	7	100%	
	15.00	7	4	57%	

VISION & OBJECTIVES

VISION & OBJECTIVE SURVEY RESULTS

OUR VISION:

To maintain the rural character and landscape of the Parish, while supporting sustainable development that is of an appropriate scale and design to benefit the local community.

98%

PROTECTING THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT:

Design & Heritage

Objective 1: To ensure that new development respects the form and function of the settlements in the Parish, and is designed to a high quality which is compatible with the local character.

99%

Objective 2: To identify, protect and enhance the Parish's heritage assets.

99%

HOUSING [SPATIAL PLAN]:

Objective 3: To maintain the Parish's rural setting, while retaining the openness between the settlements to protect their individual identity.

100%

Objective 4: To limit new housing development to small "infill*" schemes only, so as not to harm the rural character of the Parish.

96%

TRANSPORT & ACCESSIBILITY:

Objective 5: To improve accessibility by non-vehicular modes of transport by promoting improvements to footpath linkages to all of the settlements i.e. connect the outlying hamlets into the main village

89%

Objective 6: To protect and improve public transport services.

95%

Objective 7: To ensure adequate levels of off-road parking provision.

98%

As a separate 'non-policy [?]' objective, the ANP will actively promote the improvement of public transport to/fro Shrivenham thereby providing access to a doctors surgery and a regular bus service to Faringdon, Oxford & Swindon giving access to a full range of retail services to those living in the Parish, while affording better access for those from outside that work in the Parish.

OPEN SPACE:

Objective 8: To maintain, enhance and improve access to public open spaces and protect them from development. **94%**

COMMUNITY FACILITIES:

Objective 9: To seek opportunities wherever possible to maintain and enhance the social and economic vitality of the Parish by supporting and expanding the range of services and facilities available locally to residents and visitors. **93%**

PERCENTAGE FIGURES ARE FOR AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSES ONLY

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1	1	ANON		1		1		1			1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1						
2	1	ANON 2	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1						
3	1	ANON3	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1						
4	1	Peggy ?????	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1						
5	1	Roger & Jacie Baker	#	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1					
6	1	Julia Blake & Peter Smith	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1						
7	1	Andrew Bunce	#	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1					
8	1	Julie Carr	#	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1					
9	1	Graham & Judy Clarke	#	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1					
10	1	Lisen Compton	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1						
11	1	Christine Conway	#	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1					
12	1	Andrew/Nicola Cornick	#	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1					
13	1	Eve Cowx	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1						
14	1	Peter Cowx	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1						
15	1	Christine Cox	#	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1					
16	1	Daniel Crawford	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1						
17	1	Sandra & Steve Dagnall	#	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1					
18	1	Cliff Davies	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1						
19	1	Karen Davies	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1						
20	1	Mr Day	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1						
21	1	Mrs Day	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1						
22	1	Jon/Heather Dearden	#	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1					
23	1	Andy Derham	#	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1					
24	1	Elizabeth Derrington	#	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1					
25	1	Dominick & Kirsten Donald	#	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1					
26	1	Kirsten Donald	#	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1					
27	1	Phillip Dubois	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1						
28	1	Pamela Farrelly	#		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1						
29	1	Norma/Richard Fergusson	#	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1					
30	1	Nicola Foster	#	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1					
31	1	Ray Gigg	#	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1					
32	1	Oliver Green	#	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1					
33	1	James Greenham	#	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1					
34	1	Lorna Halford	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1						
35	1	Richard/Corinna Harrison	#	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1					
36	1	Chris Hartley	#	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1					
37	1	F Hartley	#	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1					
38	1	Anthony Hawley	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1						
39	1	Helen Hawley	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1						
40	1	Mike Healey	#	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1					
41	1	Howard Honlston	#	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1					
42	1	Bob & Pip Irwin	#	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1					
43	1	Marion & Nigel Jefferys	#	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1					
44	1	D Jilbert	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1						
45	1	Josh Jury	#	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1					
46	1	I Kadegis	#	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1					
47	1	Veronica Kerton	#	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1					
48	1	Mr/Mrs Lambert	#	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1					
49	1	E J Law	#	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1					
50	1	Deanna LeCoyte	#	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1					
51	1	Diana & Bill Leppard	#	1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1		1					

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