

# COMMUNITY & FACILITIES (1)

## You have told us that...

- “Community Spirit” is one of the factors you value most about Exbourne and features prominently in your vision for its future.
- Community facilities feature prominently in the good points about Exbourne you want preserved.
- Improvements could be made to the village hall and playing field, with safe access being a particular concern with the playing field.

- **Community facilities are well protected under strategic planning policy** in which changes of use are generally resisted.
- All of the community facilities have been approached as part of our stakeholder consultation to determine how policies in the Neighbourhood Plan might help them with their objectives. Some of the key messages are set out below:

## Burrow



- The provision of additional parking around High Street (and potentially limited stay parking near the Burrow) would help those facilities in that area (see ‘Roads and Parking’ display boards for more on this).

## Red Lion



## Schools

- The Primary School is well attended but mainly with children from outside Exbourne. There is capacity for additional pupils.
- The Pre-school is at risk of closure given current attendance levels.



## Garage

- The Neighbourhood Plan can support the garage by ensuring the layout and screening of any nearby development takes account of its activities and the potential impact on residents.



# COMMUNITY & FACILITIES (2)

## Playing Field



- The Playing Field is well used by the Primary School and its location is not regarded as a problem for the school, although we are investigating what can be done to improve safety at the crossing (see 'Roads and Parking').
- The Playing Field needs further investment to improve the facility. It has planning permission for a small car park, which the school believes may help relieve parking problems on High Street (see 'Roads and Parking').
- With insufficient information provided to us regarding any restrictive covenants, we have so far been unable to explore whether there is the possibility for including additional community facilities on the Playing Field site.

## Village Hall

- The Village Hall is well used and considered sufficient for Exbourne's current population.
- However, it needs further investment and may need new premises in the event of significant expansion of the village.



## Churches



- St Mary's has unfortunately not responded to our requests for information.
- The Methodist Church holds regular services and occasional events involving the wider community. It was instrumental in establishing the Pre-school and continues to support it.

### We'd like to know....

Where new development is likely to lead to pressure on existing community facilities, developers are in some cases expected to make contributions towards the provision of expanded facilities.



*(1) Are you in favour of more development to provide funds for improving facilities?*

*(2) Which community facilities do you believe should be prioritised for such investment?*

*(3) What else do you think can be done to improve the community facilities and preserve their existence?*

**PLACE A STICKY DOT NEXT TO YOUR ANSWER ON THE SHEET ON THE TABLE OR A POST-IT WITH YOUR COMMENTS...**