

Kenn Parish Plan 2015 - 2025

Background

During 2014, the Parish Plan Committee (following a request by the Parish Council) reviewed the best way to seek the views of residents about various aspects of the Parish, in order for actions and projects for the future to be clearly identified.

The Parish Plan Committee developed a questionnaire, approved by the Parish Council and sent to all residents in December 2014, with responses being anonymous.

Teignbridge District Council collated the results independently.

Using the collated responses provided by Teignbridge DC, the Parish Plan Committee then produced this document as the Parish Plan for 2015- 2025 (the “Plan”).

In February 2015, this Plan, along with the full detailed analysis are to be presented to the Parish Council for approval.

This Plan (and the full analysis) will then be made available for viewing by residents.

From this point, the Parish Council will then use this Plan to determine key actions and projects going forward.

Clearly there is only so much that the Parish Council (or other authorities) can do, but in having a Plan for our Parish, we at least have the views and ideas of residents firmly established and can then do whatever possible to act upon them, now and in the future.

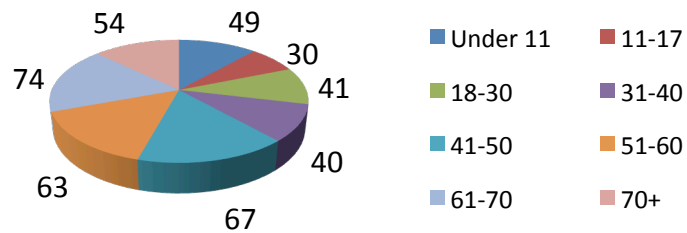
We would like to thank residents of the Parish for their time in completing the questionnaires.

The Parish Plan Committee
January 2015

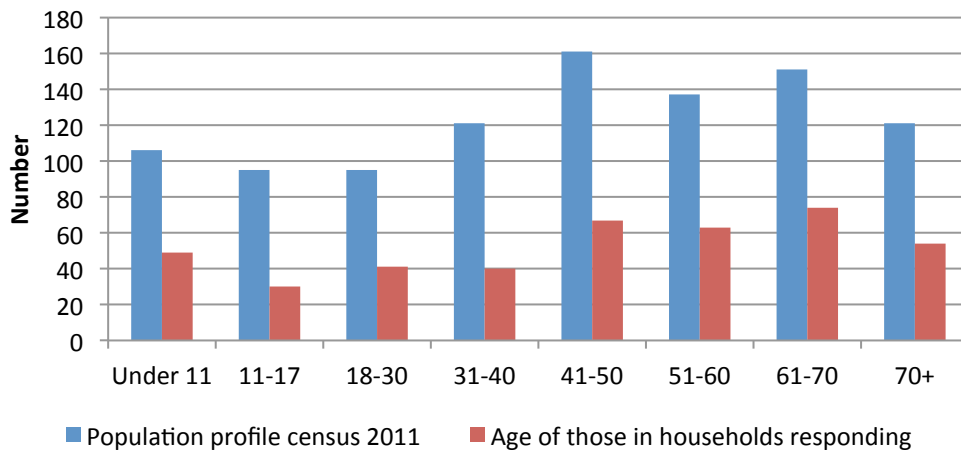
Response & Demographics

- 179 households responded to the questionnaire, consisting of 418 people.
- This equates to a 42.4% response rate (compared to census data from 2011).
- According to Teignbridge District Council this is a very respectable response rate and above average.
- There is a good spread of age representation and the households responding provide a balanced sample of age and location within the Parish :

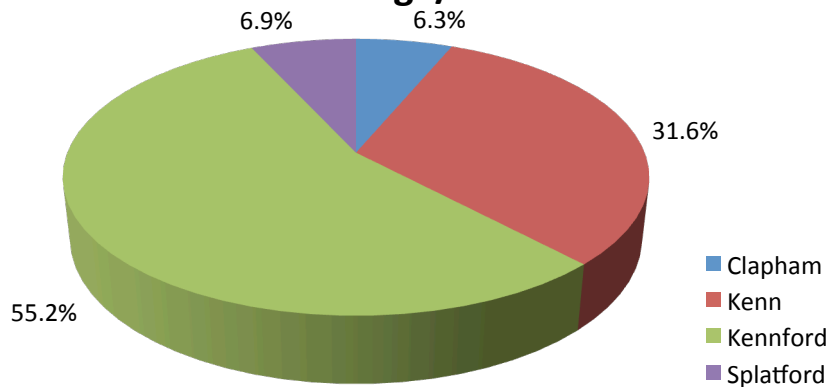
Age of those in Households providing a response



Age in households v census 2011 population profile



Most local village/hamlet

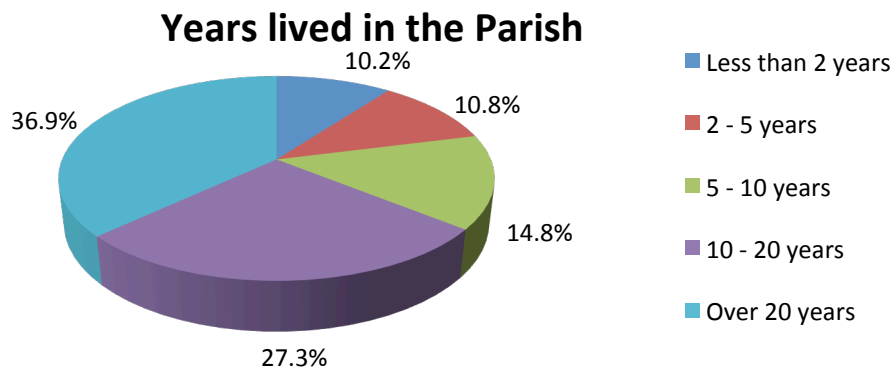


Parish residents' views - summary

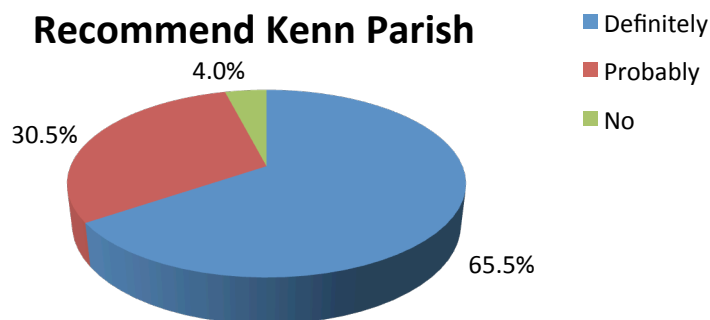
For full detail please refer to the detailed questionnaire analysis

1. Do people like living here?

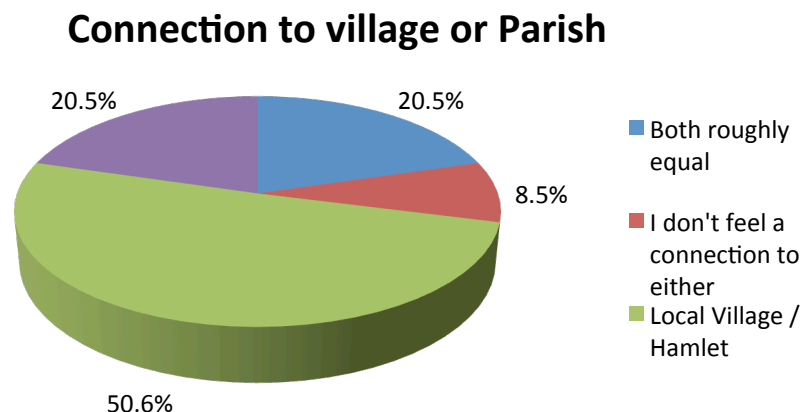
- More than a third (36.9%) of respondents have lived in the Parish for more than 20 years and over a quarter (27.3%) for 10-20 years :



- 2/3rds (65.5%) of respondents would recommend Kenn Parish as a place to live, only 4% would not recommend Kenn Parish



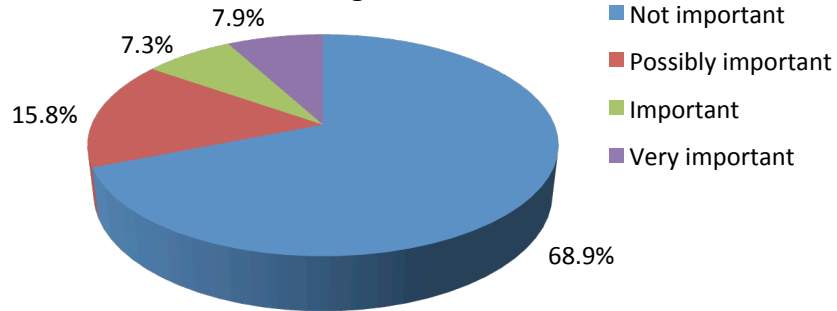
- The majority of people feel connected with their village, the Parish or both :



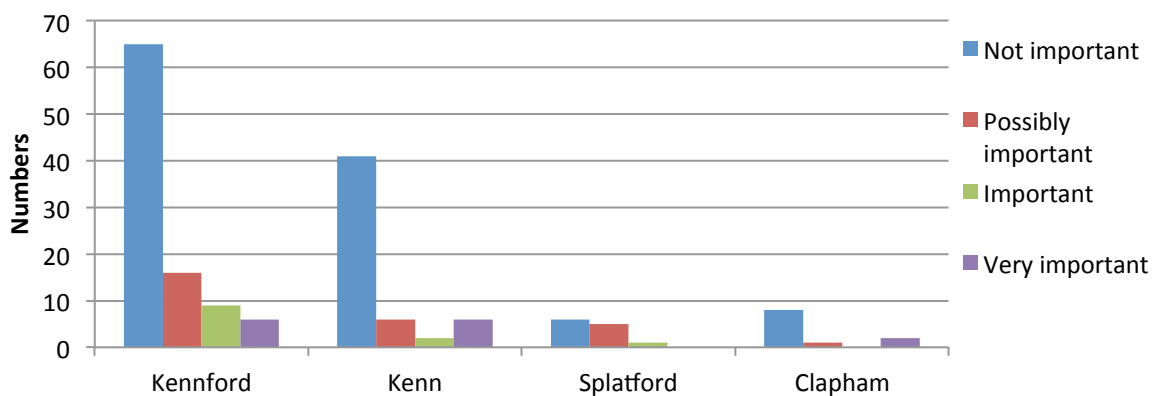
2. What do people feel about housing /development?

- More than two thirds of respondents (68.9%) thought that additional housing was not important to them.

Importance of additional housing

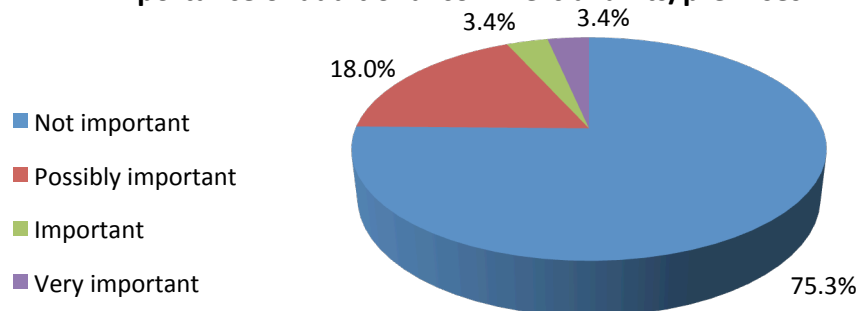


Importance of additional housing by village/hamlet



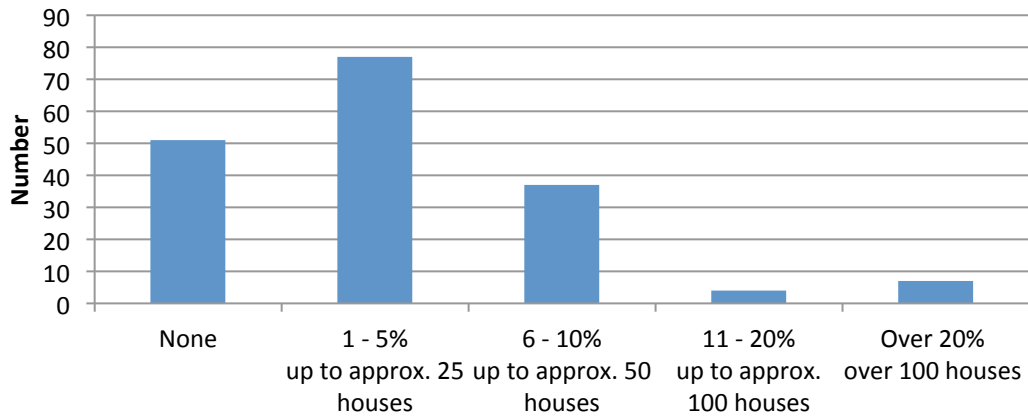
- Three quarters of respondents (75.3%) thought that additional commercial units/premises were not important to them :

Importance of additional commercial units/premises

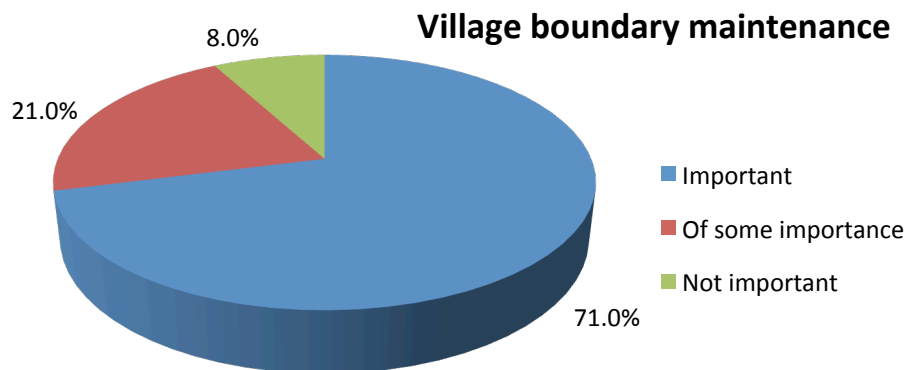


- 94% feel that the Parish should grow by no more than 10% (or not grow at all) in size over the next 10 years :

Appropriate scale of housing development across the Parish in the next 10 years



- 92% of respondents felt that maintaining the current village “natural” boundaries was important / of some importance :



- In the comments section, about housing and commercial development, there are some specific ideas and concerns raised, for the Parish Council (or any sub committee) to review. Main points :
 - The vast majority of comments related to not having any large scale development, protecting the character of the village and allowing limited infill only.
 - Some comments related to having affordable housing for locals / first time buyers.

3. Concerns and ideas about flood prevention.

- In the comments section, about flooding, there is recognition that work has been done to improve the situation, but there are also specific ideas and concerns within the detailed report for the Parish Council / Flood Committee to take forward :
 - Ensuring the regular clearing of drains
 - Deepening river beds at critical points and ensuring that regular dredging and debris removal occurs
 - As well as comments about requirements near the bridge in Kennford, there is also significant concern about moving the problem further down into Kenn and prevention measures required there
 - Some comments related to not allowing further building / roads, due to the fear that it will increase water run-off

4. What are peoples views on “getting around”.

- In the comments section, about “getting around”, there are some very clear concerns. There are very specific things within the detailed report, but the main topics which the Parish Council (or any sub-Committee) should review are :
 - Improved pavements - esp. near / between the school and Kenn Centre.
 - Improve parking - especially near shop / school at certain times.
 - Reduce speed through villages - various ideas such as speed humps
 - Improve buses and encourage their use more to ensure sustainability
 - Reduce lorries / Rat Run
 - Reduce learner driving school use of village

5. What are peoples' views on local services & facilities, including recreation, leisure and environment :

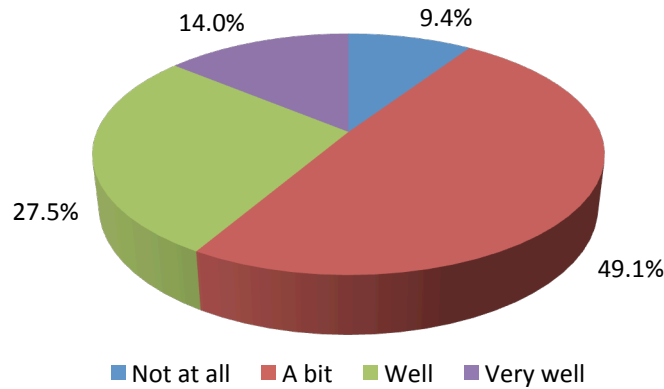
- There is strong praise overall for local services, particularly :
 - The shop & post office
 - School & pre-school
 - Pubs (particular recognition of Ley Arms and Seven Stars re-opening)
 - Kenn Centre
 - Church
 - Various groups such as Cricket, WI, Tots
 - Events such as fairs, Christmas party, quiz
 - The overall look and feel of the Parish, being safe and generally clean

- There were varied responses about what could be improved with some very detailed responses from residents. However, clear areas to focus on, based on Parish opinion, are :
 - Play park & open area for leisure
 - Healthcare surgery of some nature (e.g. at the Kenn Centre once a week, or a mobile unit, or arrangement for home visits)
 - Youth group / Club for activities
 - Better communication of what already exists in terms of clubs etc.
 - Although Broadband is seen as good in large parts of the Parish, there are some specific areas where it is poor
 - Although the overall look and feel within the Parish is very good, there are some very specific places where litter and dog mess is a problem

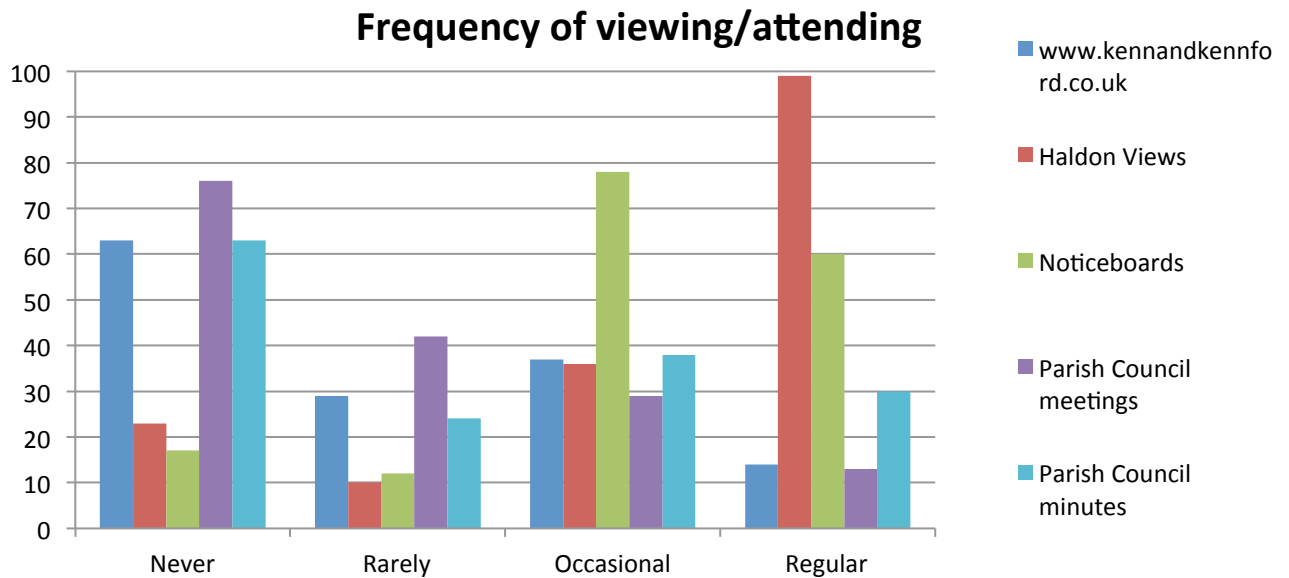
5. Communication within the Parish :

- More than half (58.5%) of respondents either did not understand or only understood a bit of the role of the Parish Council. 41.5% did understand the role of the Parish Council

Understanding of the role of the Parish Council

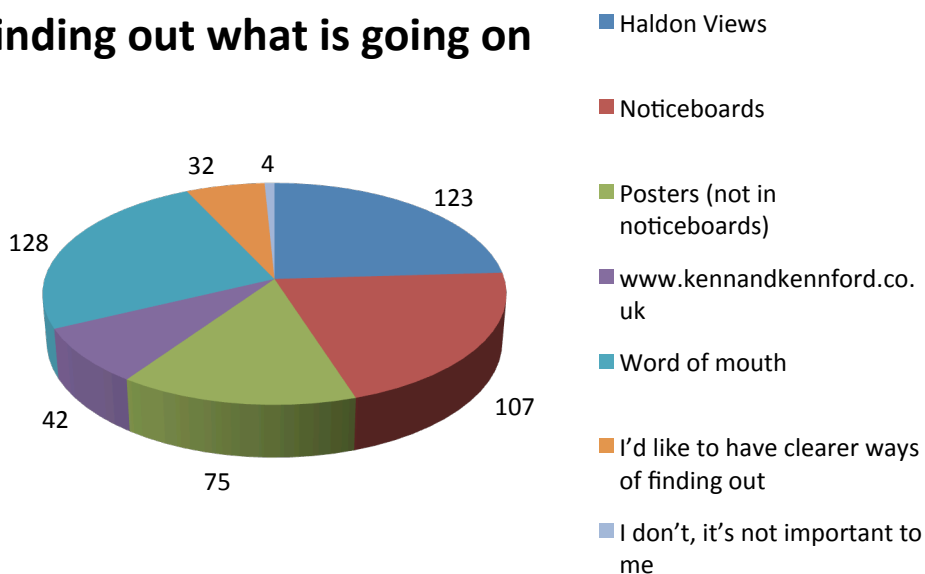


- The most frequently used information is Haldon Views followed by noticeboards.:



- Word of mouth (25%), Haldon Views (24.1%) and Noticeboards (20.9%) are the most used ways of finding out what is going on in the village/Parish :

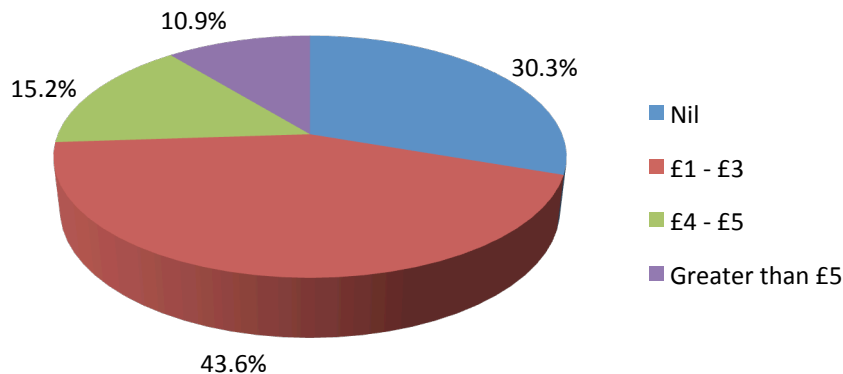
Finding out what is going on



6. Funding for projects :

- 43.6% of respondents would be willing to pay an extra £1-£3 per month on Council Tax to be spent on local projects. 30.3% not willing to pay extra :

Extra spend per month on Council Tax



7. Volunteers :

- 18 people have volunteered to get involved in Parish projects (some specific projects and most are general interest). This data has been passed to the Parish Council to consider, once projects are determined.

Recommended Action

- Formal approval of this Plan by the Parish Council
- Parish Council to communicate / publish this Plan (and the detailed results) to :
 - Residents (put up posters / in Haldon Views / PC minutes) saying its available on website)
 - Teignbridge District Council
 - Other key stakeholders

There are many aspects of life in the Parish that residents greatly appreciate.

However, there are numerous areas which residents would like to see improved. The Parish Plan Committee has formed the following key recommendations for the Parish Council to tackle, both now and in the future. This is in approximate order of importance, based on the volume and strength of comment / feeling from respondents to the survey.

Some of these areas will be new projects, others exist already and some require renewed focus. Sub committees may need to be created where appropriate and the Parish Council may call upon the 18 volunteers identified through this process.

1. Housing / Commercial Development :

- a. Take the steps necessary to restrict the scale of development to small infill only, within the current boundaries wherever possible
- b. Encourage affordable housing for residents wherever possible

2. Play area / open space :

- Identify land for use as a children's play area / open ground for recreation for all residents

3. Flood prevention :

- Confirm and communicate the ongoing measures to clear drains and river, alongside a review of the specific ideas and feedback given by residents

4. Pavements :

- Review specific areas identified by residents as requiring pavement improvement and establish what can be done

5. Speed of traffic :

- Review whether any traffic calming measures can be implemented

6. Car Parking :

- Review whether any areas (especially near school and shop) can be better organised to enable parking (or restrict parking where a problem exists)

7. Lorries / Learners :

- Review whether access to the village can be restricted for large vehicles to “access only”
- Review whether any measures can be taken to reduce driving lesson / test routes within Kennford

8. Youth club :

- Encourage volunteers to set up a youth group / clubs

9. Surgery :

- Identify the feasibility of weekly surgery / mobile / home visits

10. Bus :

- Identify the feasibility of more regular bus service / volunteer driving

11. Review the use of communication by the Parish Council :

- a. Noticeboards and Haldon Views are well received
- b. Another interesting idea raised by a few people was an e-mail distribution list of residents which could be collated by the Parish Council

12. General :

- Review all comments in the detailed document, to see if there are specific improvements which the Parish Council could assist with.