

Culmington Parish Plan Summary 2016



Culmington Parish Council has over the last twelve months been reviewing the Parish Plan and assessing what has been achieved since it was produced in 2005, over 10 years ago.

A meeting was held in the Village Hall and questionnaires have been delivered to all homes to gather opinion and gain views as to how to update the plan for future years. The response to the questionnaire sent to every household was 30%

The results of these questionnaires have been analysed and a summary of the findings are shown in this leaflet.



Amenities and Facilities

A high percentage of respondents were in favour of Skittles Evening, Quiz evenings and more events for children in addition to an enthusiasm for 'Flicks in the Sticks' and celebrating national events.



Action

Advertise in Ripples for volunteers who might be willing to organise events.

A high proportion of responses indicated a problem with the mobile phone signal

Action

These ongoing concerns will continue being forwarded to Shropshire Council.

Travel, Transport and Road Safety

A significant number of respondents considered the speed of traffic through the village on the B4365 and B4368 to be a problem and were in favour of Vehicle Activated signs to slow the traffic.

Overtaking on double white lines was considered an issue but less so than speed, with a higher proportion of people in favour of a reduction in the speed limit from 40 to 30 miles per hour.

Action

Culmington Parish Council will continue to pursue these issues with the relevant authorities

There was a very good response to those in favour of a web page to 'give a lift' to those without transport.

Action

Add a 'Give a Lift' page to the village website to allow people willing to do so to be contacted directly by those needing transport.

Only a small percentage of respondents were willing to volunteer to be a driver for the Buzzard, but more people were interested in joining the footpath group.

Action

Page for the footpath group has now been developed and regular walks should be advertised in future. (<http://www.culmington.org/>)

Landscape and Environment



A high proportion of people were in favour of the introduction of cardboard re-cycling.

Action

Cardboard re-cycling is in the process of being introduced in South Shropshire.

There was a good awareness of the local Flood Action Group who meet regularly during the year. A good proportion of people were not aware of the free tree scheme run by Shropshire Council. (<http://new.shropshire.gov.uk/environment/trees-woodlands-and-hedges/tree-scheme/>)

Action

Details for both on the village website. (www.culmington.org)

Overall respondents were in favour of a record of local history going on the village website as well as a record of tree species/fauna.

Action

Raise awareness of all local groups on the new village website and try to recruit volunteers to put on a record of local history and record tree species/fauna

Expansion of Tourism in the Parish

A high percentage of people were in favour of walking routes being put on the Village website and held the view that more accessible stiles would encourage more people to use them.

Action

Further routes to be put on village website

Half of the respondents were in favour of an annual village event.



Action

Several events already occur each year but volunteers to be sought to organise further events through advertising in Parish Magazine

A significant proportion of people were in favour of a welcome pack for newcomers to the area.

Action

Compile a welcome pack for new residents or put more general useful information on the website and deliver a letter to new residents.

Crime, Disorder and Safety

Opinion was fairly balanced as to concerns about crime in the area, though more people were in favour of providing information to families on the safety of the internet for children and young people.

Action

Advice to be sought from the Safeguarding Team at Shropshire Council. (www.getshropshireonline.co.uk, www.safeguardingshropshireschildren.org.uk)

A high percentage of people thought the village a friendly place to live.



Development and Housing



Culmington is currently designated as open countryside and not part of a Community hub or cluster which means development will be strictly controlled.

However, to the overall question as to whether residents would like to see some new housing in the Parish over the next ten years, two thirds of the respondents indicated they would be in favour of some new housing (49). One third was not in favour (16) and just over one third were unsure (23).

When asked what kind of housing might be appropriate the majority were in favour of affordable housing to buy or rent for local people. (58) A high proportion were in favour of open market housing to buy or rent (41), with smaller numbers being in favour of Social housing (12), or no development at all (13).

The majority of people who replied were in favour of one to two bed and three to four bedroom houses (48, 46) and a smaller proportion in favour of bungalows (20) and finally a small number wanting none (8).

The majority of respondents were in favour of 6 – 10 properties (29), closely followed by those in favour of 11 – 20 (20), but a small number wanting more than 20 (6). Smaller development found less favour with eight being in favour of single plot and eight residents wanting no further development.

When asked where housing should be located most were in favour of

conversion of existing buildings (47), closely followed by edge of settlement, adjacent to existing built up areas (33) or infill between existing housing (28) or on brown field sites only (22). 21 respondents thought building should not be ruled out anywhere.

Action

There are currently plans for a new development in Culmington being considered and the Parish Council will continue to respond to individual applications and public opinion.

Village Hall

The Village Hall comprises of two bookable rooms, large and small, and a well provisioned kitchen. Regular bookings include a Whist Drive, Yoga Class, Choir, RSPB, Bridge and Coffee Mornings etc.

Hall Booking enquiries via the web site or directly to the Bookings Secretary. Details can be found on the web site. :- www.culmington.org/village-hall



Parish Council

Culmington Parish Council will always be pleased to see members of the public at Parish Council meetings, which are currently held at the Village Hall 7pm, 1st Tuesday of each month except August. Local Councillors can be contacted with any matters of local concern.

