

Appendix A

Clerk's Report

With the help of a volunteer, the replies to the survey that we ran in April have now been collated into a series of charts. There were 65 responses which is approximately 13% of the adult population of the village (currently 494 adults on the electoral roll). Not every question was answered by everyone.

- 92.1% of the 63 people who responded are in favour of a 20mph zone from the church, along Stratford Road to Bridge Road, over the bridge and along Main Street to the junction with Lock Lane.
- 70% of the 50 people who answered the question about playpark improvement were in favour
- 58 people responded to the ideas of what to do with the recreation area with 56.9 people in favour of levelling it to allow for easier use for community activities and 43.1% wanted to leave it as it is.
- 55 people responded to the question which asked what activities they would like to see organised in the village. 67.3% supported the Christmas lights switch on; 56.4% would like monthly drop in sessions for coffee and cake; 54.5% would like to see a village get together; and 52.7% would like an annual fete.

The PC may wish to pursue some of these ideas but will need to be mindful of the amount of effort required to get any of the suggestions off the ground. An easy win is the Christmas lights event as we have experience of this. The second highest (coffee and cake) will require monthly input but a village get together would be a one off. The curry night arranged by Stop3000trucks as a fund raiser was well supported both years and people were heard to say “we” should do something similar as a village.

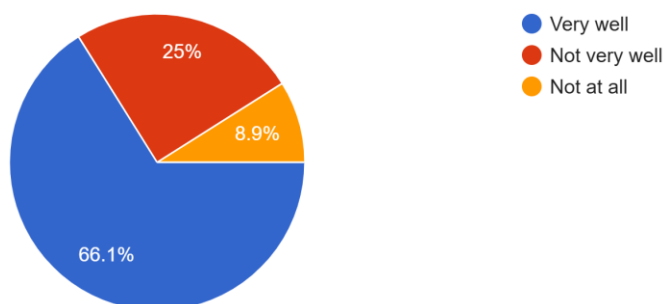
The charts are included below as well as the narrative comments about the playpark and what should the PC focus on. Both the latter make interesting reading.

JM Evans

16 June 2026

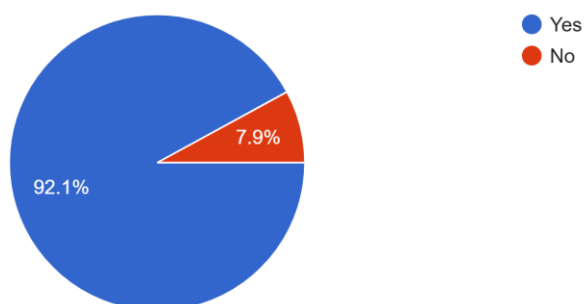
Giving you a voice There are many issues that affect the whole community such as volume and speed of traffic and planning issues. How well do you feel your voice is represented:

56 responses

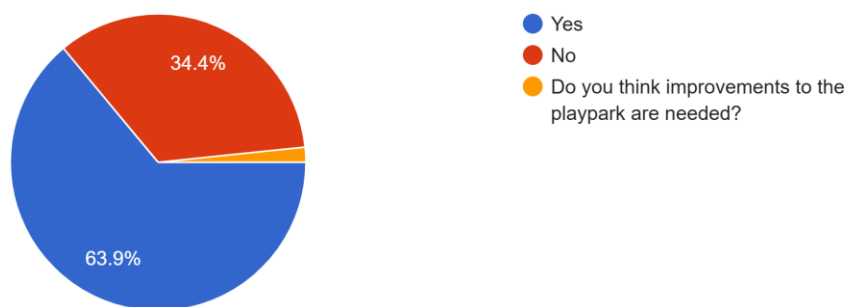


20 mph zone We would like to know if residents are in favour of the introduction of a 20mph zone from the church, along Stratford Road to Bridge Road, along Main Street to the junction with Lock Lane.

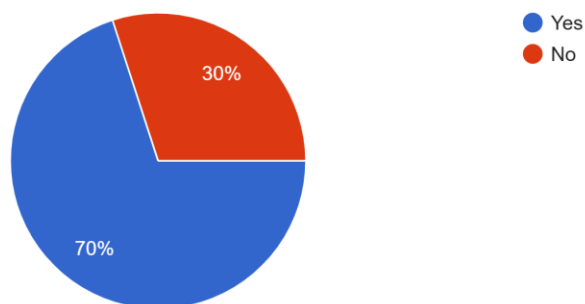
63 responses



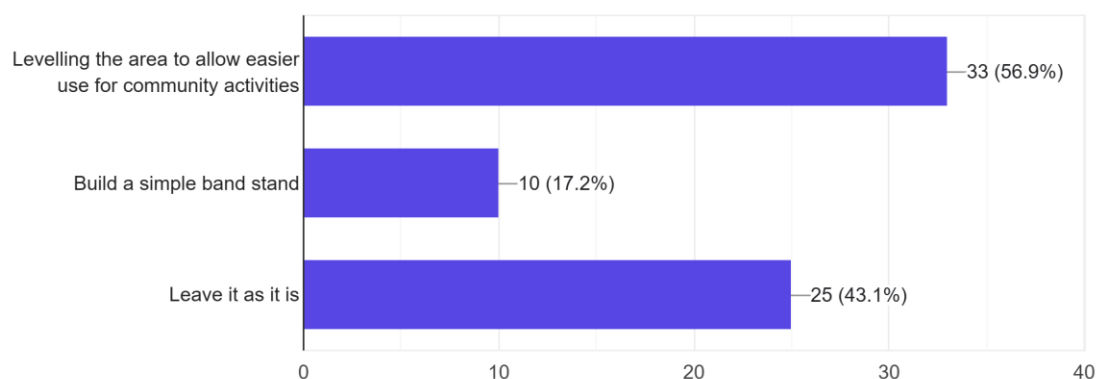
Playpark Playparks offer a wide range of benefits for communities, contributing to the physical, social, emotional and mental well-being of individual...ularly children. Is the playpark important to you?
61 responses



Do you think improvements to the playpark are needed?
50 responses

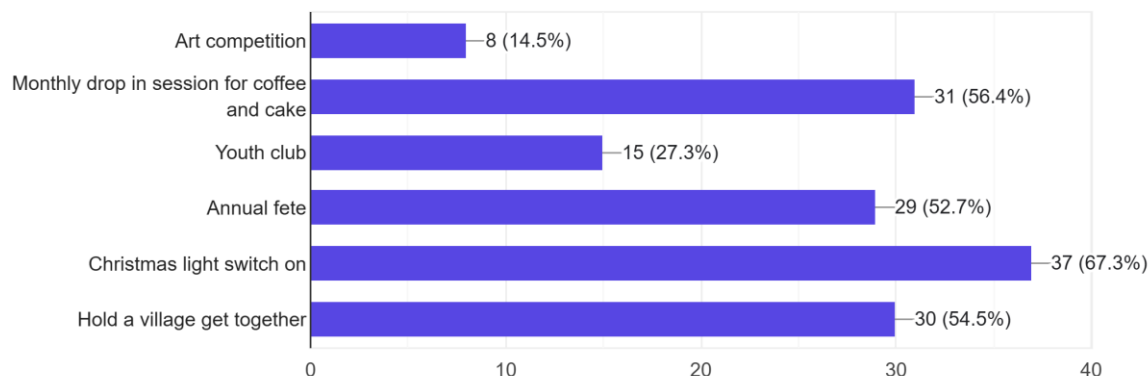


Recreation Ground The area outside the playpark has recently been increased following the realignment of the play park. We are looking for ide... area. Please tick those you would be interested in:
58 responses



As a small council, there is a limit to what we can provide. We are interested, however, in hearing what community activities you feel are missing. Her...eas. Please tick those you would be interested in:

55 responses



Do you have any suggestions for improvements or comments on the playpark?35 responses

No

Needs more investment and updating

Could do with a spruce up, castlethorpe have a great park. Some cool stuff like that could be put in here

None

Equipment needs updating and flooring addressed - focal point climbing structure...

Move play equipment inside fence to free up grass area and remove "no ball games" signs as we should be encouraging outdoor play!!

Introduce a challenging piece of equipment, ie an obstacle climber or fitness improver.

The PC have been looking at upgrading the equipment for years. More modern would be great. A gym trail around the village would be good.

Keep the Playing Field natural. If it is levelled it will be necessary to install a fence to keep balls from going into the road. That will spoil the appearance of the Playing Field. If residents require an area for sports, look at alternative locations. The Doctors Piece has previously been a football and cricket ground.

Please let us know if you have any other ideas or suggestions of things you feel the Parish Council should be doing 34 responses

Close ties with the canal and river trust so that issues experienced with towpath, boater relations, rubbish and general maintenance, and management of anti social behaviour can be addressed more effectively.

Explore ways to effectively escalate concerns about the caravan park expansion. If asking nicely to open dialogue with park management is being ignored what other options are available.

Pumpkin trail for kids/help CRT maintain canal towpath area thru village/walking and running group/ litter picking group / Cosgrove in bloom (introducing more bee, butterfly and insect friendly planting plus weed and pavement clearing

Not putting a 20mph speed limit in place. The risk assessment for it would not justify the cost.

Traffic calming ramps. White lines lock lane inc with Main Street, cut back overhanging bushes and trees down the stocks, dower house hedge heads cutting back hard.

Perhaps the school fete could be combined with a village fete?

Not waste money unnecessarily costly changes invest instead in the pavements uneven surfaces. Actively campaign to challenge council tax and the value for residents a proportion of the services received.

Can the PC address the poor state of pathways in village. A high percentage of paths are extremely challenging for those with limited mobility

As residents of Stratford road, going out of village the speed limit is 40mph, the traffic is very fast and dangerous for walkers and cyclists, the verges are uneven to walk on. We really need a footpath to the dogs mouth and more streetlights

Scarecrow competition / Halloween competition / pancake race / Easter egg hunt / family activities

Parking around crossroads next to school needs addressing

For those of us living on the outer borders of village, a reminder of any activities within the village, eg light switch on

I trust the council to get on with things and let residents know of any matters of importance and/or relevance

The Parish should hold West Northamptonshire Council to account over footways in the village that have decreased in size through grass weed and detritus encroachment. Graffiti remains on road signs on the A508 for years now. Get some new road street name plates for those that are worse for wear.

Improve the Canal path from Bridge to Lock.

I would just like to say thank you for all the work that you do. It is very much appreciated

I think you are doing a wonderful job

Park traffic concerns and general driving standards through village - speed bumps?

I would love a gardening club, linked to a village show each year.

The Parish Council needs updating and refreshing. It is stuck in the past. It should start an active campaign to generate interest in the village and create a sense of pride and belonging. Residents need to get off their backsides, The alternative is just to become a suburb of Milton Keynes.

Find ways to make money from those using the village that pay nothing towards it

Annual fete incorporated with school fete / more use of village hall / martial arts...

Keep pushing to improve traffic situation in village and the junctions with road to castlethorpe and a508.

Coordinating holding park to account on traffic

Open gardens event

Film night in village hall and plant more bulbs like in Deanshanger

Think 20mph along yardley road aswell / consider parking restrictions for areas on bends and near junctions. Better integration with existing activities / school fete / fishing comps / coffee sessions... We need a village car park for visitors. Maintenance and improvement of all footpaths in village including around lock cottages where trip hazards

Improve the pathways

Stop Cosgrove park traffic

Teen transport issues - no access to bus. What other alternatives are there, e-bikes scooters etc with hub at the caravan park as mk council run these

Village garage sales where the whole community get involved (as Yardley Gobion do), more family friendly events, a social club where families are welcome with regular music and events, opportunities to purchase annual passes to use facilities at the caravan park (such as pool, park and fishing lakes).

More liaison with the park, day entry would be good just for a walk. I said with traffic and bins overflowing at peak times

Appendix B

Cosgrove Parish Council

Summary of Financial Records to 15 June 2026

Revenues	YTD	Projected income to end of year		Forecast	Budget	Variance
Precept	(12,979.00)	(12,978.49)		(25,957.49)	(25,957.49)	-
Interest	(108.76)	(778.47)		(887.23)	(1,000.00)	(112.77)
Burial Ground	(36.00)	(834.00)		(870.00)	(1,000.00)	(130.00)
VAT Reclaim	(748.08)	-		(748.08)		748.08
Misc Income	-	-		-		-
Mowing Grant	-	(999.00)		(999.00)	(999.00)	-
Total Revenue	(13,871.84)	(15,589.96)		(29,461.80)	(28,956.49)	505.31

Regular Costs	YTD	Projected Costs to end of Year		Forecast	Budget	Variance
Clerk Salary	2,515.40	7,900.00		10,415.40	9,489.65	(925.75)
Grass Mowing	1,833.80	5,010.00		6,843.80	7,518.00	674.20
Clerk Sundries	73.50	349.71		423.21	423.21	-
Church Clock	-	201.00		201.00	201.00	-
Street Lighting	409.50	1,568.25		1,977.75	1,818.25	(159.50)
Allotments	-	-		-	-	-
NCALC	714.22	-		714.22	769.18	54.96
Burial Ground	230.00	100.00		330.00	200.00	(130.00)
Dog Waste Bins	166.84	910.00		1,076.84	1,001.00	(75.84)
Village Hall	-	310.00		310.00	341.00	31.00
Insurance	-	621.00		621.00	621.00	-
Training	-	116.25		116.25	155.00	38.75
IT Costs	130.76	457.92		588.68	595.20	6.52
Play Park	-	750.00		750.00	750.00	-
Admin	112.75	262.25		375.00	375.00	-
Election Expenses	-	247.00		247.00	247.00	-
Audit	-	210.00		210.00	210.00	-
ICO	-	52.00		52.00	52.00	-
Speed Indicator Devices	-	554.00		554.00	554.00	-
Green bin	69.00	-		69.00	60.00	9.00
Other unforeseen	-	-		-	-	-
Total Costs	6,255.77	19,619.38		25,875.15	25,380.49	(494.66)

Section 137 Costs (Max of £9.93 per electorate)	YTD	Projected Costs to end of Year		Forecast	Budget	Variance
NACRE	-	35.00		35.00	35.00	
CPRE	-	36.00		36.00	36.00	
SNAST	-	25.00		25.00	25.00	
Old Mail	-	500.00		500.00	500.00	
Christmas Lights	-	250.00		250.00	250.00	
village projects	-	600.00		600.00	600.00	
annual grant scheme	150.00	850.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	
S137 % spend (planter)	-	800.00		800.00	800.00	
Total Costs	150.00	3,096.00		3,246.00	3,246.00	

Discretionary Spend	YTD	Projected Costs to end of Year		Forecast	Budget	Variance
donation to village hall	0.00	200.00		200.00	200.00	
Poppy Wreath	0.00	50.00		50.00	50.00	
donation to WI	0.00	20.00		20.00	20.00	
donation to History Society	0.00	60.00		60.00	60.00	
Total Costs	-	330.00		330.00	330.00	

Movement	YTD	Projected Net (Revenue) / Costs to end of Year		Forecast Net (Revenue)/ Cost	Budget	Variance
Net (Revenue) / Cost	(7,466.07)	7,455.42		(10.65)	28,946.49	10.65
VAT paid to date incl b/fwd £746.73	1,148.92					
VAT received back	748.08					
VAT outstanding	400.84					

Current and savings	35,991.51
Fixed Deposit account	16,039.59
Total bank balance as at 15 June 2026	£ 52,031.10

Earmarked Reserves 2026-2027

Item	Amount	Notes
Contingencies	£ 12,978.00	Six months of 2026-2027 precept
Trees and hedges	£ 1,750.00	maintaining trees and hedges
street lamps	£ 5,120.00	Unforeseen repairs of 4 units £1,200
Playpark refurbishment	£ 10,000.00	Replace equipment
		realign fencing, resite equipment
Meadow View Cemetery		Cut back overgrown trees
Community project	£ 3,000.00	Inauguration of Meadow View Cemetery, including accessible path, replanting of recovered area, sign, register of grave spaces book
Total earmarked reserves @ 1 April 2026	£ 32,848.00	

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Appendix C: BACS Payments Schedule 4.26

Date of Invoice	Amount	Payee	Description	Email date	BACS reference	minute reference	Notes
To be set up and authorised by DS and JP							
04.07.2026	£ 691.85	J Evans	June pay and back pay		BACS03.26		
	£ 691.85						
Paid between meetings							
13.06.2026	£ 285.00	Scott Welding and Fabrication	playpark gate and fence painting MVC bolt repair			CPC/26/06/13(d) &(e)	
10.06.2026	£ 69.00	WNC	annual green bin subscription				
	£ 354.00						
For set up by JE and authorisation by DS or JP							
04.07.2026	£ 173.00	HMRC	May PAYE and NI				
04.07.2026		Blackwells Garden Services	June mowing				
04.07.2026	£ 78.00	Barbara Osborne	payroll services April to June inv 8400				
	£ 173.00						
Direct debits and debit card charges							
05.07.2026	£ 4.25	Lloyds	bank account service charge to 09/06/2026		debit by bank	CPC/26/06/10(c)	
08.07.2026	£ 11.99	HugoFox	website hosting June inv no 28072		Direct Debit	CPC/26/06/10(c)	
11.07.2026	£ 20.99	HugoFox	email hosting June inv no 28213		Direct Debit	CPC/26/06/10(c)	
16.06.2027	£ 109.20	Shield Group	dog waste collection June inv no 10376		Standing Order	CPC/26/06/10(c)	
09.07.2026	£ 111.45	YU energy	1 to 30 June unmetered supply		Direct Debit	CPC/26/06/10(c)	
Total DD and card	£ 257.88						

£ 1,218.85

total £ 1,476.73