



Parson Drove Parish Plan Refresh Results

Introduction – This report sets out the results from the Parish Plan refresh and the questionnaire which was sent to houses in Parson Drove Parish in October 2013. The results are set out with the number of responses returned and the most common answers to questions where provided. The refresh provides an update to the original Parish Plan in 2004/05. The questionnaire was not exactly the same as that used on the original. This represents the delivery of a number of items from the plan. Commentary will also be provided on the analysis of the results compared to the previous plan.

172 Households replied out of 546 questionnaires issued, with 342 people taking part. This represents a 32% return; which is considered a good response rate, although lower than the original Parish Plan 46%.

Demographics

The results indicate that the population is increasing in age, with reductions in categories covering ages 0 to 59 and increases in categories for ages 60+.

• Males	165	48%
• Females	177	52%
• 0 – 5	4	1.2%
• 6 -11	18	5.3%
• 12 – 19	23	6.7%
• 20 – 39	39	11.4%
• 40 – 59	80	23.5%
• 60 – 74	117	34.3%
• 75 +	60	17.6%

The question on how long people have lived in the Parish indicates less movement to the village since the last plan with the categories 5 - 19 years increasing.

• 0-4 years	46	14.2%
• 5-9 years	88	27.1%
• 10-19 years	76	23.4%
• Over 20 years	115	35.4%



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| 1 The Green | 8 Payne School | 16 Town Pit |
| 2 Swan Bridge | 9 Payne School | 17 Clough Bridge |
| 3 The Cage | 10 The Emmanuel Church | 18 Turf Fen Travellers Site |
| 4 The Swan Inn | 11 St Mark's Methodist Church | 19 Seadyke Travellers Site |
| 5 Tan Rose's Butcher | 12 The Butcher's Arms | 20 Surgery |
| 6 Post Office | 13 Village Hall | 21 St John The Baptist Church |
| 7 Vialls Store | 14 Sports Pavilion | 22 The Five Bells |
| | 15 Playing Field | |

A new question was added to determine what people do.

• Full time education	37	10.9%
• College / University	8	2.4%
• Full time employment	60	17.8%
• Part time employment	23	6.8%
• Self-employed	36	10.7%
• Voluntary work	5	1.5%
• Unemployed	21	6.2%
• Retired	148	43.8%

The Environment

Improvements requested are the placement of bins, seats and Streetlights.

More Litter Bins needed?

Yes 204 (63.8%) No 116 (36.3%)

Where are they needed (top 4 places?)

- Along Main Road, Outside the School
- Sealey's Lane
- Playing Field
- Village Green

More Seats needed?

Yes 221 (68.7%) No 96 (30.3%)

Where are they needed (top 4 places)

- Playing Field
- Main Road & near Pond
- Village Green

Should more trees be planted?

Yes 95 (30.3%) No 219 (69.7%)

If yes where are they needed (Top 4 places?)

- Playing Field
- Village Green
- Everywhere possible
- Replace those cut down

More Street Lights needed?

Too many 49 (27.8%)

Not enough 127 (72.2%)

Where are they needed (top 4 places?)

- Along Main Road & Church End
- Back Road, Murrow
- Along The Bank
- Sealey's Lane

Top 5 Environment Comments

- Shrubbery at junctions and on paths needs cutting back
- Better maintenance of trees
- Stop Dog fouling on playing field, Village Green & Foot Paths
- Replace trees on green with small ones
- Sweep foot paths more often & repair

Housing and Development

Follow up questions were asked in relation to the Parish Plan & Parish Council questionnaire in 2012. These broadly reflect the previous view that development should be limited to single dwellings or small groups of up to houses. The need for housing is as per the following results:

Home for:

- Young people 81
- Families 67
- people with disabilities 54
- People who had to leave 32
- Elderly people 102
- Single people 47
- No further homes needed 96
- Warden controlled 115
- People with local Connections 109

Development Types

- Conversion of redundant buildings 183
- Single dwellings 109
- Small groups less than 10 100
- Large groups 10 to 25 33
- More than 26 25
- No opinion 26

Youth Facilities

The results indicate quite a change since the last survey where previously 67% of people felt more was needed for the 11 to 19 age group. This might be due to the installation of the skate ramp and MUGA in recent years.

However the question this time was more general. Also it is felt that the 26% asking for more facilities is represented by those families of young people:

- Do we need further facilities
- **Yes 76 26%**
- **No 218 74%**

Top things asked for

- Up-date play equipment for all ages
- Club for 5 to 10 year olds
- Scouts, Cubs, Brownies or Guides



Skate Ramp



MUGA

Sport & Recreation

The results are broadly comparable with the last Parish Plan. Also the questions on the Village Hall indicated a third of people of would use the Hall more, if it was refurbished. Although there was a broadly even split on whether it needed to be refurbished.

Do we need further facilities?

- **Yes** **85** **28%**
- **No** **221** **72%**

Top 4 things asked for

- Things for young people
- Evening activities
- Keep fit classes
- Internet cafe

Village Hall

Do you think it wants refurbishing?

- **Yes** **136 (48%)** - **No** **148 (52%)**

What would you do to improve it?

- Modernise it
- Build a new hall
- Put windows in it
- Redecorate in brighter colours

What extra activities would you like?

- Talks / Lectures
- Music groups
- Card games other than whist
- Ballroom dancing
- Astronomy club
- Choir



Road Safety & Traffic

This continues to be a concern for people with 76% wanting more traffic calming and 84% concerned about speeding traffic. Although only 40% want more footpaths, they probably live at the locations identified.

Do we need further facilities?

- **Yes** **222** **76%**
- **No** **70** **24%**

What is wanted and where (top 4)

- Roundabout /Traffic lights at Swan Bridge
- Speed cameras
- More traffic calming
- Lower speed limits



Are you concerned about speeding?

- Yes** **285** **84%**
- No** **20** **16%**

Where (top answers)

- Main Road , Church End
- The Bank & Murrow Bank
- Swan Bridge Junction
- Back Road, Murrow

Are more footpaths needed?

- **Yes** **109** **40%** **No** **162** **60%**

Where?

- Fen Road
- Back Road, Murrow
- Main Road & Church End
- Sealey's Lane

Public Transport

It is no surprise that only 17% of people use bus service, since the cut to the service. There were 52% of people who wanted new services, mainly to Wisbech.

Do you use the bus services?

- **Yes 57 No 278**

Do you want additional public transport?

- **Yes 158 No 150**

Would you use a shuttle bus service for the X1 Peterborough – Wisbech Service?

Yes 142 No 182

What would you like?

- Regular service to Wisbech
- Reinstated daily bus service
- Regular service to Peterborough
- Regular service to March

Health Services

The most common request was for blood tests to be performed at the Surgery.

What would you like access to?

- Blood tests at PD Surgery
- Dentists in the village
- Chiropodists
- Easier to make appointments - early morning & late night.
- Health service in village is excellent



Other Items:

These questions concentrate mainly on communication and confirm the poor level of service received in the village.

Do you use the Internet?

- **Yes 272 No 63**

Are you happy with your broadband speed?

- **Yes 90 No 169**

Are you happy with your Mobile Signal?

- **Yes 121 No 185**

Any other comments

This question enabled people to highlight what other concerns they may have, however there was no overriding issue. The responses below represent the highest, however these ranged between 14 & 6 individual responses:

- Extended opening hours at shop
- Improve infrastructure before development
- Traffic calming not working
- Improvements in conservation area and concerns about building in it
- Don't want any phone masts

Next Steps:

The results will be presented to the appropriate bodies asking them to address the concerns identified. However it should be noted that the delivery of items will be subject to funding being available.

Some people raised concerns that certain activities / facilities were not available, where these are actually being provided, details are contained on the village website:

<http://www.parsondrove.net/>

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