

Wolverton Parish Plan 2020

Wolverton Parish covers Wolverton Village, Wolverton Fields (up to Red Horse Corner) and Blacon. Our five voluntary councilors represent you on various issues including planning.

In 2013 we successfully commissioned our first Parish Plan questionnaire, with a 93% response rate, meaning Stratford District Council take more notice of the results and of our plan.

It is time to create a new plan and to hear your views about what is important to you about living in Wolverton Parish. We would like to know what you want and where you think our efforts should be concentrated on making Wolverton Parish a better place to live, where you think we should prioritise and how we can make decisions which reflect your views.

Your views on housing needs were collected separately in 2019. Your views on all other areas will be used in creating our Council plan and in our decision making.

We also plan to publish a summary of responses as part of the new plan. However, we also appreciate that anonymity is important to encourage a free expression of your views. To manage this, no comments will be reproduced verbatim in the summary report where a reference was made that could identify an individual.

All residents' views are invited, however young or old, by 16th March 2020.

You can submit one copy per household if your views are the same or we welcome individual questionnaires. We will arrange to collect any paper copies of the completed questionnaires from you by **16th March 2020** if we have not received them by email.

In addition to filling in the attached paper copy, you have the choice of completing the questionnaire in any of three ways:

1. By email as an attachment you can request from:- clerk@wolvertonpc.org.uk
2. By requesting an additional paper copy from the Clerk of the Wolverton Parish Council on 01789 730757 or a Parish Councilor.
3. By downloading it from the Wolverton Parish website <http://www.wolvertonpc.org.uk> and emailing to clerk@wolvertonpc.org.uk.

We hope to be able to discuss preliminary findings at the Annual Parish Meeting in May.

Please do help us by completing the questionnaire so we can make Wolverton an even better place to live!

Yours sincerely

Wolverton Parish Councilors

12/2/2020

So, what does Wolverton Parish Council (WPC) do?

WPC is a legal body, the lowest tier of local government, with a range of legal powers and duties, responsible for representing local people, especially with County and District Councils. These higher tier councils provide the big picture services like education, social care, environment and highways. Parish Councils focus on the local.

To discharge its role, WPC must know the views of residents and act accordingly to make the parish a good place to be. For Wolverton, a small parish with few amenities, action is focused on:-

- Influencing planning and development, including responding to all planning applications
- Shaping the environment, such as grass cutting and foot path and bridleway oversight
- Lobbying others, such as County Highways to resolve potholes etc.
- Grant applications to support local initiatives, such as the new churchyard and community space.

In order to do this, WPC has tax raising powers, the 'precept', which next year will be £3,500 as a small percentage of your council tax payment. Funds are spent largely on the wages of the Clerk and environmental management, as well as donations, such as the replacement defibrillator battery; and training.

Your responses in 2013 led to the Parish Action Plan with 50 action areas completed by the Council and volunteers. You said you wanted action and the volunteers provided lots, including:-

<i>A village defibrillator outside church hall</i>	<i>Wireless broadband to homes in the village due to slow speeds via Snitterfield exchange</i>
<i>Police meeting leading to speed watch training and speed monitoring</i>	<i>Roads and footpaths were inspected and some improvements made</i>
<i>Church hall right to bid registered</i>	
<i>Most importantly, Councilors regularly use the survey views in responding to Stratford District Council for planning applications and in influencing other local initiatives on your behalf.</i>	

Further information can be found on the Parish Council website: www.wolvertonpc.org.uk

WPC needs to know your views on life in Wolverton to best represent the community. The Parish Plan is a key way for you to have your say - and gives the Council some muscle in pushing and lobbying for what is important to parishioners.

So, please tell us what you think - all comments and ideas welcome !

WOLVERTON PARISH PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE 2020

Please add a separate sheet if you need more space for any answers

A. About you

1. Where do you live? (Please tick relevant box)

Wolverton village (i.e. from The Grange to the Meadow Farm conversions)	
Wolverton Fields east of school, Norton Lea and Red Horse corner	
Wolverton Fields west of school and Wolverton Hill	
Blacon area	

2. Age group (Please tick relevant box)

NB all people in the parish are encouraged to complete a questionnaire, not just one per household.

Under 18	
18 – 24	
25 – 44	
45 – 64	
65 and over	

B. Housing & Development

Wolverton Parish is within the Green Belt and, because of its small size and lack of facilities, is not earmarked for development in Stratford District's Core plan. Even so, limited development would still be possible if it met a need identified by the local community.

A housing needs survey was carried out in April 2019 and identified a need for two new homes for households with a defined local connection for Owner-occupier (local market) of:

- 1 x 2-bed bungalow Owner-occupier self-build
- 1 x 3-bed house

If you have any other comments on local housing needs or developments then please comment below.

C. Services

4. What do you think of the following services? (Please tick relevant box)

	Good	Average	Poor	No view
TV reception				
Radio reception				
Mobile telephone reception				
Broadband connection				
Water				
Sewerage				
Electricity				
Refuse collection				
Heating				

5. What do you think of the following aspects of the Police service? (Please tick relevant box)

	Good	Average	Poor	No view
Local presence				
Ease of contact				
Response times				
Helpfulness				
Local Policing overall				

Do you have any suggestions for improvement?

6. Would you like to see the Neighbourhood Watch scheme re-instated in Wolverton village? (Please tick relevant box)

Yes	
No	
No View	
I am interested in a Neighbourhood Watch Facebook group (as Norton Lindsey)	

If 'Yes' and you would be interested in volunteering to help run it, please email the Parish Clerk at clerk@wolvertonpc.org.uk

7. Do you have any comments about local Fire, Ambulance and Medical services?

8. There is currently a defibrillator in Wolverton Church Village Hall and Norton Lindsey Village Hall; would you like more defibrillator training? (Please tick relevant box)

Yes	
No	
No View	

What other first aid related community activity might be useful?

9. Where do you do your main grocery shopping? (Please tick relevant box all that apply)

Leamington Spa	
Stratford-upon-Avon	
Warwick	
Henley-in-Arden	
Online	

10. Do you use local shops? (Please tick relevant box)

	Regularly	Occasionally	Never
Snitterfield			
Claverdon			

11. Do you or your family use the local bus services? (Please tick relevant box)

Frequently	
Occasionally	
Never	

If you do, please state purpose of journeys e.g. school, shopping, work etc.

12. What bus service would you like to use; in terms of destination and schedule?

D. Infrastructure

13. How would you rate the maintenance of roads in the Parish? (Please tick relevant box)

Very Good	
Good	
Fair	
Poor	

14. How would you rate the gritting arrangements in the Parish? (Please tick relevant box)

Very Good	
Good	
Fair	
Poor	

15. Are there any aspects of local road or verge maintenance that you would like to see improved or changed? Please give details

16. Do you think roadway flooding is a problem locally? (Please tick relevant box)

Yes	
No	
No View	

If yes please give details

17. Are there any places in the Parish where you think that speeding, parking or other road safety issues are a problem? (Please tick relevant box)

Yes	
No	
No View	

If yes, please give details and suggestions for improvement

E. Parish Amenities & Environment

18. How important to you are the following local assets? (Please tick relevant box, one per asset)

	Very	Fairly	Not very	Not at all
Wolverton Church				
Wolverton Church Hall				
The Village Green				
Wolverton Telephone Box				
Wolverton Primary School				
The Parish Notice Boards				
Norton Lindsey Playground				
Norton Lindsey Village Hall				
Norton Lindsey & Wolverton Cricket Club social facilities				
Historical Buildings				

19. Do you think any of the following are a local problem? (Please tick relevant box/boxes if it is a problem and give details below)

Litter	
Dog fouling	
Excessive growth of hedges	
Fly tipping	
Fly posting	
Noise	
Light pollution	

Bonfires	
Fireworks	
Vermin/Pest control	
Condition/maintenance of pavements	
Condition/maintenance of footpaths	
Condition/maintenance of bridleways	
Other – please specify.....	

If selected, please give details

20. Which of these aspects do you value most about living in Wolverton Parish?

Please number in order of priority 1 to 10 (with 1 being the most important)

Friendly/sociable community spirit	
Peaceful environment	
Beauty of open countryside	
Attractiveness and small size of village	
Access to walks in countryside	
Access to road network and range of towns	
Local wildlife	
Lack of street lighting	
Feel safe - little crime or antisocial behavior	
Other – please specify	

21. Which of these issues concern you most about the future of Wolverton Parish?

Please number in order of priority 1 to 11 (with 1 being of most concern)

Erosion of green belt and loss of open countryside	
Development in excess of local need	
Lack of small homes for young or elderly	
Loss of community activities	
Traffic problems	
Need to rely on own transport	
Access to facilities for elderly	
Church becoming disused	
Unsympathetic new build or extensions	
Reducing our carbon emissions	
Other – please specify	

F. Activities

22. Do you take part in any activities, sports, or events locally or would like to see any locally?

If so, what and where?

23. Do you read the Parish Magazine? (Please tick relevant box)

Yes	No

Are there any features you like in particular, or would like to see?

24. Do you read the Parish Council report in the Parish Magazine? (Please tick relevant box)

Yes	No

If No please state how you would like to be informed.

25. Would you like to be more involved in Parish Council affairs? (Please tick relevant box)

Yes	No

If yes please state how you would like to be involved.

26. In the future how would you like to complete and return the survey? (Please tick relevant box)

By post	
By email	
Download a copy via WPC website and return by post	
Online survey	
Other please specify...	

27. How would you like to see a copy of the final Parish Plan? Please tick relevant box)

Hard copy delivered by hand	
Via the Parish council website	
By email	
Copy not required	
Other please specify...	

If you require an email copy then please supply email address below:

G. The Future - Ambitions for our Parish

Your Parish Council has a small annual budget of less than £4000, the main spend is on grass cutting at the Green, crossroads and Norton Lea.

The next largest is on our Clerk to handle the increasingly complicated statutory and administrative work needed just to have a Parish Council. None of which sounds exciting but we could do lots more if people in the Parish said what they want or need.

We could all share new work as volunteers, or we could take out a mortgage for a major capital investment and grants are available from time to time for smaller projects. In addition, the Community Infrastructure Levy (on new buildings) occasionally provides a small budget to invest in the Parish.

Some possibilities are here but please tell us what you think would be good for our Parish (Please tick relevant box)

	Yes	No	No view
1. Make Wolverton the greenest parish in Warwickshire			
2. Improve access on foot to the Train station			
3. Hold a regular pop up pub			
4. Improve habitats for wildlife			
5. Improve communications with elderly residents to reduce loneliness			
6. Negotiate to create new footpaths and then build the access			
7. Rural crime prevention – CCTV or ANPR.			
8. Christmas lights in the village / village green			
9. You feel satisfied and happy now and don't want much change.			

Your ideas - short or long term, no matter how easy or impossible.....

H. Finally

If YOU had to choose just one change - What would it be?

Are there any other issues or ideas you would like to raise?

Thank you for taking the time to complete the questionnaire.

**If you would like to be further involved in preparing the Parish Plan
please contact the Parish Clerk at: clerk@wolvertonpc.org.uk**