

Martinstown Survey

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Responses that could be
counted



Why a survey?

- The Parish Council represents the village, and we hoped a survey would give us another way of gaining parishioners' views.
- We receive finances from the Precept collected from your Council Tax and we receive money from CIL - Community Infrastructure Levy. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/community-infrastructure-levy>. This is a levy collected from new development and can be allocated and distributed on specific projects. In order to allocate this, we need to have some priorities.
- We wanted some feedback on how we are doing as a Parish Council.
- This presentation is the report in terms of the answers that could be counted within the survey
- Bold type face indicates that more than a quarter of respondents supported an item, underlined items were supported by more than half of respondents.
- Results do not include free-text comments and ideas which will be made available when these have been fully analysed.

Sense of Community

- Extremely strong -21
- **Strong - 62**
- **Needs slight improvement – 34**
- Needs significant improvement -10
- Not applicable – 1

How you get information about the PC

- **Valley & Vallance 95**
- **Friends of Martinstown and the Valley, private Facebook group 63**
- **Parish Council website 58**
- **Village noticeboards 34**
- Martinstown News web site 27
- Not applicable 1

How does village maintenance need to be improved

- **Footpaths & bridleways need more regular maintenance – 72 supporters**
- **Riparian owners to more regularly clear stream, PC to take action – 58 supporters**
- **Improved verge cutting needed – 48 supporters**
- **PC should clear both banks of stream along its full length -37 supporters**
- **PC should supplement DC footpath & bridleway cutting -32 supporters**
- Improved weeding/sweeping of pavements & car park bays -25 supporters
- Verges in village to be left wild and uncut -24 supporters
- Improved road sweeping is needed -21 supporters
- PC should supplement DC verge cutting -20 supporters
- No improvement needed - 9

More popular possible new projects

- **Parish Council to take on ownership of the Village Hall playground and fund this through the Council Tax precept. 50 supporters**
- **A level and mown grass verge footpath from Mallards Green to Monkey Jump 46 supporters**
- **Add picnic tables and additional benches to the Village Green, 41 supporters**
- **Extra waste bins in the village, 41 supporters**
- **Extra benches in the village, 38 supporters**
- **Permanent Christmas Tree on the Village Green, 38 supporters**
- **Parish maintained flower beds, 37 supporters**
- **Parish Council organised annual barbecue, 35 supporters**

Less popular possible new projects

- An ornate village sign on the Village Green, 29 supporters
- Wooden sheep on the Village Green, 27 supporters
- Electrical facility for mains illumination of Christmas Tree, 24 supporters
- Picnic tables and benches in the Washing Pool area, 17 supporters
- Wooden sheep near the Washing Pool, 17 supporters
- Permanently fixed cycle rack on Parish Garage wall, 12 supporters
- A drinking water bottle refill point ,11 supporters
- A beacon brazier on the Green to light on special occasions, 8 supporters
- None of the above 2

Introducing soft traffic calming measures

- **Reinstate volunteers for Community Speed Watch, 41 supporters**
- **Locate village boundary signs in sight of the village with planting and mown verge, 38 supporters**
- **Cut the village southern verge shorter to give a sense of place, 33 supporters**
- Plant low growing shrubs on verges to give a sense of narrowing, 31 supporters
- Installation of village gates, 30 supporters
- None of the above 16

Dealing with planning applications

- **There should be no further houses built until the sewer is improved** , 75 supporters
- **Housing estates must have a minimum of 35% properties held at an affordable, low rent in perpetuity**, 59 supporters
- **An occasional house on a brownfield site should be supported**, 56 supporters
- **Houses on greenfield sites should not be supported**, 52 supporters
- **The PC should develop a formal Neighbourhood Development Plan**, 52 supporters
- **A new housing estate should not be supported**, 43 supporters
- A new housing estate with 10 plus houses should be supported, 26 supporters
- The Parish Council should develop an informal development strategy, 17 supporters
- None of the above 7

Change the parish boundary to include McDonalds

- **No 59**
- Yes 50
- Not applicable 19

Location of Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree

- **Village Green 48**
- Not Village Green 3
- Village Hall 2
- East End of village 2
- Reading Rooms 2
- Blagdon Close verge 2
- Churchyard
- Grove Barn 1
- Stream Bank 1
- Stephens Farm lane 1
- GM bridleway tree site 1
- In view of Queen 1
- Not applicable/indeterminate 61

What the PC does well-1

- **Maintains the village green, allotments, benches, garage and bus shelter, 53 of 128 agree**
- **Encourages villagers to attend regular meetings, 45 of 128 agree**
- **Provides plenty of information on its website, 37 of 128 agree**
- **Communicates effectively with villagers, 36 of 128 agree**
- Improves the village, 31 of 128 agree
- Provides allotments to villagers, 28 of 128 agree

What the PC does well -2

- Comments on planning applications effectively, 26 of 128 agree
- Is transparent in all their actions, 24 of 128 agree
- Represents the views of the villagers, 23 of 128 agree
- Spends funds wisely, 20 of 128 agree
- Works effectively with Dorset Council to ensure all areas of the village are well maintained, 18 of 128 agree
- None of the above, 16 of 128
- Has a clear strategy for the future of the village, 2 of 128 agree

Thank you

- Thankyou to the 128 people who responded
- To Karen Delafield and Deborah Follett for making the survey happen
- To those who delivered questionnaires and encouraged responses

Way forward

- Review the results at the next parish meeting
- The comments and the responses will inform our decision making
- We will improve our communication with the parish
 - North Rew
 - Ashton
- To improve our openness we will consider agreeing some annual objectives, publish and review at the next annual meeting

Thank you!

