

COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT REPORT 17/08/16

The Seend Parish Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group decided to embark on an engagement process with community asset holders and clubs/interest groups, with a view to collecting ideas/concerns that their members felt could contribute towards the development of our village **Neighbourhood Plan**. Therefore all the groups listed at the back of the Spotlight community newsletter were written to at the end of May and the following reflects the results we received. Listed below are the Community Stakeholders who were contacted and their responses. Thank you to all of you who responded.

COMMUNITY ASSET HOLDERS

1. **The Holy Cross Church** Respondent:- Neil Yockney . Comments:- Several issues raised. a. Pedestrians crossing from Church Walk to wards vicarage. b. Vehicles exiting from Church Walk. c. Parking facilities in Church Walk are often inadequate. d. Provision of improved amenities for those attending weddings/funerals. e. The future use of the vicarage. f. Realignment of vicarage wall along Rusty Lane to improve safety. g. Support of Parish in developing services in the church to broaden Community and fellowship use.
2. **Methodist Church** Respondent: Les Warren
Comments: Two points raised, regarding traffic getting out of the Weavers Cottage's entrance and reduced car parking.
3. **The Seend Lye Recreation Field & Irene Usher Memorial Hall** Respondent: Steve Vaux, Secretary . Comments:- Concerns over decline of user groups and limited play provision for young people.
4. **Seend Trust & Community Centre** Respondent: Hatty Stafford Charles, Chairman. Comments:-View expressed on interests of whole community to support controlled and planned development in village to create a sustainable future.
5. **Seend School** Respondent: Jackie Chalk, Head Teacher. Comments:- The Governors support community engagement and have traffic management concerns.
6. **The W.I.** Respondent: Fiona Johnson. Comments: The future of the W.I. Hall is under discussion and the maintenance of the allotments as a community asset. More support needed from ladies of the village so that the W.I. survives.

VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS/CLUBS & GROUPS

7. **The Fawltly Players** – Respondent: Tessa Doe. Comments: Would like the village amenities to remain available and accessible – especially the Community Centre and Rusty Lane to be better maintained. We also feel strongly that the area should remain as a leisure and recreation hub with no further residential development.

8. **Flower Show** – Respondent: Brian Jaques. Comments: Protection and expansion of allotment areas. Protection of the Lye Field in its entirety. Protection and expansion of communal meeting areas; Community Centre and Irene Usher Pavillion initially.
9. **FOSS (Friends of Seend School)** Respondent: Melanie Steel, Chair (FOSS) Comments:- The FOSS are keen to be involved in the community and organize events that are often open to the wider community.
10. **Preschool** Respondent: Laura Awdry. Comment: Their main concern is the future of the Playground and concerns over the large repair and upkeep costs.
11. **Royal British Legion** Respondent: Roger Brind. Comment: The R.B.L use the Community Centre, Lye Field, Pavilion and Church and are very happy with the facilities available in the village.
12. **Seend Singers** Respondent: Bob McCulloch. Comment: The group recognize that the Community Centre is a great asset to the village
13. **Short Mat Bowls** Respondent: Colin Waldeck. Comment: The Community Centre meet the needs of the club perfectly. Full marks to the Community Centre.
14. **Tennis Club** Respondent: Ric Ellinger. Comment: The club would like the sports and recreational facilities at the least maintained, and if possible improved. The creation of a multi functional sports facility would be a good ambition for the future.
15. **Theatre Club** Respondent: Sylvia Ewin. Comment: Concerned raised on the restriction of access to Dial Close caused by residents car parking. This may cause an issue if there was an emergency.

THE FOLLOWING GROUPS RESPONDED BUT FELT THEY HAD NO VIEWS TO GIVE AS A COLLECTIVE GROUP.

16. **Book Club** Respondent : Frank Teasdale
17. **Historic Houses** Respondent: Neil Yockney
18. **Poetry Group** Respondent: Tessa Doe
19. **WEA** Respondent: Tessa Doe
20. **Seend Fund** Respondent: Anita Shea
21. **Friends of Seend Church** Respondent: Fiona Johnson

THE FOLLOWING GROUPS HAVE NOT RESPONDED TO DATE

22. Seend Shuttle

23. Cricket Club

24. Fete

25. Link Scheme

27. Ramblers

28. Wine Circle



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Subject: Seend Neighbourhood Plan stakeholder response

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Dear Georgina

Thanks for your call today. Below is an extract from the minutes of our last PCC meeting on 4th July 2016:

5.1 Seend Neighbourhood Plan stakeholder response.

NY had received a letter from Georgina A'Bear asking for ideas, concerns and enthusiasms within the community. After some discussion the members drew up a list as follows:

1. Road Safety - Pedestrians crossing the High Street particularly from Church Walk towards the vicarage - it is very difficult to see vehicles coming from the Devizes direction, sometimes at excessive speed. It is only a matter of time before there is a serious accident.
2. Road Safety - vehicles exiting Church Walk - sightline is very poor and sometime vehicles travel along the High Street at excessive speed. It is only a matter of time before there is a serious accident.
3. Parking facilities in Church Walk for church users/churchyard visitors are often inadequate. Many people turning into Church Walk find that there is nowhere to park, and have to turn round and pull out back into the High Street - see point 2 above. A possible solution is the use of an unused/derelict plot of land at the end of Church Walk, adjacent to the churchyard, owned by Lady Clark. This could make a very useful car park.
4. Support of Parish in developing services in the church to broaden Community and fellowship use.
5. Provide improved amenities for those attending funerals and weddings.
6. Issue of the future use of Vicarage?
7. Re-alignment of vicarage wall along Rusty Lane, to widen the lane, to improve safety for vehicles and pedestrians entering/leaving Rusty Lane.

NY agreed to draft a response based on these comments, and circulate to PCC Members for review before sending to Georgina A'Bear.

The minutes have been circulated to the PCC members and I have not received any requests to change the above.

If you need us to expand on any of the above please let me know?

Best wishes

Neil

Neil Yockney

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Methodist Church.

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Fw: Stakeholder Involvement SPNPSG

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On Friday, 10 June 2016, 9:54, I

> wrote:

Dear Georgina

Reference your letter to Anna Salter and the Methodist Church, I confirm our recent discussion.

The main point relevant to the Methodist Church is the access back onto the main road from the Weaver's Cottages Lane.

This can be quite a gamble especially when turning right towards the High St. as you can only listen for on-coming traffic and hope.

Turning left towards Trowbridge is not quite so bad but requires a very prompt drive off.

As a suggestion to perhaps reduce this risk there are two possibilities which might be considered:-

1 The siting of a mirror opposite the entrance to the lane so that on-coming traffic from the east can be seen.

2 Widening the entrance by cutting back the garden area at the end thus allowing a car to move further to the left before coming onto the main road.

Possibly this could be extended further by removing part of the wide tarmac paved area before the bus stop to allow run-in onto the road

One further point is that since the Bell has shut we do not have access to the area opposite for car parking and therefore use School road. Any facilities for car parking would be useful.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Regards

Les Warren

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Seend Lye Recreation Field

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The Chair

Seend Parish Neighbourhood Plan

Date: 6 July 2016

Dear Georgina,

Re: Stakeholder Involvement – Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you for your letter of 10 May 2016 and the opportunity to provide input to the Seend Neighbourhood Plan. The matter was discussed at the last meeting of the Seend Lye Field committee and I have been requested to respond.

The following issues are matters of concern which are of direct interest to the Seend Lye Recreation Field (SLRF).

Decline in User Groups

You will be aware that SLRF user group organisations provide the members of the SLRF management committee. We have seen a combination of the renaissance of the Seend Community Centre and the product of an ageing parish demographic impact upon the number of user organisations available to administer the SLRF. Examples of these changes can be seen in the recent demise of the Seend Brownies, the Gardening Club, Ramblers, Girl Guides, Seend United Football Team and the current difficulties of the Seend Cricket Club in recruiting members. For each organisation that ceases to exist we lose one member of the SLRF management committee and the potential for future replacement of our dedicated but ageing trustees. Although we still see encouraging signs with use of the sports field we have to accept that social changes and the less active lifestyles of an ageing population will continue to have an impact.

Future Solutions

An obvious longer-term solution to the declining user group issue would be an increase in Parish population - in younger age groups in particular. We have the housing land and playgroup/school capacity to support this and it would seem that we also have the support of Aster Housing. However, we cannot support any development that had a design considered to have an adverse impact on SLRF proximity interests and the views out of the centre of the village across the green space to the Sandridge vale.

Seend Lye Recreation Field

Play provision for young people

You will also be aware of SLRF committee commitment to see end-of-life renewal of the play equipment located on the Lye Field and improvement of the range of equipment to cater for the over 12-years-old age group. Whilst the size and location of the current play space is the best option for the Seend Playgroup, who funded the equipment and its replacement in the past, the play space will not meet the design requirements of the more inclusive needs of teens. Moving the play space to another location within the Lye Field may have unintended consequences for the homeowners in proximity to any relocation. We also need to maintain separation without jeopardising future use of the field for other sports. We already have a slightly inconvenient conflict with cricket games requiring the closure of the child's play space on about 7/8 home game occasions in the season because of the cricket ball hazards to small children.

Future solutions

A suitable solution would be the agreed extension of the Lye Field into the field to the north and for a play space to be established there just east or north of the existing tennis courts. Obviously, the parish does not own this land and it is unlikely to be available to the parish outside of a development agreement with a landowner or developer. As land ownership may change we believe the play space requirement should have a place in the Neighbourhood Plan and that the plan should include this specific location as a condition of development of all or part of the landholding on the basis that it meets an identified need and that it helps preserve the landscape views out of the centre of Seend.

Integrating the centre of the community with future developments to the west of Dial Close

The good footpath connections, the close proximity of the combined facilities of the Community Centre, Lye Field, tennis courts, children's play space, Playgroup/Pavilion contribute to an identity of centre of place for Seend in Rusty Lane. Should future development of the site to the north of School Road proceed, consideration will need to be given to ensuring a safe and sustainable route to the settlement centre. In the event of site development the Bradley Lane bridleway, which forms a boundary to the south and east of the site, would obviously see increased use both for access to the countryside and the centre of settlement. We suggest that, as part of the development of the school lane north site, the Bradley Lane bridleway is upgraded with a surface suitable for cycling and child buggies, thus improving the sustainability of the connection with the centre of place.

Yours faithfully,

Steven Vaux
Secretary
for Seend Lye Recreation Field Committee



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Seend Parish Council
FAO Georgina A'Bear

13th July 2016

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP PARISHIONER SURVEY

Thank you for including the Community Centre in the survey of local organisations. Our Management Committee considered this issue at our last meeting.

The Committee does not have any specific comments to make on the subject of village development. We take the view that it is in the interests of the whole community to support controlled and planned development in the village in order that appropriate housing and facilities are available whilst ensuring that village institutions such as the church, school and shop – along with the Community Centre itself – have a sustainable future.

Should, in due course, a more detailed plan become available, we would very much appreciate the opportunity to put forward the Committee's response.

Hatty Stafford Charles
Chairman, Management Committee

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Date: 13 Jul 2016 at 16:12:11 BST
To:
Subject: STAKEHOLDER LETTER

At a recent governors meeting the following ideas were raised as issues relating to the interests of the school:

- Dog fouling on the school premises after hours
- Traffic management
- Community engagement

If you would like any further information, please contact Danny Holland (Seend-Clerk@hotmail.co.uk)

Kind regards,

Jackie Chalk B.Ed (Hons)

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6.7.2016

Dear Georgina

Stakeholder Involvement

The WI committee met on Tuesday and discussed your letter.

The following points were mentioned during the discussion:

- The future of the WI Hall is under discussion, there will be more to report during the next few weeks
- The Allotments are an asset to the community and we're looking to maintain them in their present form
- The survival of the WI depends on reaching out to the ladies in the village
- We hold a monthly Craft Group which is open to everyone in the village

Yours sincerely

Fiona Johnson



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Sorry not to have anything more interesting to submit!

Tessa,

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re Survey of Parishioners, particularly concerning Seend Flower Show



Specifically with regard to the Flower Show:

The show committee consider that the success of the show, now in its 65th year, is an important factor in the cohesiveness of the life of Seend village. The concurrence of the Seend Flower Show and Seend Fete is beneficial to both events which are otherwise completely independent. It would be a problem for one if the other failed in some way.

The show involves factors of communal and personal pride. The element of competitiveness is important to some exhibitors, though not all, and this does add to the spirit of the event.

The numbers of exhibitors, usually of the order of 90-100, and the spectators, 400-500, are essential to the success of the show; exhibitors for the displays and spectators for the entertainment aspect and not the least for essential revenue.

The organisation of the show requires a considerable commitment of energy and time from a few individuals, the fact that the commitment is freely accepted by them reflects on the pride that is felt for the show and community. It is a common problem for events of this type that it is difficult to recruit new people to become involved. It is fortunate that our apolitical organisation does *just* manage to involve sufficient people who are willing to help.

It is significant that a proportion of the people involved with the show are also contributors to other village institutions.

The fundamental reason for the post-war flower show is still valid and people should be encouraged to grow fruit, vegetables, and flowers. We notice a trend of diminution in the number of exhibits of vegetables and fruit and attribute this to several factors; perhaps important ones being a lack of opportunity involving time, energy, and a lack of growing areas. Some schemes grow food in communal spaces so that it's possible to share the produce. This could help people with limited incomes. Protecting green spaces such as allotments shortens the food chain and encourages healthy living.

Thus a wish list :

Protection and expansion of allotment areas

Protection of the Lye field in its entirety

Protection and expansion of communal meeting areas; Community Centre and Usher Pavilion initially.

Brian Jaques, on behalf of the Seend Flower Show Committee, June 2016

Friends of Seend School

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Dear Georgina,
I'm sorry for the delay I had the email bounce back (I sent it about 3 weeks ago) and after double checking with Victoria at the recent Foss meeting on Thursday I now have the correct email.
Please see the original email which is pretty much all we needed to say even after speaking at the meeting.

We are keen to be involved within the wider community.

Many thanks and apologies again.

Melanie Steel
Chair of FoSS

Subject: FAO Georgina SPNP Steering Group

Dear Georgina,

I have only just received the letter from yourself as my daughter has been poorly and off school so please accept my apologies for my late reply.

We have not had a meeting of FoSS members since I spoke to you on the telephone and therefore cannot collate ideas as you have requested. That said we are keen to be involved in the community and hope that the survey is helpful moving forward.

FoSS as a group organises events within the school that are often open to the wider community and we would very much like this to continue.

If I can be of any further help do not hesitate to email me

Kind regards

Melanie Steel
Chair of FoSS (Friends of Seend School)

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Hi Georgina

Apologies it took me so long to sit down and write this up!

Seend Playgroups main interest would be about the future of the Playground within the village. The playgroup gifted it to the villa basis, so it would be a shame to see it go due to a large repair and upkeep bill. I'm sure there is funding available for this, I know a few years ago and a playground would fall into this category I think.

The other we discussed was regarding the pavilion and its cleaning and maintenance of the toilets etc.... Though I'm sure this is meeting?

I will be seeing Bouncy Club this morning so I will ask Debbie, who runs it, if she has anything to contribute.

Kind Regards

Laura Awdry

Seend Playgroup

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20th May 2016

Dear Georgina,

Reference: SPNP Steering Group – Stakeholder Involvement.

Thank you for your letter dated 10 May 2016 and I am pleased to tell you that the Royal British Legion use the Community Centre, the Lye Field, the Pavilion and the Church for various events during the year and is very happy with the facilities available.

The events that take place are as follows:

- a. Four quarterly Committee meetings – Community Centre
- b. One Annual General meeting – Community Centre
- c. Remembrance Day Parade and Service – Church walk and Church
- d. Armed Forces Day – Lye Field and Pavilion
- e. One or two further events in the Community Centre e.g.
 - Dugout Supper
 - Annual Lecture
 - Band Concert
 - Comedy show (Call my Bluff).

I hope this is the information that you require.

Yours sincerely

ROGER BRIND

Seend Singers.

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Dear Georgina,

Thank you for your letter dated 10th May.

As leader of The Seend Singers and on their behalf, I value the availability and standard of the Community Centre which we use weekly. For rehearsals, we usually use the Peter Fisher hall but occasionally use the upstairs room. We have also used the Kennet room for our annual meeting.

We all recognise that the centre is a great asset to the village.

Best regards,

Bob McCulloch

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Short Mat Bowls.

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18th July 2016

Georgina A'Bear,
Knightsmead Farm,
Inmarsh Lane,
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Dear Georgina,

Stakeholder Involvement

On behalf of the Seend Short Mat Bowls club (as its Secretary), I would like to say that as a playing venue the Seend Community Centre meets our needs perfectly (the one slight annoyance, the lack of storage space for our equipment, is at present being remedied with the building of a storage room extension). We use the kitchen for tea making and the availability of a bar is a real bonus.

The Centre is also used as the Wiltshire County Team home venue, and the Lounge is a very comfortable room for visiting (and home) teams to assemble and also relax when not playing,

Full marks to the Seend Community Centre!

Yours sincerely,

Colin Waldeck



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Hi Georgina,

I am contacting you on behalf of the Tennis club. As a stakeholder in the Seend village activity, we would like to see the sports & recreational facilities at the least maintained, and if possible improved.

When we received the lottery funds for the second tennis court back in 1998 and had both courts re-surfaced, there was a part of me that had wished we had redesigned the area as a hard court multi facility sports area, to include the 2 tennis courts. This would have incurred greater costs as the surface would have had to be far more durable to withstand the greater use. My idea was for a hard court sports area with 3ft high breeze block surround and goals for 5 a side, net ball/basketball hoops at the ends and lines on the surface for tennis courts.

I still think there is a need for such a multi functional sports facility in the village - provided the users can agree on timings & usage (eg in summer it belongs to tennis club and basketball, in winter - 5 a side football.) It could also be made available to the school if they required additional sports facilities.

Regards

Ric

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