

# Little Gaddesden Parish Council Survey 2016

Wednesday, April 06, 2016

**Aim: Survey parish opinion on some current issues as a basis for guiding Council priorities and decisions**

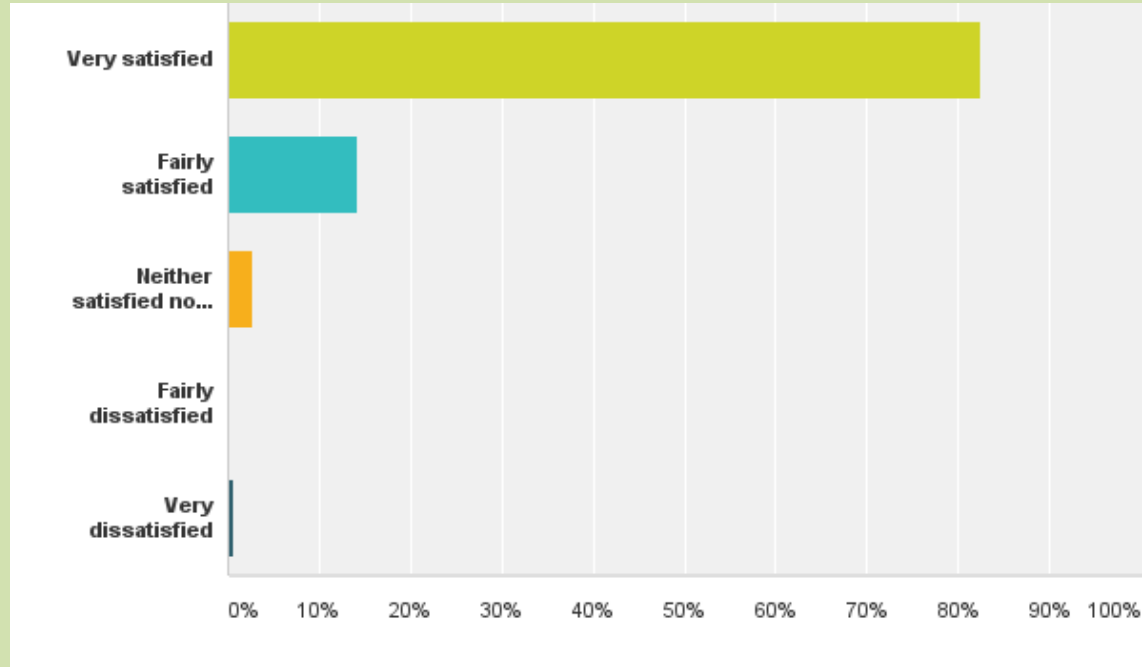
# 184 responses

# Methodology

Survey Question Format and Rating Scales developed and validated with expert (unpaid) help from a member of faculty at Ashridge Business School based on British Social Attitudes Survey

# Q1: How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with Little Gaddesden as a place to live?

Answered: 183 Skipped: 1



# Interpretation

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Good result!! 96.72% satisfied or very satisfied

We aim to do things that keep it like that.

# Q1: How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with Little Gaddesden as a place to live?

Answered: 183 Skipped: 1

Answer Choices	Responses	
Very satisfied	82.51%	151
Fairly satisfied	14.21%	26
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	2.73%	5
Fairly dissatisfied	0.00%	0
Very dissatisfied	0.55%	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>183</b>

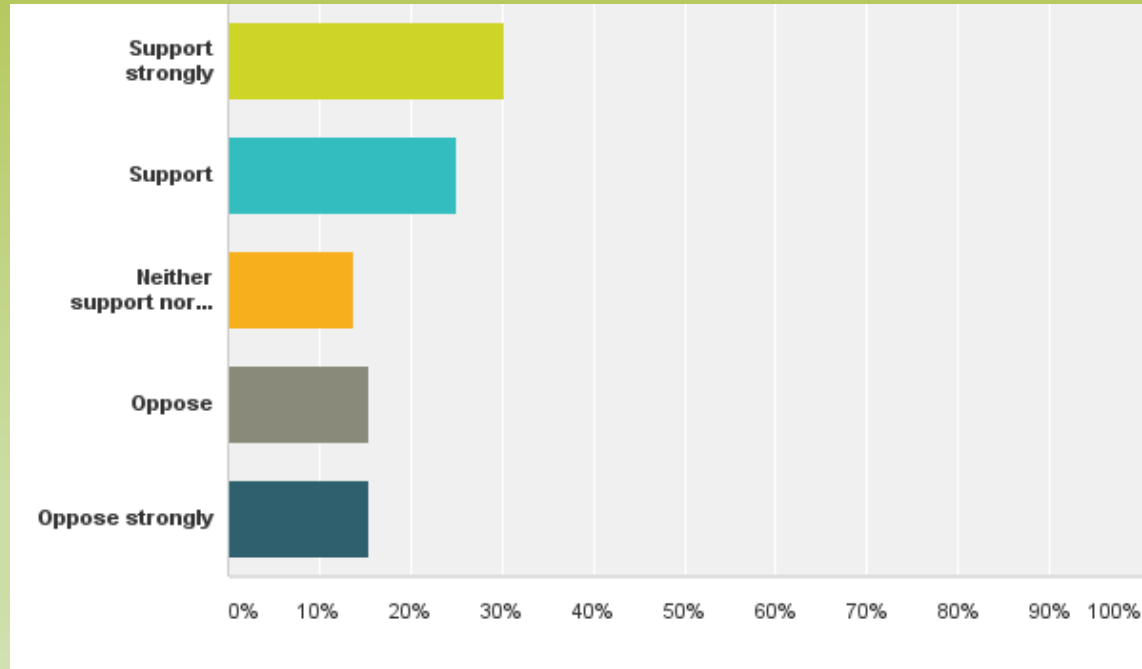
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# Traffic



## Q2: Introduce an average speed camera system at key entry/exit points to the village

Answered: 175 Skipped: 9



## Interpretation

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A clear majority in favour - 55.43% over 30.86% = +24.57%

Note: the strength of preference is the difference between Strongly Support & Support over Strongly Oppose and Oppose.

Throughout the survey we discount those who neither Support nor Oppose unless they are the majority. Advice of our unpaid adviser at Ashridge Business School.

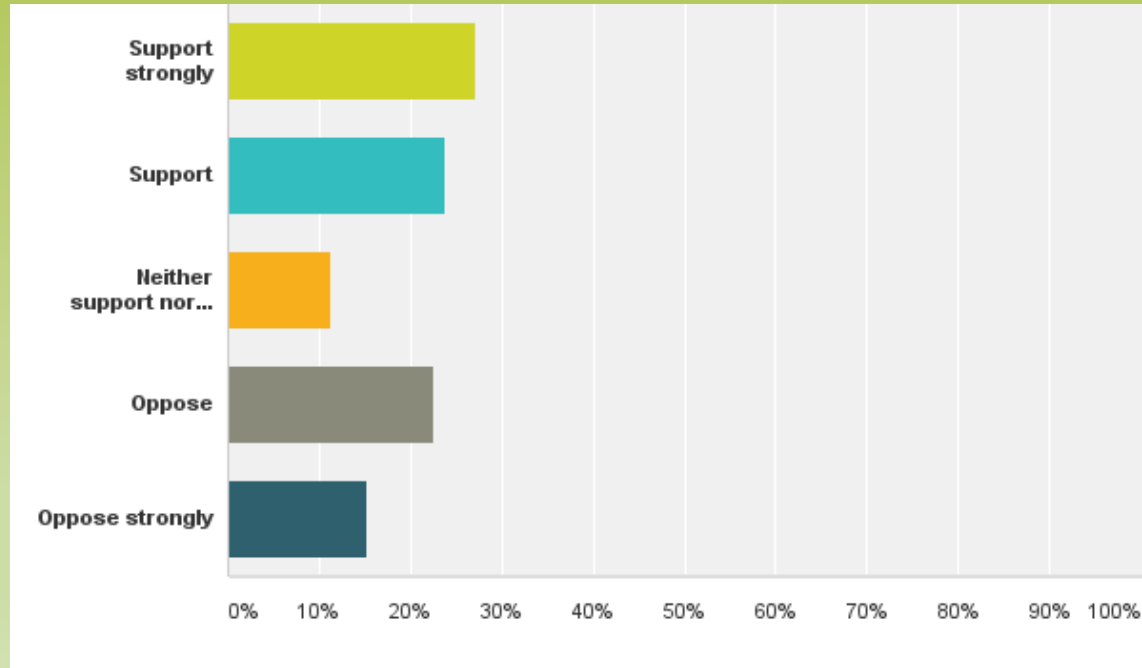
## Q2: Introduce an average speed camera system at key entry/exit points to the village

Answered: 175 Skipped: 9

Answer Choices	Responses	
Support strongly	30.29%	53
Support	25.14%	44
Neither support nor oppose	13.71%	24
Oppose	15.43%	27
Oppose strongly	15.43%	27
<b>Total</b>		<b>175</b>

### Q3: Introduce traffic calming chicanes at key entry/exit points to the village.

Answered: 177 Skipped: 7



## Interpretation

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A majority in favour -  $50.85\%$  over  $37.85\%$  =  $+13\%$

Positive - but not quite so strongly in favour as the response for average speed camera.

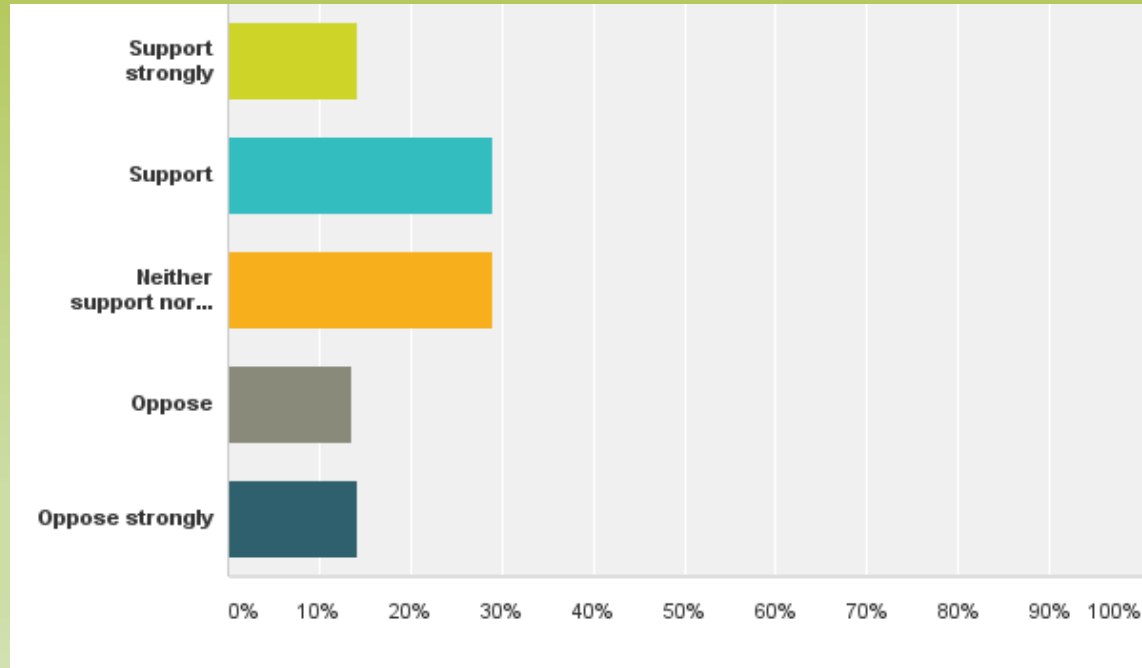
### Q3: Introduce traffic calming chicanes at key entry/exit points to the village.

Answered: 177 Skipped: 7

Answer Choices	Responses	
Support strongly	27.12%	48
Support	23.73%	42
Neither support nor oppose	11.30%	20
Oppose	22.60%	40
Oppose strongly	15.25%	27
<b>Total</b>		<b>177</b>

# Q4: Have more traffic speed monitoring carried out by trained village volunteers

Answered: 176 Skipped: 8



## Interpretation

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A majority in favour -  $43.18\%$  over  $27.84\%$  =  $+15.34\%$

Positive - but the Neither Support nor Oppose group were equal to the numbers of Support (ers) so this one feels a bit lukewarm.



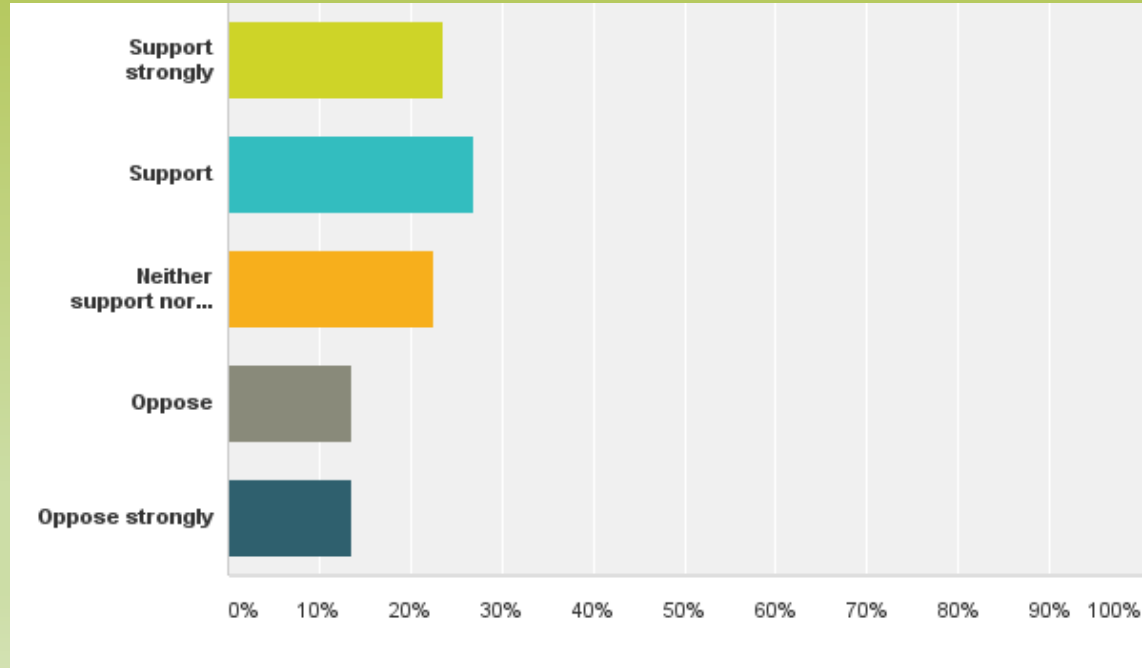
## Q4: Have more traffic speed monitoring carried out by trained village volunteers

Answered: 176 Skipped: 8

Answer Choices	Responses	
Support strongly	14.20%	25
Support	28.98%	51
Neither support nor oppose	28.98%	51
Oppose	13.64%	24
Oppose strongly	14.20%	25
<b>Total</b>		<b>176</b>

# Q5: Have more traffic speed monitoring and enforcement carried out by the Police

Answered: 178 Skipped: 6



## Interpretation

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A majority in favour -  $50.57\%$  over  $26.96\%$  =  $+23.61\%$

We interpret the slight preference as being for the Police to do the monitoring rather than trained volunteers.

## Q5: Have more traffic speed monitoring and enforcement carried out by the Police

Answered: 178 Skipped: 6

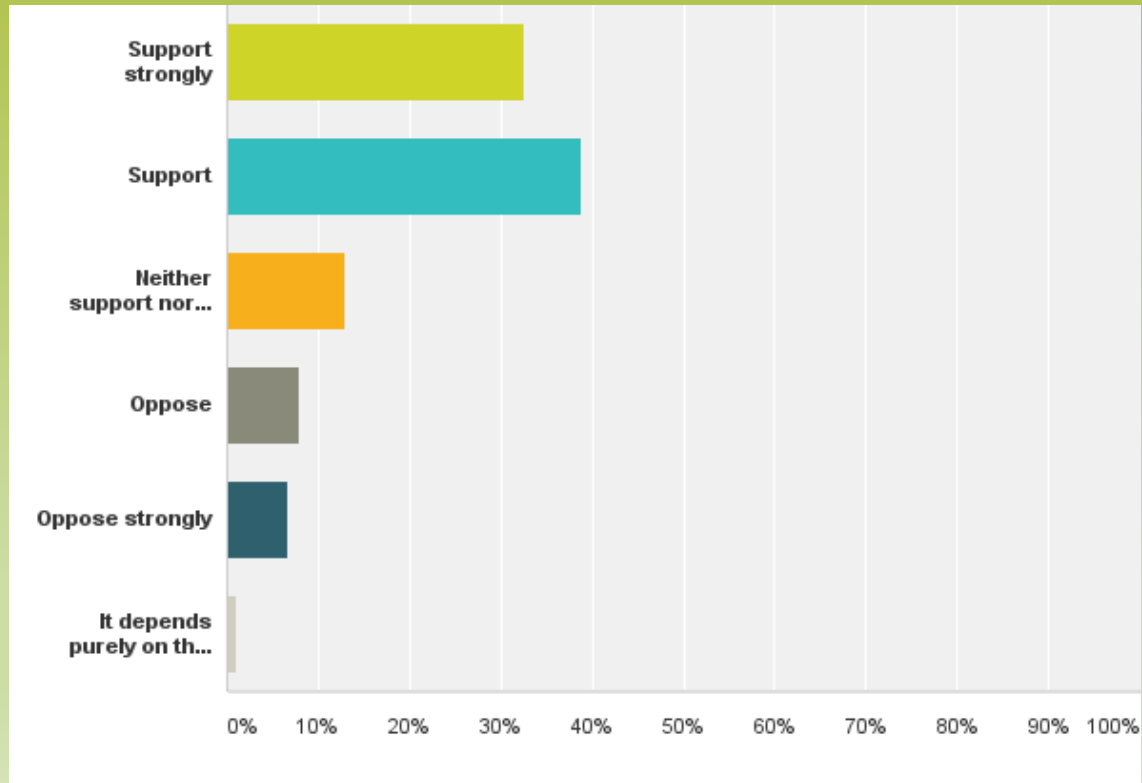
Answer Choices	Responses	
Support strongly	23.60%	42
Support	26.97%	48
Neither support nor oppose	22.47%	40
Oppose	13.48%	24
Oppose strongly	13.48%	24
<b>Total</b>		<b>178</b>

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# The Green

## Q6: Are you in favour of continuing with the new flexible mowing regime?

Answered: 178 Skipped: 6



## Interpretation

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An overwhelming majority in favour -  $71.34\% \text{ over } 15.73\% = +55.61\%$

## Q6: Are you in favour of continuing with the new flexible mowing regime?

Answered: 178 Skipped: 6

Answer Choices	Responses	
Support strongly	<b>32.58%</b>	58
Support	<b>38.76%</b>	69
Neither support nor oppose	<b>12.92%</b>	23
Oppose	<b>7.87%</b>	14
Oppose strongly	<b>6.74%</b>	12
It depends purely on the cost	<b>1.12%</b>	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>178</b>

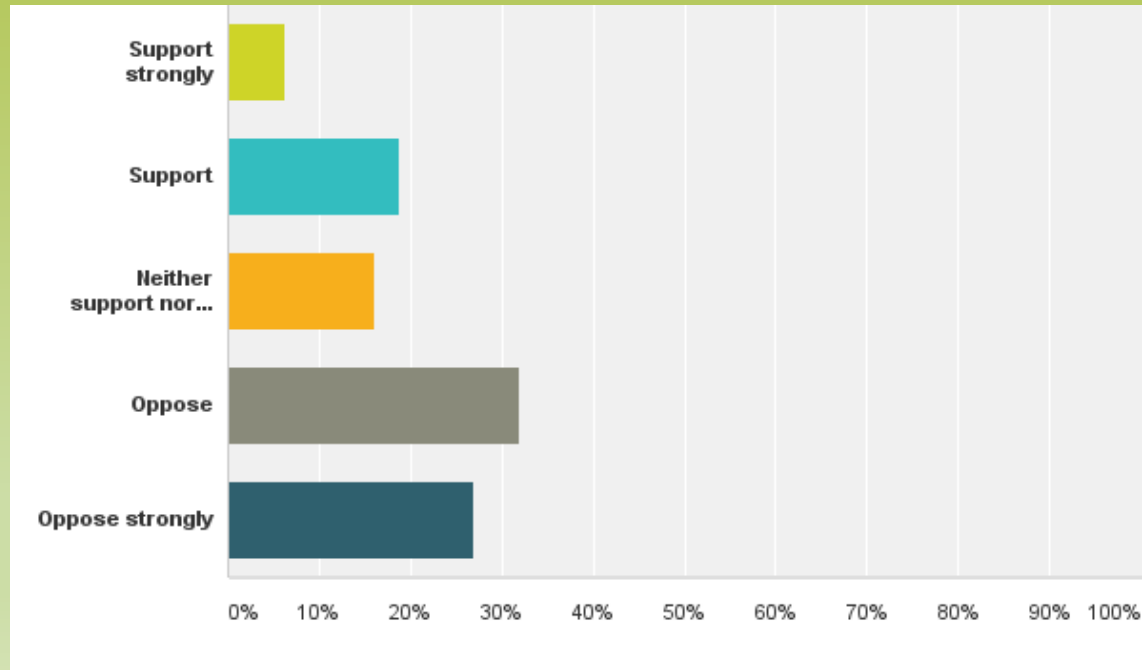


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# Housing

# Q7: Would you support or oppose more homes being built in Little Gaddesden?

Answered: 175 Skipped: 9



## Interpretation

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A clear majority against more building in Little Gaddesden –  
56.86% over 25.15% = +31.71%

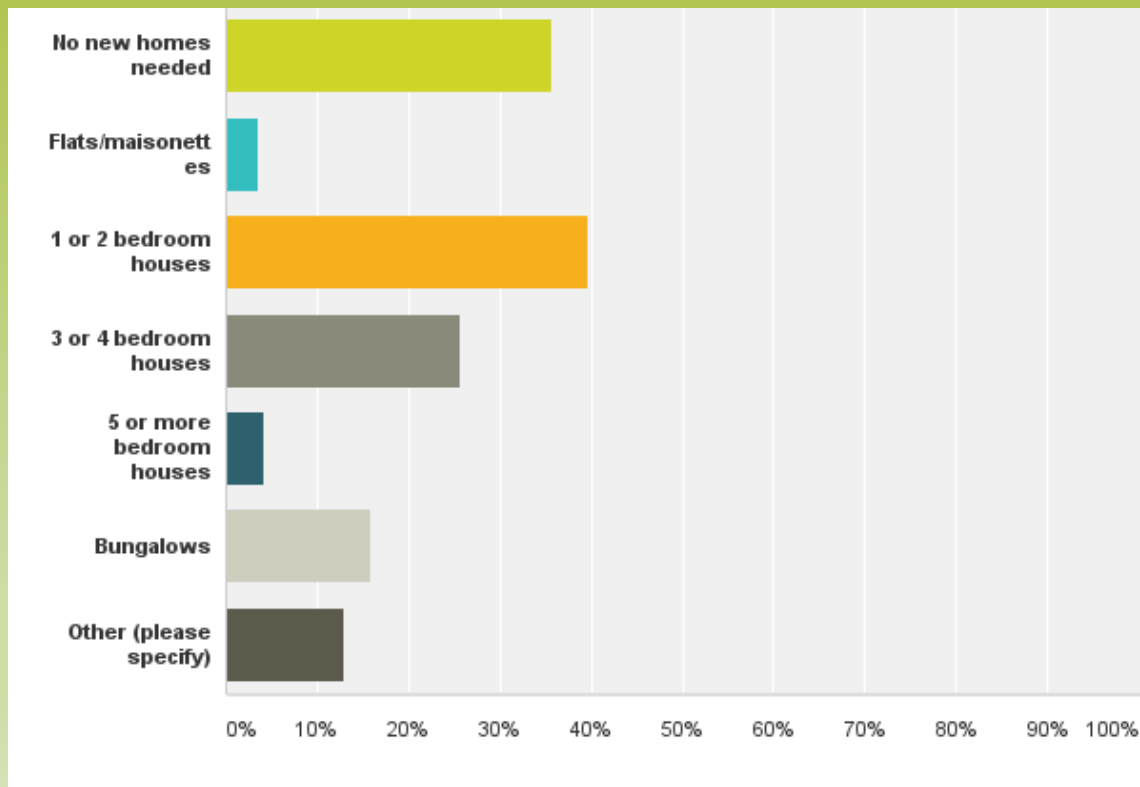
# Q7: Would you support or oppose more homes being built in Little Gaddesden?

Answered: 175 Skipped: 9

Answer Choices	Responses	
Support strongly	6.29%	11
Support	18.86%	33
Neither support nor oppose	16.00%	28
Oppose	32.00%	56
Oppose strongly	26.86%	47
<b>Total</b>		<b>175</b>

## Q8: If new homes were to be built in Little Gaddesden which, if any, of these types of homes do you think are most needed? Select all that apply.

Answered: 171 Skipped: 13



## Interpretation

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But if private applicants were to bring forward schemes for development 39.77% would favour new homes being smaller ones 1-2 bedrooms.

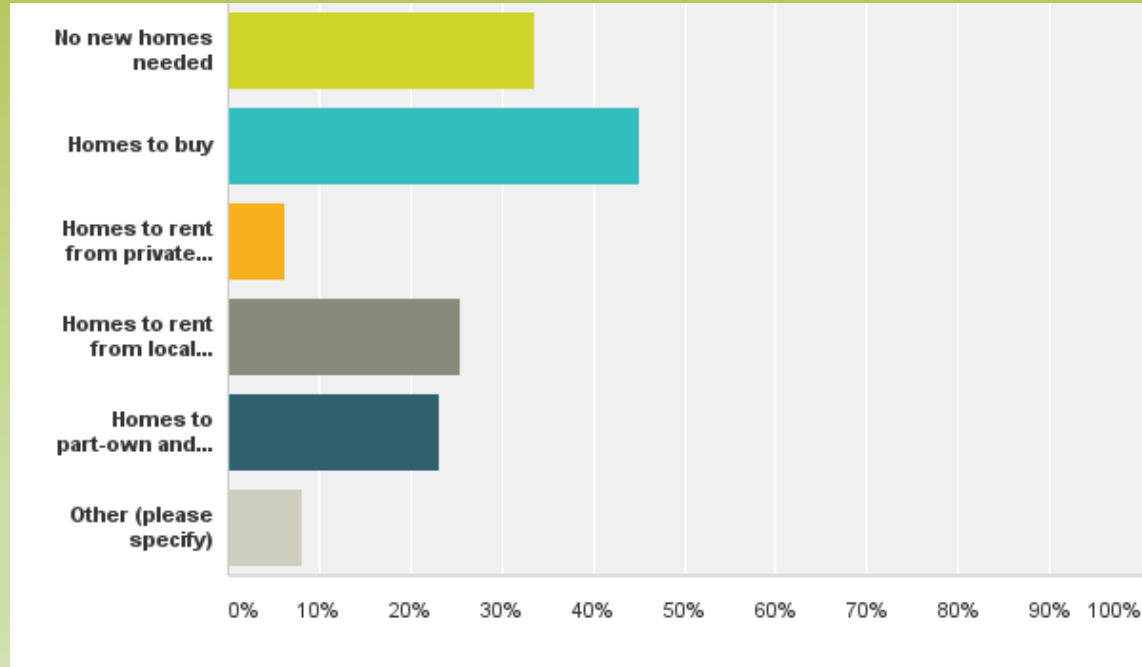
## Interpretation

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And they would favour them being homes to buy rather than housing association dwellings, social housing or private buy-to-lets.

## Q9: And, if new homes were to be built in Little Gaddesden which, if any, of these types of homes do you think are most needed? Select all that apply.

Answered: 173 Skipped: 11





## Q9: And, if new homes were to be built in Little Gaddesden which, if any, of these types of homes do you think are most needed? Select all that apply.

Answered: 173 Skipped: 11

Answer Choices	Responses	
No new homes needed	33.53%	58
Homes to buy	45.09%	78
Homes to rent from private landlords	6.36%	11
Homes to rent from local authorities or housing associations	25.43%	44
Homes to part-own and part-rent	23.12%	40
Other (please specify)	8.09%	14
<b>Total Respondents: 173</b>		

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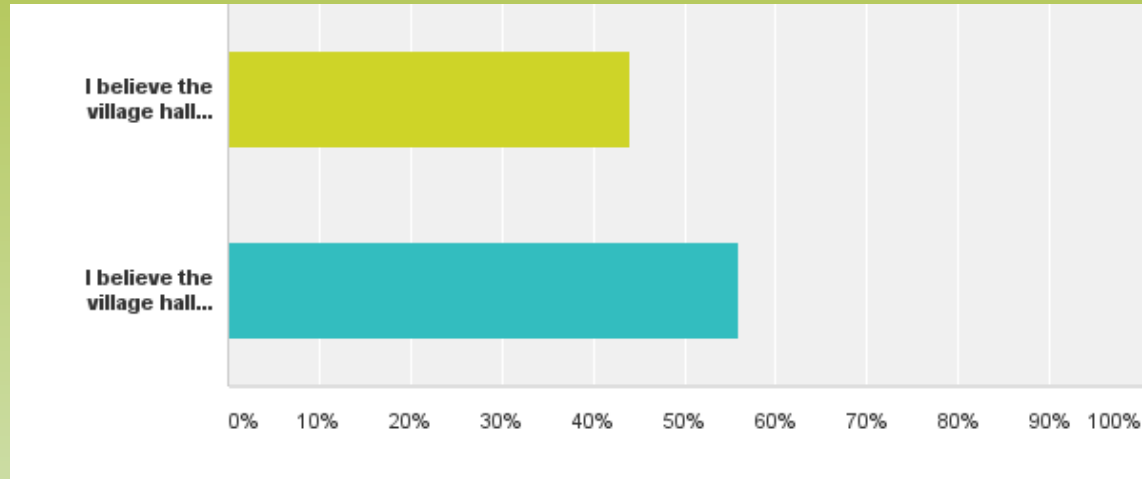
# Village Hall

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**Through a trust deed Village Hall management is the responsibility of the VH Management Committee not the Parish Council but the Parish Council is a stakeholder and owner of the land so we ought to have a view.**

## Q10: Please select which of these options most closely reflects your view concerning the refurbishment of the village hall

Answered: 170 Skipped: 14



## Interpretation

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A majority in favour of refurbishment of the village hall – 55.88% versus 44.12% - +11.76%. Less decided than on some other issues but about the same as the Scottish Referendum result last year.

## Q10: Please select which of these options most closely reflects your view concerning the refurbishment of the village hall

Answered: 170 Skipped: 14

Answer Choices	Responses
I believe the village hall currently meets the needs of the village and merely requires ongoing care and maintenance.	<b>44.12%</b> 75
I believe the village hall needs refurbishment (e.g an improved kitchen, improved toilets, heating system, additional meeting rooms, more furniture) to bring it up to date and provide better facilities for hall users.	<b>55.88%</b> 95
<b>Total</b>	<b>170</b>

## Interpretation

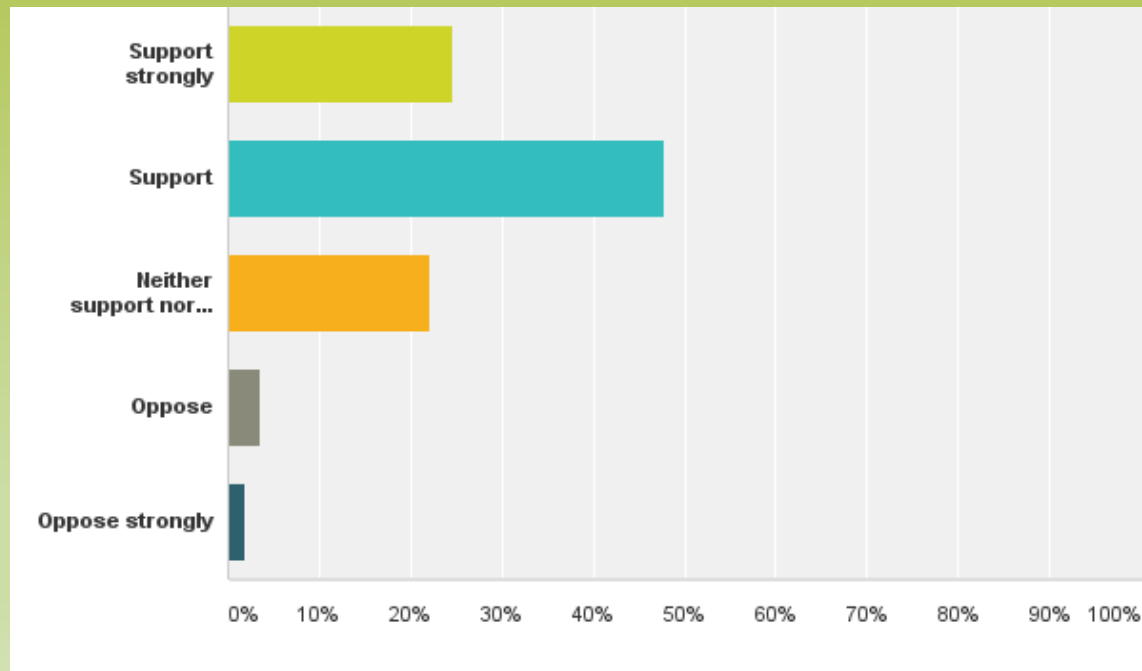
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And strong support for the Parish Council using some of its reserves to help foster schemes of improvement.....

72.45% in favour versus 5.39% opposed.

# Q11: Would it be a good use of some of the Parish Council's reserves to help the Village Hall Management Committee refurbish the Hall by offering to help finance a rolling programme of significant improvements?

Answered: 167 Skipped: 17





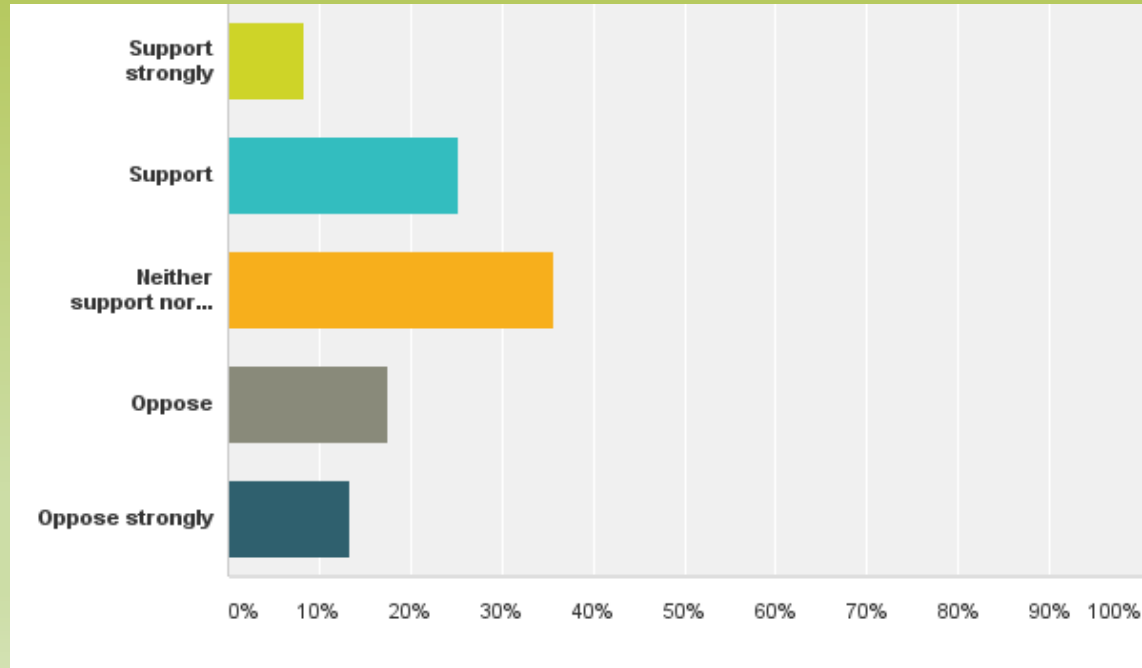
## Q11: Would it be a good use of some of the Parish Council's reserves to help the Village Hall Management Committee refurbish the Hall by offering to help finance a rolling programme of significant improvements?

Answered: 167 Skipped: 17

Answer Choices	Responses	
Support strongly	24.55%	41
Support	47.90%	80
Neither support nor oppose	22.16%	37
Oppose	3.59%	6
Oppose strongly	1.80%	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>167</b>

## Q12: Should part of this programme include the creation of a small business centre at the Village Hall to support local enterprises?

Answered: 143 Skipped: 41



## Interpretation

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But no strong drive for having a small business centre in the VH to support local business

## Q12: Should part of this programme include the creation of a small business centre at the Village Hall to support local enterprises?

Answered: 143 Skipped: 41

Answer Choices	Responses	
Support strongly	<b>8.39%</b>	12
Support	<b>25.17%</b>	36
Neither support nor oppose	<b>35.66%</b>	51
Oppose	<b>17.48%</b>	25
Oppose strongly	<b>13.29%</b>	19
<b>Total</b>		<b>143</b>

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# New Projects

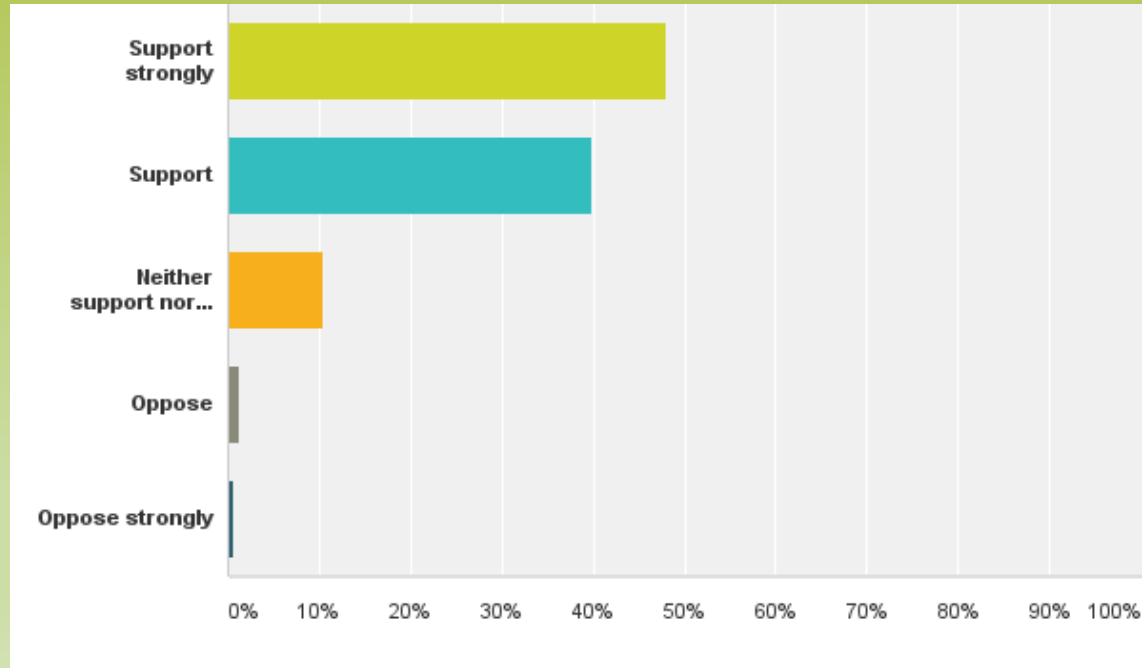
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## DEVELOPING THE VILLAGE POND

**Overwhelming support to work with the NT  
on developing the village pond as a centre of  
ecological interest**

## Q13: Please indicate your view of the pond initiative.

Answered: 173 Skipped: 11



## Q13: Please indicate your view of the pond initiative.

Answered: 173 Skipped: 11

Answer Choices	Responses	
Support strongly	<b>47.98%</b>	83
Support	<b>39.88%</b>	69
Neither support nor oppose	<b>10.40%</b>	18
Oppose	<b>1.16%</b>	2
Oppose strongly	<b>0.58%</b>	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>173</b>



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# ATTITUDES TO SOME SPECIFIC INITIATIVES

## Q14: Please indicate your general attitude towards spending limited available Parish Council funds on each of the following projects.

Answered: 173 Skipped: 11

	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Total	Weighted Average
Floodlights for the tennis courts to increase access/useage	<b>10.30%</b> 17	<b>26.67%</b> 44	<b>63.03%</b> 104	165	2.53
Bike rack at the village hall	<b>22.62%</b> 38	<b>48.81%</b> 82	<b>28.57%</b> 48	168	2.06
Electric charging point for cars at the village hall	<b>9.64%</b> 16	<b>23.49%</b> 39	<b>66.87%</b> 111	166	2.57
Refurbishment of Marian Alford Memorial opposite the War Memorial	<b>23.35%</b> 39	<b>49.70%</b> 83	<b>26.95%</b> 45	167	2.04
Providing adult fitness equipment on the playing fields	<b>16.77%</b> 28	<b>27.54%</b> 46	<b>55.69%</b> 93	167	2.39
Mobile Library replacement scheme	<b>27.38%</b> 46	<b>44.05%</b> 74	<b>28.57%</b> 48	168	2.01
World War One commemoration scheme	<b>15.76%</b> 26	<b>41.82%</b> 69	<b>42.42%</b> 70	165	2.27

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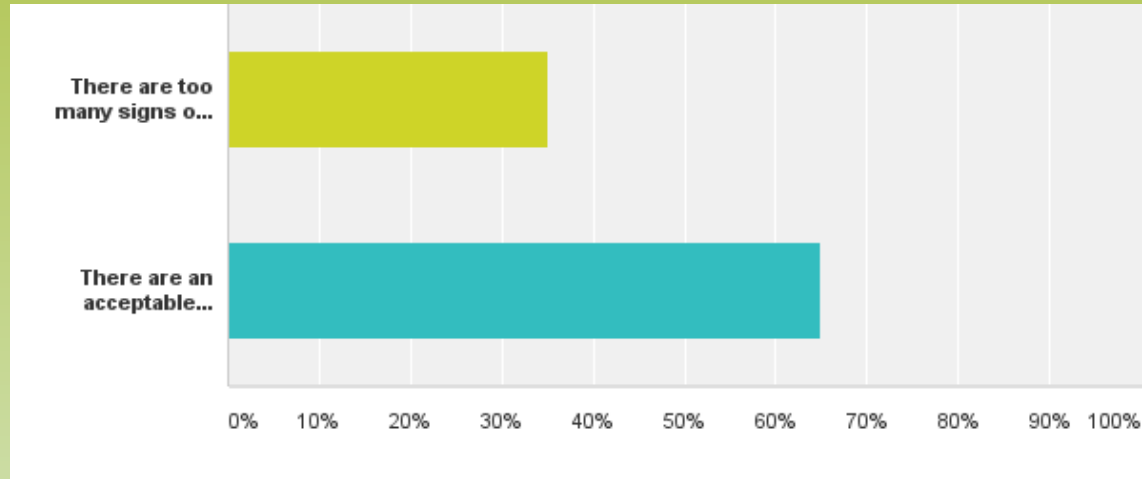
**Priority support for :**  
**Refurbishing Lady Marian Alford Memorial**  
**Bike rack at Village Hall**  
**Substitute scheme for loss of Mobile Library**

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# Signage

## Q16: Please indicate which of the following most closely indicates your view concerning the number of signs in the village

Answered: 160 Skipped: 24



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**The amount of signage not an issue for the majority! +30%**

## Q16: Please indicate which of the following most closely indicates your view concerning the number of signs in the village

Answered: 160 Skipped: 24

Answer Choices	Responses
There are too many signs of all sorts and the Parish Council should seek to reduce them in number	<b>35.00%</b> 56
There are an acceptable number of signs and it is not an issue	<b>65.00%</b> 104
<b>Total</b>	<b>160</b>

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# POLICY RESPONSES



# POLICY: TRAFFIC

We will take forward a discussion on providing an average speed camera at key entry and exit points to the village

We will take forward a discussion on installing chicanes at key entry and exit points to the village

We will continue to encourage more police monitoring of traffic speeds throughout the village

# POLICY: HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

We will oppose new housing development in Little Gaddesden

We will not support new schemes for housing development led by the Local Authority or Housing Associations or buy-to-let applications from private landlords

Where applications for housing are brought forward we will inform those responsible for planning decisions of the preferences of the village for no further development or if development is likely to be sanctioned for smaller houses to be built.

# POLICY: VILLAGE GREEN

We will continue with the flexible mowing regime recently introduced

# POLICY: VILLAGE HALL

We will encourage the village hall management committee to pursue upgrading of village hall facilities and if requested support, financially, agreed schemes which the committee brings forward that provide new, improved, facilities. We will not support financially schemes that just maintain what already exists.

# POLICY: VILLAGE POND

We will encourage the National Trust to develop the Pond as a site of ecological interest and diversity and work with them on a project to develop the asset for the benefit of the village.

# NEW PROJECTS

Priority support for refurbishing Lady Marian Alford Memorial

Bike Rack at Village Hall

Substitute for loss of mobile library

# NEW PROJECTS

We had lots of suggestions for other new projects.  
In the second half of the meeting we would like you to help us prioritise them!

**FINALLY**

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO RESPONDED  
YOU HAVE GIVEN US A GOOD STEER ON  
SEVERAL ISSUES

WE WILL SHARE THIS SURVEY WITH DACORUM  
PLANNERS AS IMPORTANT ADVICE TO THEM ON  
LOCAL OPINION AND IN OUR EFFORTS TO GET  
CONSISTENCY IN PLANNING DECISIONS