Coltishall with Great Hautbois Parish Plan





St John The Baptist



Great Hautbois Common



Primary School



Medical Practice



Year 2010



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A potted history of Coltishall commerce

Today Coltishall is one of the nicest villages on the Norfolk Broads – but not even its greatest fan would call it a town. However visitors in Victorian times had no hesitation in describing it as such. "A small town on the high road between Norwich and North Walsham," as one trade directory put it.

Coltishall's growth in the 19th century certainly owed something to its position on a main road. Rather more important was its place on the river Bure, an important trade route between Aylsham and Great Yarmouth. The arrival of the railway in 1879 was another boost. Coltishall found itself well connected at a time when demand for the goods and services it produced was rising.

The brewing industry was very important to the village. Coltishall had a medium-sized brewery but it mostly specialised in malting - the process of turning barley into malt. It was, according to a history of the national brewing industry, "a famed malting centre" supplying leading brewers such as Truman's and Guinness. Sailing barges called wherries brought barley to more than a dozen malthouses in the village. The largest were in Anchor Street, White Lion Road, next to the Rising Sun and near the Salvation Army meeting hall. The finished malt was then taken by wherry or railway to breweries as far afield as London.

This cluster of malthouses created plenty of employment and stimulated other industries, most notably boat building. Coltishall is reputed to have been the birthplace of the wherry. Norfolk keels - the forerunner of the wherry - are believed to have been built in Anchor Street, and it is there that the yards established themselves. From the 1860s an average of one new wherry each year was launched in Coltishall. The leading yard was that run by the Allen family. Coltishall wherries were built for the narrower waters of the rivers Ant and Bure, so they were smaller and faster than those made elsewhere for the larger rivers. The last trading wherry built in Norfolk was launched in Coltishall in 1912.

Supporting these industries were plenty of craftsmen. In the 1880s Coltishall had four blacksmiths as well as shoemakers, thatchers, basketmakers, wheelwrights, malt shovel makers and harness-makers. There were nine pubs, a cottage hospital, four churches, even a volunteer fire brigade. Cattle markets were held once a week beside the railway station.

Coltishall's involvement in commerce goes back a long way. The Romans had a settlement here in the area now known as Church Close. They used the river to trade between larger settlements at Burgh-next-Aylsham and Burgh Castle. The Anglo-Saxons lived here. The Anglo-Saxon family names of Coc and Coker have been linked to the village which appeared as Cokereshala and Coketeshala in the Domesday Book. The village was later known as Cowteshale, Coltsale, Coultsale, Couteshall and Coulteshall before settling down to its present spelling in the 17th century.

In 1231 Henry III granted a charter to Coltishall, conferring certain privileges on its inhabitants. It effectively released villagers from the bonds of serfdom. The historian Blomefield regarded the charter as a great honour, but was at a loss to explain why Coltishall should have been singled out for such special attention.

The Parish Plan Steering Group wish to thank the author Richard Bond for this article. Richard's Book ', Coltishall - Heyday of a Broadland Village' (out of print) by Poppyland Publishing has much more information on Coltishall and Great Hautbois.

Great Hautbois a short history

Great Hautbois, on the north side of the Bure appears in the Doomsday book as Hobuist. It was attributed as a settlement of one plough team, half a mill and four acres of meadow. Just after 1066 a freeman called Herman held the land from the Abbott of St Benedict and that of Little Hautbois to the west. It is not hard to cast the mind back over the rolling fields and ponds to imagine how the name Hautbois was given, the word meaning tussocky grass and presumably great quantities at that time. Henceforth, Great Hautbois was purchased for half a knight's fee.

The parish was united with Coltishall School Board and in 1235 at the head of Hautboys, or as it was known then, Hobbies Causeway, there stood a Hospital founded by Sir Peter de Alto Bosco for the reception of travellers and the poor. It was licensed by the Pope to have a chapel bell and chaplain.

In 1312 a Sir Robert Baynard changed his manor house by conversion into a castle of which some foundations can still be seen.

Conscious of the vast unemployment of the 1860's in rural Norfolk, Girling set about teaching villagers to read and write and opened a school in Gardeners Cottage. Nearby the Rectory were deposits of Marl, so gangs of men were employed to dig it out. This was a godsend to the community as by then the 7 breweries in Coltishall village were in decline. Tunnels to the lime pits still abound the back of the now named Patteson Lodge and The Railway pub grounds.

In 1859 time the Revd John Calk Girling M.A became the Rector, a man made wealthy by marriage to Francia Wright a daughter of a silk manufacturer and director of Norwich Union. It was Rev Girling who ordered construction of the Victorian building, now known as Great Hautbois House and now home of the Anglia Region of Guides.

Seen in the photograph the old church of St Theobald was in ruins and the new church, Holy Trinity, was erected in 1863-64.

Great Hautbois in 1881 had 190 inhabitants and comprised 610 acres of land and the rateable value was set at £1168 by Aylsham County court district, Coltishall.

In the early 1900's the Rectory was sold to Frank Patteson and from then on the family devoted their time to teaching and contributing to the war effort. John Patteson was away for most of the war so it was Dorothy Patteson who was approached to be a district

commissioner of the Girls Guides movement. From this, the daughters Beth and Phillipa became lifelong members and leaders of the guides and brownies. The history of which can be found at the www.greathautboishouse.org.uk.

During WWII the railway ran through the village and it was a hive of activity supporting the nearby RAF station built in 1939. It was also on the end of bombing raids by the enemy and a few craters ring some of the surrounding area. The Marlpit tunnels, I am told, were once used as shelters during the air raids, the airfield finally closed in 2006.

Today Great Hautbois still has farming interests at its heart and a fishing lake. Moreover, it has a beautiful tranquil landscaped pond and common crafted by former Parish Councillor and Tree Warden Alan Spinks.

So if you have time to dwell, visit the pond. You may even witness the steam trains of the Bure Valley Railway running by or you can enjoy a walk or ride along the adjacent path and see them on route.

INTRODUCTION

Hello and welcome to the Coltishall with Great Hautbois Parish Plan

The Plan has been produced by the Coltishall Parish Plan Steering Group and is based on parishioners' responses to the questionnaire delivered during November 2009.

The questionnaire was designed to let people living in the village have their say on services and facilities within the parish and let them have a voice in shaping the future of Coltishall.

Questionnaires were anonymous in respect that no names or personal details were required to be recorded but, hand delivered in plain envelopes to each household, as identified from the electoral register, within the parish of Coltishall and Great Hautbois.

Each questionnaire actually consisted of three parts; seeking out the feelings of adults youths, in the (12 to 17 years of age group) and juniors, (in the 7 to 11 years of age group), on age related topics.

The questionnaire was compiled by the steering group along with input from various outside bodies and groups. It was then delivered by volunteers to every household within the parish. Disappointingly only 54% of parishioners bothered to complete the questionnaire, so one can only presume that the other 46% are perfectly happy with the services and facilities or more likely have no interest in shaping the future of our lovely villages.

The format of the questionnaires was in a 'tick' box style. Many of the questions sought acceptance or rejection of a given statement, indicating agreement or disagreement with a statement on a scale of 1 to 5. Where 1 was strong disagreement and 5 was strong agreement. The middle ground where there was no clear acceptance or rejection of the statement was indicated by 3. An extra space was also provided for any additional comments.

For simplicity, the boxes 1 & 2 were added together to provide the **Disagree** %. whilst box 3 remained as a **Neutral** % and boxes 4 & 5 were added to give the **Agree** %. The full range of received answers and comments will be on display during the Parish Plan Presentation day on May the 29th 2010

The responses underwent independent analysis and this plan has been compiled from the subsequent report which can be accessed on the Parish Council website at www.coltishall.org.uk

I would like to thank all the volunteers of the Parish Plan Steering group who have given up endless hours of their time to enable this Plan to get off the ground and without whose help this would not have been possible

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Chair Coltishall Plan Steering Group

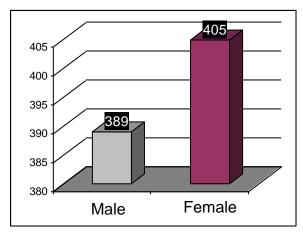
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DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Of the 650 questionnaires distributed to households within the Coltishall & Great Hautbois area some 354 have been returned. These replies represented the

Male / Female Disposition



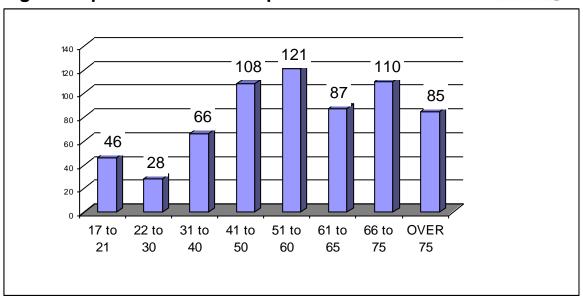
combined views from 389 male parishioners and 405 female parishioners.

This was quite an even response, with just 4% more female parishioners responding than male parishioners. If this is separated by age group examination of the age grouping graph will show that the replies represented the views of 362 adults in the 17 to 60 age groups and some 282 from those over 60 years of age. Looking a little further at the age ranges of those who responded, there were fewer replies from the two younger age

groups, particularly in the 22 to 30 age group.

This poses the question, are there fewer parishioners in the 17 to 30 age group or are they less inclined to take part in the local community? Further research would be needed to establish the true reason for the lower response from these two groups. Given that the responses were quite even from each gender and that there was also a fairly equal number of people in the five higher age brackets, the information gathered would seem to be broadly representative of the parish. However, inspection of the Demographic Information will show that there was a bias towards the mature age ranges.

Age Groups of those who responded



Community Facilities

Currently the village of Coltishall & Great Hautbois is served by a number of

350 319 Use of Village 300 **Facilities** 250 181 200 150 102 86 64 100 Ting Common Upper Common Hautoo's Common Medical Practice Tomes Countrol Sports Ground Place of Worship Play Area Allotments

These range from areas of Common land and Allotments to Church Rooms and a Village Hall. All but two of the households that replied use some of facilities. Most households use the Medical Practice and the Lower Common is also very popular. Only 30 households use the Allotments. However, it

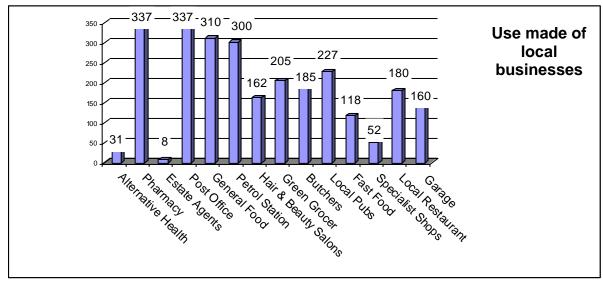
communal facilities.

should be remembered that there would not be a sufficient number of plots to allow a plot for every household, therefore this would represent a good take-up of this facility.

Local Business In addition to the community facilities Coltishall & Great Hautbois

is also served by a good variety of independent

businesses. These range from grocery and provisions, garages and a filling station through to a pharmacy, pubs and restaurants. In fact one could actually shop in the village with just an occasional visit to a large supermarket. In parallel with the Medical Practice the Pharmacy is used extensively and the Post Office is also equally as well used. The food stores and filling station are not far behind in popularity. In fact each of the businesses that provide goods and services for day to day living would appear to be well supported. It would appear that local businesses are popular with parishioners. Whilst they are able to provide the services that people look for then it is reasonable to assume that parishioners are happy to 'buy locally'.



MEDICAL SERVICES



Question 1: - Statement: "There is a need for a Dentist in the Parish"

Disagree Neutral 20%

Agree 75%

There were 344 (94%) replies to this almost 75% of respondents agreed with the above statement against 5% who disagreed. The results and comments show a clear desire to have a dental practice within Coltishall. Several people have expressed a desire to have a dentist who would take NHS patients

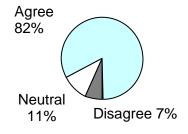
"As a single parent of four children a 20 mile round trip to the Dentists is terrible"

Action: Parish Council to make NHS aware and request that a NHS Dental Service in the village be restored. See additional comments at Question 3



Question 2: - Statement:

"Existing medical facilities are satisfactory in Coltishall"



In general most people seem very happy with the existing facilities with 82% agreeing with the statement to a greater or lesser degree. A pretty resounding endorsement for what is already offered. By comparison almost 7% disagreed with the statement. Judging by the comments the main bone of contention seems to be the appointment system.

Replies 339 or 96%

""More appointment times needed in morning phoned 8.am told no appointments left that day"
"Were happy, but there is room for improvement as technology develops""

Action: Parish Council to convey complete list of recommendations/comments to Coltishall Practice Manager Surgery Support Group and NHS

Question 3:- Statement. "There is a need for other facilities at the surgery

Disagree 16%

Agree 20%

More than half of the replies indicated that they were unsure about this. But there were 16% who disagreed with the statement, just 4% more agreed that there were other facilities that could be offered. A number of suggestions were put forward in the comments section, some of which are already in the village as private enterprises.

"Incorporate Dentists?" and Saturday mornings surgery"
"Out of hours provision of Saturday morning surgery"

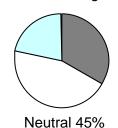
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POLICING

Question 4: - Statement:

"Policing around the Parish is adequate"

Disagree 33% Agree 22%



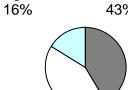
Inspection of the responses may lead one to believe that policing within the parish was satisfactory. With some 45% of people unsure and a further 22% feeling that the Police presence was adequate against almost 33% who thought that it was not. On the other hand scrutiny of the comments would indicate that a lot of people are unhappy about the lack of a Police presence in the community.

"To have police on foot patrol periodically is a deterrent and to get to know community"

Action: Parish Council to inform Chief Constable of results and liaise with Aylsham Safer Neighbourhood Team with a request for foot patrols on a regular basis

Question 5: - Statement:

"Crime is a serious concern in the Parish"



Agree

Agree

43%

Disagree

Neutral 41%

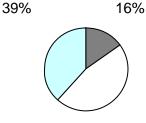
Disagree

Crime is not seen as a serious concern within the village. But 16% of those answering this question consider that it is a major concern. Perhaps this indicates that there are localised 'pockets' where crime is more prevalent than the average. Petty crime is more prevalent than serious crime. Judging by the few comments that are recorded, there is a call for a higher Police presence in the community.

"Fear of crime is of more concern than crime itself"

Action: Parish Council to liaise with Aylsham Safer Neighbourhood Team and review crime statistics. Encouragement to report all crimes is needed to ensure "crime hotspots" are identified and targeted

Question 6:-Statement: "There is a need for more neighbourhood watch schemes"



Neutral 45%

Total replies 328 or 92%

The response to this question was high, 45% ticked box number three, thus they neither agreed nor disagreed with the statement. Of those expressing a different view most would like to see an expansion of neighbourhood watch schemes. But judging by the few comments that were recorded some further guidance would be required to enlighten people about what involvement in a scheme would entail.

"There is, but where do they draw the line between neighbourhood watch and being called a busybody?"

Action: Parish Council Police Representative to liaise with Aylsham Safer Neighbourhood Team and arrange for a neighbourhood watch team to hold a Information meeting in village hall if enough response by parishioners willing to Attend.

POLICING (Cont)

Question 7 - Statement: I would actively participate in a neighbourhood watch scheme"

Agree Disagree 27%

Neutral 36% Total replies 200 or 57% On this question opinions were fairly evenly divided, just over 36% were neutral, almost 27% would not like to participate and nearly 37% would. So on balance the majority would be prepared to take part but it was those who ticked box 7.4 (moderately in agreement) that were the most prolific on the positive side of the statement. Therefore, it is likely that the expansion of a scheme such as this would take time to develop

"What would this entail, does it happen on an informal basis"

Action: As for question 6

Question 8 – Statement: "I am affected by anti-social behaviour"

Agree 16%

Neutral 19%

Disagree Like question 5, about crime, most people do not 65% consider anti-social behavior to be a major problem but a similar number do. Judging by the comments that have been recorded it would seem that there are areas where this occurs whilst it is not a problem across most of the village.

"Has improved since visit from WPC"

"When it happens but who isn't? Do you mean there is a lot of anti social behaviour in the parish I would have said NO"

Action: Parish Council to liaise with Aylsham Safer Neighbourhood Team and review crime statistics. Again encouragement to report all crimes is needed to ensure "crime hotspots" and known "trouble periods "are identified and targeted



Coltishall Views Past



Inside the Bakery

Outside the White Horse

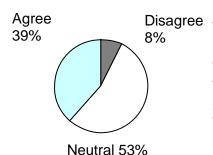


War Memorial

EDUCATION

Question 9: - Statement: "School facilities in the parish are good"





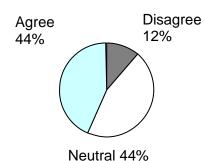
There were fewer people answering this question than most of the others. Some qualified this by indicating that they were now out of touch with the school system. Of those that did respond the vast majority agreed with the above statement and were very pleased with the education that the local schools are providing.

Total replies 200 or 57%

"Coltishall school very good with lots of activities for children"

Action: The results of the survey to be passed on to Coltishall School via The Governing Body and presentation to the School Council

Question 10: -Statement: "There is a need for adult learning facilities in the Parish"



44% were unsure about this but 44% agreed with the statement whilst only 12% disagreed. This would seem to imply that if the right courses were offered at reasonable cost then there would be a modest take-up. Perhaps this is an area where the Village Hall could be utilised which would also reduce the travel element for those reliant on public transport

Action: Parish Council to consult with Local Government Education Services about providing adult education classes in the village

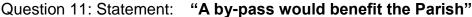
Coltishall Primary School Circa 1900's



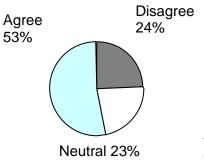


Primary School Circa 2000

HIGHWAYS







Total replies 319 or 90%

Disagree More people agreed with the statement than the combined total who disagreed and those that were unsure. However, judging by some of the comments recorded any proposal of this nature would certainly be controversial. A development of this nature is bound to bring advantages to some and disadvantages to others. It is also worth considering what effect 'infill' housing up to the boundary of a new road would have on the village and also how much this type of road would isolate the village.

"Could seriously harm local businesses with out any passing trade"

"Church street is far too busy" "This should have been brought up years ago but too late now"

"But not possible under financial reality"

Action: The results of the survey to be passed on Highways and County Planning Agencies. The Parish Council to monitor any new planned developments (in particular the for the former RAF Base) for any predicted increase in traffic flows.

Question 12; Statement: "Speed restrictions in the Parish are adequate"

Agree Disagree 42%

Neutral 11%

This was a question that attracted a response from most people, many of whom added a comment to support their view. The consensus of opinion was fairly evenly divided with just under 11% feeling unsure about how they felt and 5% more people agreeing with the statement than those who disagreed. Clearly, from the many comments recorded, there is concern about the speed of traffic through the village

With some locations being particular 'black spots'. Whilst many different views were expressed on how this should be controlled the consensus of opinion was that the current restrictions are in fact adequate. But the message that comes across from the comments is that motorists do not adhere to the speed limits and they are not enforced. If the speed limits were adhered to then perhaps there would not really be a problem.

"Speed limits are not the problem, ignoring them is, especially Rectory Road"
"A big concern is sugar beet lorries speeding through the village with total disregard for other traffic. On the Coltishall to Wroxham Road I have had a number of near misses. They are far too large for these roads."

"Church street/Wroxham road it is very obvious that 90% or so of drivers go much faster than the 30mph speed"

"Village is not suitable route for HGV's. Police to clampdown of speeders in the village"

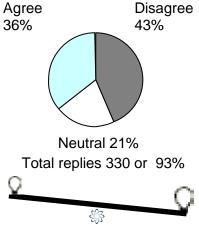
"We need Speed cameras in village on all roads"

Action for questions 12,14,15 and 16 are grouped together at the end of question 18

HIGHWAYS (Cont)

Question 13: - Statement: "There is a need for street lighting"





Disagree Again, another controversial question, most people disagreed with the statement but with only a 7% majority over those who agreed. A number of comments identified specific areas where people thought lighting would be of benefit. One could draw the conclusion that perhaps the majority of parishioners would not want to see blanket coverage with street lighting everywhere. A number expressed the view that this is a country location and consequently one would not expect to have street lights. Others expressed concern for the environment and the cost implication on the rates if street lighting was to be introduced.

"Light pollution, increase in council tax, keep countryside villages rural" "Lighting would be beneficial at specific spots as walking can sometimes be hazardous".

Action: The results of the survey to be passed on to Highways and County Planning Agencies. The Parish Council to request likely rate increase and, if interest escalates, to consider holding specific poll on lighting issues

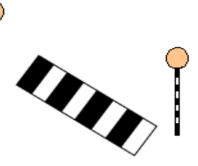
Question 14: - Statement: "We need more pedestrian crossings in the Parish (where?)"

Disagree 23% Agree 45% Neutral 32%

Replies: 312 or 88%

32% of respondents were unsure and 45% in favour of more crossing points and almost 23% against. The comments, similar to the street lighting question, identify a number of points throughout the village according to where people's daily routine takes them. No doubt a case could be made for a crossing at a number of locations but if they were implemented at all of the locations identified, then the village would be 'peppered' with crossing points. Perhaps this links back to the question about traffic speed; if this was not such a problem then it would be easier to cross the roads.



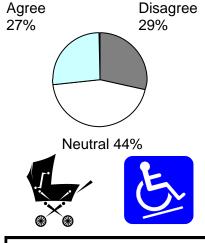




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HIGHWAYS (Cont)

Question 15 – Statement: "Disability or pushchair access on pavements is good"

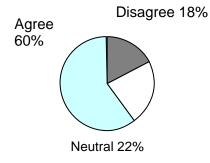


Disagree Slightly more people disagreed with this statement than those agreeing with it, but 44% were 'neutral' with no bias one way or the other. In some locations the paths are too narrow but the main cause of complaint would appear to be that cars are parked partially on the pavements. If they are parked too far onto the path then access, certainly for mobility scooters, can be completely blocked. It should be remembered that often mothers not only have a pushchair but also have a toddler to contend with too.

"Pavements and curbs too narrow & raised for wheelchairs and utility scooters"

Question 16: - Statement:

"On-street parking is becoming a problem"



Replies: 337 or 95%

The clear answer to this question was a very clear 'yes' it is becoming a problem, according to 60% of the replies. Almost 18% did not consider that there was a problem and another 22% were undecided. As with question 15, parking on the pavement causes problems in a number of locations. Other comments identified areas that regularly cause difficulty for the smooth flow of traffic. Some of the major areas of concern were outside the Post Office, along Church Street, Rectory Road and the village centre.

Concern is about the lack of parking spaces rather than the nuisance caused by parked vehicles. . Although, careless or inconsiderate parking making it difficult to

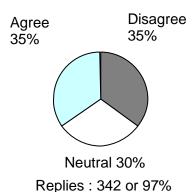
have a clear vision at road junctions, makes some

motorists annoyed.

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HIGHWAYS (Cont)

Question 17: - Statement: "Footpaths and road surfaces are adequately maintained"



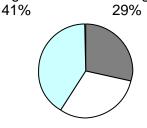
Opinion on this question is split 50/50 with 35% agreeing and 35% who disagreed with the statement, but there was almost 30% who were undecided. Largely, the comments complain about the time taken to clear fallen leave etc. from the paths in the autumn and overgrown hedges rather than poor surfaces. However, some comments refer to 'bumpy' road surfaces that cause traffic noise, particularly adjacent to Bridge House and opposite the Church.



Chemist is a complete mess! "Road repairs have never been perfect. They are never completed"

The driveway leading to old Bakery Court and the

Agree Disagree



Neutral 30% Replies: 340 or 96%



Question: 18 Statement:- "Verges and hedges are adequately maintained"

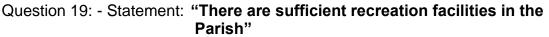
41% of people thought the verges and hedges were adequately maintained while 29% thought they were not and a further 30% were undecided one way or the other. Clearly, there is always room for improvement and one cannot be expected to keep everything in tip-top condition all of the time, also some of the sites mentioned are the responsibility of property owners. One comment referred to the exit from Rectory Road onto North Walsham Road where the grass verges restrict the view for motorists in the summertime. Perhaps these, and any similar areas, are something that could be considered for a higher level of maintenance.

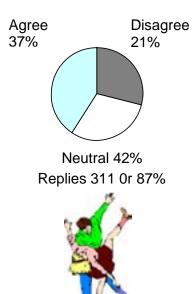
"Exit from Rectory road onto North Walsham Road visibility poor because of overgrown verges"

"Branches, leaves & crumbled stone walls affect footpath down to post office"

Action for questions 12,14,15,16 17 and 18 are grouped together here It is clear by a country mile that most of the foreseen problems in the Village have been identified in the Highways Section. It is therefore recommended that representatives of "Highways/Broadland District Council/Police/Coltishall Primary School and general public be invited to attend a public meeting in the village hall at a suitable date after presentation and assimilation of the parish plan content and to offer advice on , practicality, feasibility and solutions where possible.

RECREATION



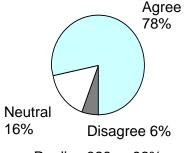


37% agreed with the statement. Almost 42% were unsure, This implies they could be persuaded one way or the other. A relatively small number of comments were recorded. From those; a skate board park was perhaps the most often requested, (like the one at Buxton). Also requests for a tennis court and facilities for Badminton. So there is some scope for offering a wider range of recreational facilities but thought needs to be given to what additional facilities may be offered. Careful consideration would need to be given to the amount of use and maintenance that will be required to keep, both new and existing facilities in good order to comply with current health and safety legislation. As someone pointed out this is "making life torturous for would be helpers".

"Village play area facilities are poor there is not much for children to do" "More objective professional decision making needed"

Coltishall Parish Council, Coltishall Village Hall & Recreation Charity and Volunteers to form a playground action group to work on updating facilities, some items have been refurbished since start of Parish Plan

Question 20: - Statement: The community halls (Church Rooms/Village Hall) are an asset to the community



Replies 328 or 92%

What seems to have appeared here is that the vast majority of people consider that the community halls are an asset to the community. But looking at the few comments that have been recorded there is a call to make the interior look 'nicer' and to utilise the Village Hall more. A very small number thought that the hall was not an asset to the village and a further 16% were unsure. Clearly, the majority of people consider the village hall to be an asset, but some of the comments

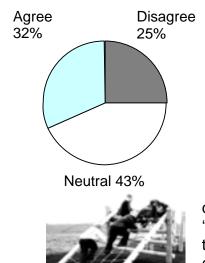
would lead one to believe that its image is not conducive to encourage people to hire it.

"Interior of village hall dated"

Coltishall Parish Council, Coltishall Village Hall & Recreation Charity and volunteers (If forthcoming) to review refurbishment cost of village hall in conjunction with users groups. The hall is dated and accommodation for user groups storage of equipment is limited, a relocation and new build may be an option.

RECREATION

Statement: 21 "The children's play area and facilities are adequate for the parish"



On this statement the response was largely 'neutral' i.e. undecided. Nearly 25% thought the facilities were not adequate by comparison with some 32% who considered that the facilities were adequate. Although there were a lesser number of people that considered the facilities to be adequate there was only one positive comment recorded. All of the others considered that the area needed to be updated. Several suggestions were put forward on how the area could be improved and expand. The relatively large 'undecided' vote probably stems from the fact that this type of facility will only be those utilised by young children.

"The park needs updating so badly, to be honest I think it is unsafe and if it was made into a clean and joyful place, then it takes some kids off the street and gives them something to do. Myself and partner would be willing to help in any way possible."

Action: Coltishall Parish Council, Coltishall Village Hall & Recreation Charity and Volunteers to form a playground Action group to work on updating facilities. Perhaps the author of the above can make contact (all replies were anonymous) to the Steering Group

Question 22: - Statement:

Agree 44% Disagree 46%

Replies 306 or 86%

"There is a need for an all-weather surface in the recreation park"

Conversely, the response to this question is quite a fair number of 'Yes' votes. There are still a number who are undecided but by comparison with the previous question where there was a fair number who thought that the play area was adequate, here is a yes vote for an all weather surface. Judging by the comments this would have an appeal to a wider age range of people. Clearly, there are a many people would like to see this area improved and up-dated. If this should come to fruition then better

use would be made of this area, in general. In addition to the fact that a greater number of people would be enjoying the facility with the increased volume of people on the site there would be a reduced risk of vandalism.

"This would be good for older children, roller skating,cycling,skateboards etc"

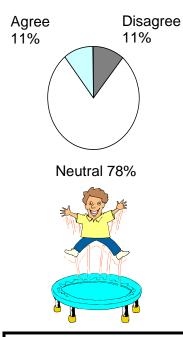
"Would benefit wide age range/type of user"

Suggested Coltishall Parish Council, Coltishall Village Hall & Recreation Charity and volunteers form a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)action group and look for funding.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Question 23a - Statement:

"There are adequate clubs and/or facilities for: Under 10s"

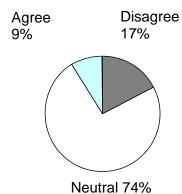


The response to this question, by comparison with others, was quite low. Only 68.9% of those who returned the questionnaires responded to this question, with the vast majority recording an 'unsure' vote. Of those who gave a positive response one way or the other, the result was almost equal for and against. Quite possibly the large 'unsure' vote stems from the fact that most people do not have young children and consequently would not be aware of what was available. Some of the comments refer back to the poor condition of the play area. Perhaps an improvement in this area would encourage more activities to become available for this age group. There is always scope for more activities if suitable leaders come forward.

"Drama group would be nice" Do not really know as I do not use any clubs "Extension of park facilities"

Coltishall Parish Council, Coltishall Village Hall & Recreation Charity and Volunteers to form a playground Action group to work on updating facilities.) See also Q 19

Question 23b: - Statement: "There are adequate clubs and/or facilities for: 10 to 16 year olds"



Here the picture is similar to the previous question. Fractionally more people responded to this question but on balance the proportions were broadly the same. Slightly more people expressed their disagreement with the statement than on question 23a. There is always scope to offer more activities but a better feel for what would be supported would be needed first. The few comments recorded did not give any clear indication of what this age range would like.

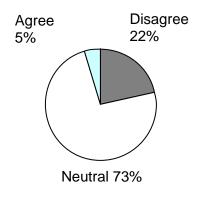
"A skateboard park would be good for this age group"
"A drop-in centre to help community feeling & offering help and advice. Youngsters should be Involved with the elderly, both benefiting from experience"

"There could be more for all age groups"

Suggested Coltishall Parish Council, Coltishall Village Hall & Recreation Ground Charity, Youth Forum and volunteers form a MUGA action group and work together to define requirements gathered from Junior and Youth Questionnaire data

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES (Cont)

Question 23c: - Statement: "There are adequate clubs and/or facilities for: 16-18 year olds"

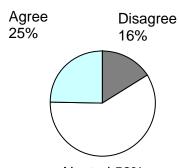


There was about the same response to this question as to question 23b, but with slightly more polarised views being expressed. There were 73% who were unsure about this and the percentage that disagreed with the statement rose to 22%. Again similar views are expressed in the comments section. A skate board park was mentioned here as on a number of other occasions. One significant message that does come through from the few comments recorded here and from the previous two questions, is that there are a lot of people unsure about what is available

"Not much at all but would be used if there was" "There could be more for all age groups"

The Marlpit has a Directory of Clubs and Associations most involved with adult pursuits, the Parish Council Website at www.coltishall.org.uk has a Local Activities for Young People in and around Coltishall directory

Question 23d: Statement: "There are adequate clubs and /or facilities for: Adults"



Neutral 59% Replies 268 or 76% A few more responded to this question with a little more even spread of opinion but still with the main bias towards 'unsure'. 25% thought that adults were adequately catered for as opposed to 16% who thought there was insufficient. Although no great number of comments has been recorded, those that have were a little more helpful in pointing to the sort of activities that might be supported. Activities such as art, computer or craft classes and coffee mornings were mentioned. As with the younger age groups there is still a need for such activities to be promoted more so that people are aware of what is on offer.



"Nothing that appeals to me as an adult"

"Nothing at night after work"

Action: Parish Council: inform all clubs within the village and County, District Councils and Private Companies who hold events etc of facilities availabe to host functions in the village. Information on media available to publisise any function(s) should be made available for reference. Improved notice boards at key locations (see proposals at guestion 46) and awarness Parish Council website Calendar of Events section

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES (Cont)

Question 23e: -Statement: "There are adequate clubs and/or facilities for: Senior Citizens"

Disagree Agree 16% 25% Neutral 59% Replies 268 or 76%

There was a better response to this question from the older members of our community, but even in this age group there is still a similar story to the previous three. Again, in this age group there is a lack of awareness of what is on offer coming through from the comments

"Village could do with activities for elderly i.e tea dances, film entertainment, together with simple catering at a reasonable price."

"Lunch Club is good, but there could be more"

Actions as for question 23d, but it is also noted that transport to and from village events is a concern with some senior citizens – a community transport system could help in this area



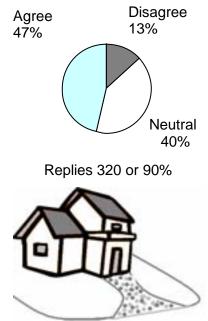
Wherry sailing past Coltishall Hall

Coltishall Sunday **School Outing**



HOUSING

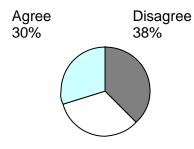
Question 24: - Statement: "There is sufficient housing in the parish"



Not a vast number of comments recorded for this question. However, the voting gave a clear indication that the majority of people who felt able to express a view one way or the other thought that there was sufficient housing in the parish. However, quite a large number felt undecided about this question so any significant planning proposals are likely to be controversial. Judging by the comments small in-fill developments would be far more acceptable than any large scale projects. One comment points out that it would be desirable for Coltishall to remain a village rather than becoming a suburb of Norwich. Any significant development will ultimately affect the traffic problems within the village unless they are brought under control first.

"This can be established by proper housing needs survey."
"Signs of continuous limited development would be healthy."

Question 25: - Statement: "More affordable housing needs to be built in the parish"



Neutral 32%



Looking at the comments it would seem that the crux of the matter is 'what is affordable housing'?

As one comment says "there is no easy way to give people houses at below market rate" this is the difficulty. There seems to be a desire to help young people get on the housing ladder, but to be successful any scheme would need to be carefully thought through first. Affordable housing could impinge unfavourably on the parish if it resulted in a high density development.

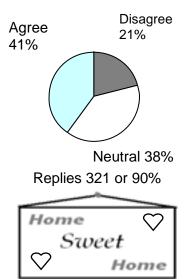
"Could if you knew it would go to local young people." "Would not like to see more".

"Affordable housing - a noble idea but in reality it means squashed up homes, often detracting from an areas beauty. If they are affordable, cheap, etc they get owned by landlords. There is no easy way to give people houses at below market rate. What's to stop someone on lower earnings buying a £150k home for £100k (as they're on low earnings), then they get a better job, earn more and sell for a nice fat profit."

Actions for Questions 24 and 25: Parish Council to establish when the last housing need survey was last carried out and if it is valid for the future needs of Coltishall and Great Hautbois, the replies to questions 24, 25 and 26 are to be presented to the planning authorities for consideration.

HOUSING (Cont)

Question 26: - Statement: "There is a need for sheltered housing in the village in the Parish"



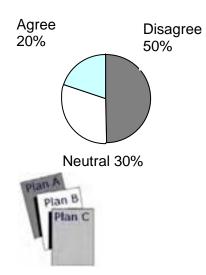
A considerable number think that there is a need for some sheltered housing within the village. Some 41% responding considered that this need was there but almost as many (38%) were undecided. Just 21% considered that the need was met. From the tone of the comments recorded it would seem that any proposals would depend on the term 'sheltered'. Who would be sheltered there?

Senior citizens who were Coltishall residents and wished to remain in the village would seem to be looked upon more favourably than some other groups. One comment has been made consistently throughout the housing questions that any perceived need, can be established by "a proper housing needs survey".

"There is definitely a need for this facility for people who live in the village and do not wish to leave the village."

Action: In the light of recent national surveys reporting that the number of senior citizens are increasing the Parish Council and Planning Authorities would be wise to consider sheltered housing as an important factor in the future structure of a village community. Affordable housing does not only apply to the young.

Question 27: - Statement: "I am aware of the local housing development plans"



The majority of people are not aware of the housing development plans. Some 50% disagreed with the statement while only 20% claimed to be aware of any plans. Another 30% claimed to be 'unsure'. Statistics showing some 72% who are either unaware or unsure points to a major communications problem.

The comments also seem to indicate that people are unsure if the statement refers only to Coltishall or to the wider area such as Rackheath. Sentiments expressed in the comments seem to indicate that there is a desire for Coltishall to remain as it is or just to evolve gradually within the existing parish boundary. In an age when change is often dressed up as 'progress' one gets the feeling of an air of scepticism contained in the comments.

"Don't know about any plans or how to find out about this."

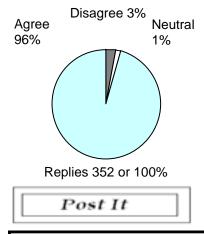
"I have never heard about plans for local housing development".

"I believe councillors often have personal views that stand in the way of parish enhancement or an individuals enjoyment and living in such a desirable area which must be protected but allowed to develop in line and size. "

Action: Parish Council along with planning agencies to publish information links to planning documents via The Marlpit and Parish Council Website

BUSINESSES

Question 28: - Statement: "The Post Office is important to the parish"

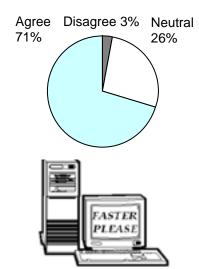


Clearly the Post Office is considered to be a most essential part of the community. There was a resounding 'yes' vote here for the Post Office. Not only that, 100% of the returned questionnaires gave a response to this statement. 96% of the vote considered that it was 'important' against just 3.% who did not and 1% who were 'unsure'. From only the handful of comments recorded the feeling comes across that not only does the Post Office offer an essential service, it also provides a focal point where people meet in passing. It is part of the heart of the village just as the pubs are.

"The post office and pubs remain the heart of the community"

Action: Parish Council to ensure that all agencies of government are fully aware of the survey results now and whenever post office closure surveys are instigated

Question 29: - Statement: "Faster internet access would benefit businesses and the parish"



Not quite as clear cut as the previous question but still a significant 'yes' vote. A total of 71% thought that this would be desirable but 26% were unsure, by contrast just over 3% could see no benefit in this. Again, only a very few comments were made but from them one can deduce that quite a number of people find their internet access very slow. Conversely, others could not see how this would be of benefit. Perhaps this flags up a need for more information to be made available about the benefits this may bring.

"For business and domestic use speeds are very slow at times"

"Cannot believe only 7 miles from a city and we do not have adequate Broadband speeds!! Lucky if 1MEG"

Action: Parish Council to lobby for faster internet access and publish information on expected improvement for all users. Benefits could be to attract businesses and for people to work from home and thus be less reliant on transport to and from work. For info we do have a substantial telephone exchange in the village and do not rely on the city exchange.

High Street King George V Jubilee celebrations 1935





Roys Bakery Shop now Bakery Court Housing Complex

Photographs from a time when 1 MEG was only a car number plate

BUSINESSES (Cont)

Question 30: - Statement: "The tourist trade is important to the Parish"

Disagree 3%

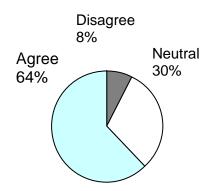
Agree 87% Replies 345 or 96%

Neutral Another significant 'yes' vote with a total of 345 out of a response of 354 who consider that tourism is important to the parish. With the demise of the RAF base tourism and to lesser extent, passing trade, has become more important to the businesses within the parish. Without the additional revenue generated from the tourist trade we may not enjoy such a vibrant community. Again, there are surprisingly few comments recorded but in essence what most of them convey is that tourism is important and should be developed sympathetically, but not at the expense of our community. It should be a case of tourists sharing our village rather than parishioners living in a tourist attraction.

"Not as far a residents are concerned (Tourism important)"??? "Coltishall is a lovely place with good facilities.. Access to everything. Countryside, Coast and good walks."

Action: Parish Council to liaise with local businesses and Councils and promote interests. Coltishall has a lot of historic industry particularly the Maltings and Wherry building, perhaps a heritage trail walk through the village highlighting the many listed buildings and river trade points would be a good attraction.

Question 31: - Statement: "Parking is a problem for businesses"



Here again there was a substantial 'yes' vote indicating that to most people parking has become a problem, be they in business or as customers. There were just over 64% who considered that the problem was 'real' and a further 32% that were unsure. There was also a further 8% who did not consider that parking presented any problem. A few more comments were recorded for this, potentially contentious issue. A number of them indicated sites that affect either business or a location

is visited regularly. From the response and the comments this is becoming a considerable problem and one that must be addressed if the village is to thrive.

There are two facets to this problem, one for people who work in the village and need long term parking whilst they are at work and short

"I agree but cannot see a solution"

"Coltishall does need a car park most villages can offer such as Reepham & Aylsham."

"Businesses would benefit from through traffic if parking was available"

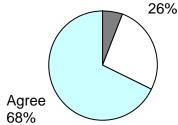
term facilities whilst they shop. Clearly, there is a lack of space that could be available for use as a car park.

Fact: 354 replies from 650 households of which ownership of 517 cars, 32 motorcycles and 10 disability vehicles was recorded. Verdict without visitors we have little parking room for our own needs!! Action: If land becomes available in village centre a car park should be considered essential.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Question 32: - Statement: "There is a need for more frequent/ varied routes and better public transport for the Parish"

Disagree 6% 26%



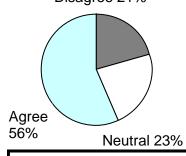
Neutral A 'yes' vote for this question. 68% of the 333 that thought that there is a need for better public transport facilities. Almost 6% thought the service was satisfactory and 26% were unsure. The comments also contained requests for shelters and paved areas at some locations. Clearly, from the response to this question and the comments, most people are unhappy with what is currently on offer.

The comments highlight not only the lack of available routes but also the frequency at which the buses run outside of work hours. Not only has the frequency been criticised but also the fact that the service ends at around 6 p.m. Apparently, this has impinged on one young person to the extent that they have had to leave a course at City College.

"I use the bus to get to work. The last bus from Norwich is 18:03 and I frequently have to call my partner to pick me up in the car because there is not a later bus.." "Norwich/N Walsham services is good but to Wroxham is very poor" "When the hospital was in Norwich we had public transport to get us there. Now it takes 1 hour actual travel time, at intervals of 1 hour for the Sanders bus service and no chance of early or late appointments or visiting time. A taxi costs £14 - £16 for one"

Action: Parish Council, District, County and Bus Companies to be made aware of parishioner's expectations and needs. More information on Taxi Bus evening service and dial and ride services to be distributed.

Question 33: - Statement: "Improvement in public transport would reduce my need for the Disagree 21% car"



"I work shifts, earlies & nights - buses and trains not running" "I would rather take a bus if I could"

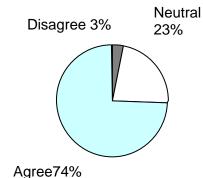
Again the 'yes' vote has the majority but with less votes than the previous question. Just over 56% said that if given the chance they would use the bus instead of their car. A further 21% were undecided and an additional 23% thought that it would not change their habit. Looking at the comments, again the same kind of remarks have been recorded. A number of comments request a service to Wroxham for shopping, so close yet inaccessible without your own transport. Also regular and more frequent buses to Norwich that not only take shoppers but enable workers on late or early shifts to get into the city. People will use the bus but first a reliable

service must be in place long enough to give confidence, only then will it be used

Action: As for 32 above, the answers have "green Implications" Perhaps a Bus Survey could be conducted. What if there was a Local "Go by Bus Day Initiative"? With reduced fare it may help assess what needs could be serviced and achieved.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT Cont

Question 34: - Statement: "Community transport is important for the Parish"



Here again there was a large 'yes' vote, almost 74% in support of the statement with 23% unsure and a further 3% disagreeing. Very few comments were given but judging from them, one felt that the large number of people were in favour of community transport because the bus service was so Inadequate.

"What is community transport"

Community transport schemes

If you are unable to use public transport because of mobility problems, or the lack of a convenient bus or train service, community transport could be the answer.

Our nearest is the North Walsham Community Transport Association

(Dial-A-Ride) **Phone 01692 500840 website at** http://www.nwacta.org/east 43.aspx



Dial a Bus in our East Area is a great way to get to shops and services in Stalham, North Walsham, or Wroxham & Hoveton.

One phone call, before noon on the day before travel, is all it takes for NWACTA members to book a seat . Passengers are picked up from home and travel to their destination for a stay of around two

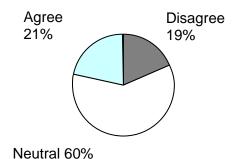


Evening taxibus service will provide an evening journey from Norwich to Coltishall. This will offer a journey in a taxi or a minibus from Norwich City Centre to Spixworth, Frettenham and Coltishall at 7.30pm on Monday to Friday.

Passengers will need to prebook a seat by calling Goldstar Taxis on 01603 700700 by 5pm on the day, but it would be helpful to call earlier if you can. You can make more than one booking when you call and book up to a week in advance. Goldstar will confirm the pick up point with you, probably Castle Meadow, but it may be possible to request another central pick up by agreement with Goldstar. If you have a valid bus ticket, weekly or season ticket then you may travel free. Concessionary passholders can also travel free. Passengers without a ticket or concessionary pass may pay a flat rate single fare of £2.

COUNCIL SERVICES

Question 35 - Statement: "I am satisfied with Planning Authorities services"

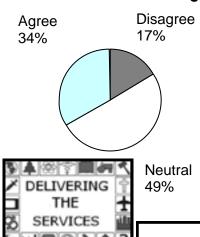


It was the 'undecided' vote that had the highest number for this question, 60%. Although the 'yes' and 'no' votes were similar, 21% and 19% respectively, the tone of the comments were quite negative. Comments complain about being puzzled or don't know what is happening. Others refer to the use that the air base has been put to and the lack of footpaths along Wroxham Rd.

"Again not sure to find out what is happening or how to find out about them"

Action: Parish Council, District, County and The Broads Authority to be advised of parishioner's concerns and publish how to access planning information in every available media (as is the current practice) and to revise such procedures regularly

Question 36: - Statement: "I am satisfied with Norfolk County Council services"

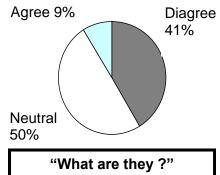


Again most people were undecided, 49% in this category. Having said that, 34% felt satisfied, double the number who expressed dissatisfaction. This question attracted a couple of comments more than the previous and here again they are all of a negative nature. Many complain about poor maintenance of roads and footpaths. It is always possible to improve services such as those provided by a County Council or to do things a little differently but this needs to be balanced against cost.

"They could always provide more services"

Action: Continued monitoring of public services by parish council and any breakdown of services reported by parishioners, moreover, highlight any new service requirements or ideas to the relevant government agencies.

Question 37: - Statement: "I support the Unitary Council proposals"



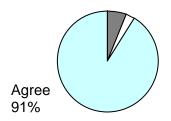
Diagree On this issue there is clearly little support, in fact many of the comments show that people do not know what a Unitary Council is. The support for the Unitary Council was, on this survey just 9%. This compared to 41% who would not be in favour of the new system and have been quite happy with the status-quo. This left the majority, 50% undecided. Showing that there was a greater need for more information in the community.

An ongoing saga. Action: Parish Council to continue to present parish opinions to Government Departments, Commissions, Local MP and Councils and, to publish actions taken via council to The Marlpit and Parish Council Website.

ENVIRONMENT

Question 38: - Statement: "I know where the recycling collection points are "
located"

Disagree 6% Neutral 3%

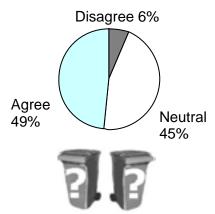


"You need help and a car"

A high response to this question most people know where the collection points are, over 91% agreed with the statement. There was just 3% who were unsure and 6% that did not know. There were some comments, in the few that have been recorded, complaining about the lack of dog waste bins and fly tipping, but perhaps that is not recycling. In general, a good response to this question with most people knowing about recycling.

Action: Local Authorities to consider how those who have no means and ability to take recycling items to the collection points could be serviced. At parish level perhaps a community "good neighbour system" could operate with those willing to help being directed towards those who need it. This would need some form of volunteer coordinator – plus volunteers?

Question 39: Statement: "Other recyclable items should be collected by Broadland DC (please specify)"



From the results of this survey there is a desire to collect more items for recycling. Here 49% of those responding to this question would like to see more items collected but a further 45% remained unsure and just over 6% disagreed with the statement. The response to this question was a little below the average but still 84% of replies had been completed. Quite a number of comments had been recorded for this question. In general, throughout the comments, there were three main groups of products that people thought should be collected or recycled.

Namely these are white goods and items of furniture, glass and a wider range of plastic containers. There was one call for plastic production to be restricted to only the type that is recyclable. Other items mentioned in the comments included food waste and garden rubbish. Many of the items mentioned are already collected at various points across the parish, it just means taking them there. Perhaps there is some confusion here between recycling and what people would like to see collected from their homes.

Recycling is important. How much sense is there in sending waste to recycling centres by a fleet of private cars rather than collection at source. Moreover with the population expected to have a higher age limit, there will be increasing numbers of people unable to take items to waste sites.

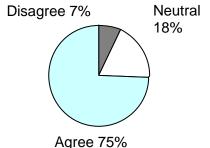
Action: More items collected from houses should be researched, results from this parish plan will be sent to Broadland District Council for consideration and review.

[&]quot;Glass/yoghurt/margarine pots/clothes/food waste" Too restrictive and encourages fly tipping"

[&]quot;Local Councils should be lobbying central government to ensure only two or 3 types of plastics are produced for medical/food use & chemicals - then all could be Recycled"

ENVIRONMENT (Cont)

Question 40: Statement: "I am satisfied with local waste site and facilities"



Replies 337 or 95%

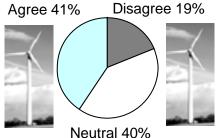


Most people responded positively to this question and almost 75% felt satisfied with what was available. Only 7% felt unhappy and a further 18% were unsure. Most of the comments recorded referred to the 'Tip'. The one big objection is to the restriction on how much can be taken in any one visit. The logic of this puzzles people, when they have a quantity of rubbish to dispose of what is the point of having them make two or more journeys when they could take it in one? The other bone of contention is the use of CCTV cameras, are these really necessary? Are people being paid to analyse the recorded information – if so would the money be better spent just handling the waste? Restrictions of this kind simply encourage 'fly tipping' was the other message that came out of the comments. In general people are happy with the facilities and also with the staff at the tip and consider that they are helpful.

"Turned away with too many bags of rubbish"
"Decisions puzzle me but decisions needed"
"Do not like restrictions on how much you can take"

Action: Parish Council to discuss with Broadland DC/Norfolk CC regarding how much can be deposited in a single journey? If you change three doors in your house and they will accept only one per trip this is not green friendly.

Question 41: - Statement: "Renewable energy sites would be welcome in the Parish"



lot of consultation and information events

A potentially contentious issue here with a slight majority who agree with the statement. Just 41% agreeing with the sentiments of the statement while almost as many, 40% remained undecided and a further 19%% against the idea. It is a possibility that such an idea could get majority support, from the comments one can feel that there is 'sympathy'

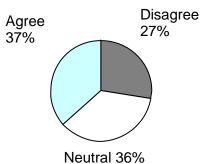
towards the concept of renewable energy being expressed. But it is likely to hinge on what benefit it would bring to the parish together with the location and type of generating plant proposed. In reality there are not enough comments recorded to accurately predict how such a scheme would be received should one be proposed. Many people do not understand the implications of a scheme like this. Consequently if a serious proposal was to be put forward there would need to be a

"Unsure as to what this means" "Electricity turbine in the Mill" "We Must look for alternative energy sources"

Action: As parishioners are unsure of what renewable energy options are available suggests Parish and Broadland District Council consider staging a conservation exhibition in the village hall

FORMER RAF CAMP

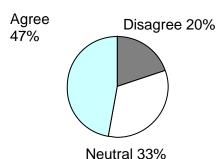
Question 42: Statement: "The new Prison at the camp will help boost the Parish economy"



Opinion was fairly evenly divided on this question. Just 37% agreed with the statement, a further 36% were undecided and 27% disagreed with the statement. There was a fair degree of scepticism in the tone of the comments. Most of those that commented thought that any trade would only amount to a marginal benefit to the parish, if any. Clearly the structure of prison society where the majority of the residents are not at liberty is vastly different to an RAF base.

"Possibly but do not think it will make a huge difference" "Majority of workers will not be from village"

Question 43: - Statement: "The new Prison will lead to job opportunities"



Despite the fact that a majority agreed with the statement there is a fair amount of scepticism contained on the few comments that have been recorded. The majority of people thought that it would lead to job opportunities almost 47% agreed with the statement while just over 33% were undecided and 20% did not think any job opportunities would be created. From the comments the perception was that the vast majority of vacancies would be for trained prison staff that would come from outside the village.

"Most opportunities will be for trained people from outside of village" Downside the new prison but acceptable if it creates LOCAL jobs."

Actions for Question's 42 and 43: As parishioners are unsure of what jobs and contracts are available suggestion is that job opportunities and availability are discussed at the HMP Bure Liaison Committee Meetings. Coltishall Parish Council representative to request this as regular agenda item.



Jaguar "Spirit of Coltishall"



Station Gate Guardian Replica of Sir Douglas Bader's Hurricane

FORMER RAF CAMP (Cont)

Question 44:Statement: "How would you like to see the former RAF base used?"

This was an open question which invited individual comments, consequently these run to no less than four pages. Although a lot of comments have been recorded there was a lesser response to this question than any of the others. The range of the suggestion varies considerably from returning the area back to farm land to some form of military use. Farming, business use (which includes any type of entrepreneurial suggestions), housing of any type, use by some form of civil aviation, any form of military use and some form of power generation, predominantly a wind farm. As a point of interest there were slightly more responses from people who had been disillusioned with the 'democratic' process that had been employed over the establishment of the prison than those suggesting a wind farm.

"Aircraft Repair Storage and Fying Club, Helicopter Base "
"Facilities for young people i.e. sports/training centre for unemployed"
"Industrial but need of improved infrastructure"
"Light industry or agriculture develop public amenity area e.g. walks"

Suggested Use	Reply Totals
Agriculture	58
Sports Recreation Activities	36
Housing	29
Leisure Tourism	22
Small Business Park	20
Industry	19
Airfield Aircraft Repair & storage	13
Military Use RAF RN Navy/Emergency Services	10
Wind Farm/Recycling	09
Museum	08
College Education Research Centre	07
Hospital Military rehabilitation	03
Expanded prison	03
Admin Offices	01

Action: Parish council via any avenue available to closely monitor Government agencies and Councils plans for the future use of the former base and to make representation oflocal concerns. Parishioners views from this plan to will be conveyed to Local MP's, Coltishall Task Group and district Councils.

Royal Air Force Coltishall 1939 – 2006



The Final Parade and Last Post

PARISH COUNCIL

Question 45: - Statement: "I know who my Parish Councillors are"

Agree 56%

Disagree 22%

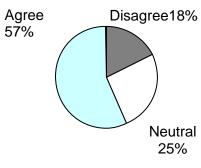
Neutral 22%

Half of those who responded know one or more councillors. A further 22% do not know anyone that serves as a councillor and almost another 22% stated that they were unsure. The Marlpit was mentioned three times in the few comments that are recorded, perhaps this is still the most popular medium. No mention was made of the parish council web site.

"I know of three by name and sight"

"Would be nice to have more info"

Question 46: - Statement: "The Parish keeps me informed of local issues"



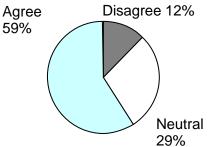
Replies 322 or 91%

Here a similar pattern to the previous question, just over half of the people who responded (57%) thought that they were kept well informed about local issues. A further 25% were undecided and 18% considered that they were not kept well informed. The Marlpit was mentioned in the majority of the comments, indicating that it still the most referred to location for local news. The web site did have one mention here; it may take quite a while before it becomes as popular as the printed word.

"Marlpit keeps you informed although sometimes it is too late"

"I know how to access info via internet"

Question 47: - Statement: "The Parish Council represents the needs of the community"

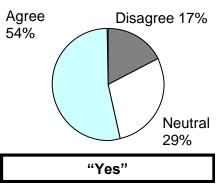


Again over half of the response agreed with the statement, some 59%. 29% were unsure and a further 12% did not agree. In general the Parish Council is quite well regarded and works hard as far as it is able. Here again not too many comments but from them there is a general sentiment of satisfaction.

"Do not know what parish council does, so cannot comment "

Question 48 – Statement:

"I am kept informed about the Parish council



Quite a positive response to this question again. Almost 54% of the response agreed with the statement. There is a further, almost 29%, who were unsure and 17% who did not think they were kept well informed. The Marlpit was by far the most favoured medium but there were a couple of suggestions / requests for information via the post or on notice boards

Actions for Questions 45 to 48 continued on next page

PARISH COUNCIL (Cont)

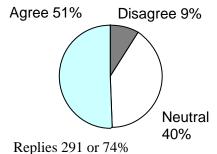
Actions: Parish Council to continue to make information available:

- Via the Marlpit,
- The Parish Council web site www.coltishall.org.uk where information can be given in greater depth and with instant links to MP's and all district councils.
- Update the notice boards in the parish, follow up and fund the positioning of a an added notice board at the Coltishall Medical Practice
- Via individual councillors and the parish clerk who photographs below are on the parish web site and whose names are listed in The Marlpit.



FAITH

Question 49 - Statement "My spiritual needs are met by the religious facilities"



Most people are able to meet their needs within the parish. While some prefer to travel to other locations that is not to say that their religious needs could not be met within the parish, except for the Roman Catholic faith. Additionally there has been concern that now the Salvation Army no longer has a Sunday Service in the village, the landmark hall, may in time not remain.

C of E priest is very good"
"Do not have a faith, but there seems to be lots of churches here."



Coltishall St John The Baptist

Great Hautbois Holy Trinity

Coltishall Salvation Army Hall

Coltishall Bethseda Gospel Hall

YOUNG COLTS - THE FUTURE

During the planning meetings to discuss the Parish Plan it was decided at a very early stage to make it as inclusive as possible, this included reaching and gleaning comment and feedback from the whole of our community, and a decision was taken to

include a children and youth questionnaire in the packs delivered to every household in the parish. There was a separate form for those aged between 7 and 11 years and another covering those aged between 12 and 17 years. Alongside this the results of the Coltishall Parish Council Play Equipment Questionnaire undertaken by the pre-school have also been included. Given the nature and layout of these questionnaires the results have been expressed in narrative, rather than graphic, terms.

Children 7 to 11

This group were asked the following questions:

- Age
- Gender
- School attended
- What do you do in your spare time?
- What do you go out of the village to do?
- What clubs do you go to in Coltishall?
- What else would you like to do?
- Would your parents help?

"Why no questionnaire for 5 to 7 year olds?"

"Tea shop. Bigger playground with better facilities"

The group was then asked to rate as either GOOD, BAD or DON'T KNOW the following village amenities

- Community Hall
- Play area
- Sports field
- Churches

"Overall a nice place to live only the park needs updating"

The survey concluded with the following three questions:

- What else would you like to see in the Village?
- What else would you like to see in the way of organised summer activities?
- What problems have you encountered whilst playing?

"We need a path from main North Walsham Road to school"

"More street lights to see when you are walking"

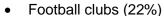
27 children in the age group responded, 2/3rds of which were girls. 83% of all eligible respondents attend Coltishall Primary School.

In response to the question "what do you do in your spare time?" an array of interests were identified but the common interests were:

- Bike riding (18%)
- Computer games (17%)
- Seeing friends (16%)
- Listening to music (14%)

When asked "what do you go out of the village to do?" over 50 different activities were mentioned, the highest being swimming (14%) and shopping (8%).

A number of our respondents attend groups in the village, the main ones being:



- Brownies (19%)
- School clubs (19%)
- Youth club (11%) Children are not eligible to attend until 10 years of age

When asked to identify other activities they would like to see provided within the village no clear pattern emerged but rather reflected their individual interests.

The group rated the following:

Community hall – (Good - 59%/ Bad - 5%/ Don't know - 36%)

Play Area – (Good - 48%/ Bad – 43%/ Don't know – 9%)

Sports Field – (Good – 91%/ Bad - 0%/ Don't know – 9%)

Church – (Good – 70%/ Bad – 0%/ Don't know – 30%)

Finally when asked to share problems whilst playing two issues stood out:

- No-where to play (30%)
- Glass in play area (26%)

Children 12 to 17

This group were asked the following questions:

- Age
- Gender
- School attended
- If not attending school what do you do?
- What do you do in your spare time?
- What other activities would you like to see in Coltishall?
- Do you travel to other activities if so what?
- How do you get there?
- What else would you like to do?
- Would you join a Youth Club?
- Have you any concerns?

"I think the buses should run after 6pm from and to Norwich. More sports clubs - cycling & running clubs"

The group was then asked to rate as either **GOOD**, **BAD** or **DON'T KNOW** the following

village amenities:

- Community Hall
- Play area
- Sports field
- Churches

"Lack of facilities on sports grounds.
"There is a lack of facilities for the kids age between 10-18 there would be less vandalism if there was more for kids to do"



The survey concluded by asking for additional comment.

35 youngsters in the age group responded, 2/3rds of which were boys. Of the eligible respondents 83% attend Broadland High School and 16% attend Paston. Of those not attending school none were in full time employment but three respondents said they were in part time employment and three declared themselves unemployed. In response to the question "what do you do in your spare time?" over thirty separate activities were identified but the common interests were:

- Seeing friends (19%)
- Listening to music (17%)
- Computer games (15%)



When asked "what other activities would you like to see in Coltishall?" 15 different activities were mentioned, the highest being a skate park and badminton both identified by 20% of respondents.

75% of our youngsters leave the village for a variety of activities the main ones being football and swimming. 73% of these journeys are by car and are provided by parents or friends.

When asked to identify other activities they would like to see provided within the village no clear pattern emerged but rather reflected their individual interests. 50% of the group would join a youth club.

When asked to identify any concerns the following emerged amongst those who responded:

No street lights 21%
Nowhere to go locally 20%
Poor bus service 20%
Speeding traffic 18%
Litter in village 7%
Personal security 7%
No paths to walk on 4%
No good cloths shops 3%

"Lets crack down on litter, speeding cars and let's get a café"

"Well the lights are rubbbish if we want to go out at night. Can't see very well the park there is nothing there I have a baby brother and when he grows up there will be nowhere for him to play as I am getting older there is nowhere for me and my friends to meet up - Thank you



The group rated the following:

Community Hall – (Good - 64%/ Bad - 11%/ Don't know - 25%)

Play Area – (Good - 54%/ Bad – 32%/ Don't know – 14%)

Sports Field – (Good – 68%/ Bad - 25%/ Don't know – 7%)

Church – (Good – 57%/ Bad – 0%/ Don't know – 43%)



Pre- School Play Equipment Survey

The questionnaire was given to pre-school play group attendees and it was presumed that it was mainly completed by parents. There were 15 completed returns.

The children used all the equipment on offer and rated the following as their favourite:

Adventure Frame 33% Swings 26% Slide 16% See Saw 14% Rocking Horse 11%



When asked for further suggestions for facilities for the play area the following proved the most popular:

- Install roundabout
- Adult seating
- Smaller climbing frame
- Gate at road entrance



Action Plan

In analysing the findings gleaned from the responses of our younger parishioners a couple of common themes emerged that were also identified in the adult questionnaire:

Clubs and Activities – A significant number of the younger respondents suggested more and improved facilities and, whilst only a small minority of adults made the same observation, it is suggested that Coltishall Parish Council, Coltishall Village Hall & Recreation Ground Charity, youth groups and volunteers form a playground action group to work on identifying upgrades to the facilities. There would also seem to be a need to publicise activities that already exist within the local area. The need for and all-weather surface in the recreation area was supported by a significant number of respondents across all age ranges and again a group of interested parties is suggested to plan and develop such a facility and to explore sources of funding.

CONCLUSIONS

Demographic information

Just over fifty percent of the questionnaires distributed have been returned. This can be considered as a good response to the exercise. Largely the responses have come from the more mature Population and there has been an almost equal response from male and female parishioners. Therefore it would be reasonable to accept the views expressed as broadly representative of the parish.

What has become apparent from the survey is there are three main areas that concern the people of Coltishall, namely: **Highways Policing and Housing**.

Highways

This is always going to be a controversial subject and one that is currently the subject of much discussion among parishioners. Any changes to the highway structure are bound to bring advantages and disadvantages to residents and trades-people alike. It is worth considering that with the demise of the RAF base how much business comes to Coltishall from tourism and passing trade. This is what makes Coltishall the thriving village it is today. Therefore it is worth a thought that if the village were to become isolated by the construction of a by-pass, perhaps not every business would survive if passing trade and tourism were to be reduced. There is also another concern that housing development always seems to spread out to the boundary of a new road.

The main cause for concern is the speed of vehicles in the village. But judging by the comments and the fairly evenly divided statistics on the question of traffic speed, it seems to imply that most people would be happy if the traffic could be slowed down without the need for expensive and disruptive road restrictions. On-street parking can also have the same affect as 'build-outs'. Speed is the crux of the matter and one way or another the traffic must be slowed down. If vehicles enter the village at a slower pace, there would be a greater chance they will continue at a slower speed. There are many ways that have been tried in other districts to calm traffic, but one that may work is traffic lights, at strategic places, which turn red when a vehicle approaches faster than the speed limit. Whatever method is ultimately used, the message must get across that excessive speed is anti-social, undesirable and will ultimately be rewarded with some kind of penalty.

Car parking is a problem and looks as though it could be an emotive issue. Clearly a number of people and businesses feel there is a need for additional parking facilities. Where are they going to come from is the big question. It would be preferable if this was tackled as a village issue rather than just relying on the Parish Council to come up with a solution. But first, perhaps, the existing facilities should be looked at to see how they can be maximised.

Quite a number of people would like to see a crossing point at locations to suit their daily journeys. It would surely be impractical, in terms of cost and traffic flow through the village, to site one at each location identified in the comments section. But if traffic was calmed then the need for as many crossing points may be reduced. Pushchair and disability access is another cause of complaint. The most common is that cars are parked on the footpaths thus making the footpath too narrow for mobility scooters and pushchairs to pass. In addition to this some footpaths are already quite narrow and make it difficult for mothers trying to control a toddler and a pushchair when vehicles speed past.

CONCLUSIONS continued

Street lighting is an emotive issue. Any proposal to install street lighting would certainly provoke a lot of debate. There are certain 'dark' areas within the village that quite a number of people would like to see illuminated. However, this seems to be according to how they consider the location impinges on their movements after dark. Some comment that this is a country area that would not expect to have lighting.

What has emerged from the survey is that the whole issue of highways is the major cause of concern, be it traffic flow and speed or pedestrian access and walk ways. Therefore, perhaps it would be better to look at the question as a whole rather than 'picking off' small areas to provide a quick fix. Developing a strategy that prioritised the primary causes of concern and rectifying them in an order of priority, this may ultimately negate or reduce the need for action in other areas. For example if the traffic speed is reduced perhaps a lot of people would not feel the need for crossing points. As food for thought, before deciding upon a course of action, think of Newton's third law of motion which states that "every action has an equal and opposite reaction" this seems to apply to so many other situations in addition to motion.

Policing and Crime

Most people would like to see a higher Police presence around the village. Whilst, in general, crime is not considered to be a major problem, perhaps it owes more to good fortune than to effective policing. Over a third of the replies indicated a desire to develop more neighbourhood watch schemes, so this would seem to point towards an uneasy feeling about crime and the lack of a Police presence. On one hand it is good to develop neighbourliness as a way of overcoming the feeling of isolation that one often hears expressed. But on the other it is allowing the Police to abdicate their responsibility to provide effective policing to each community rather than just responding when an incident is reported. Additionally, if constables were walking the beat they may tackle problems like cars being parked on footpaths.

Housing

In essence, most people want to see the character of the village maintained and are not particularly keen to see a large scale expansion of the housing stock. Some sympathetic in-fill development is likely to be favourably received. A number of comments express concern over high density development with inadequate provision for parking that could impinge on the character and value of the village. Whilst there is some sympathy for local young people trying to get on the property ladder, there is also concern that: (a) it is not easy to provide cut price housing and (b) who the main beneficiaries would be. Similar sentiments were also expressed over sheltered housing. Proposals for this kind of development need to be carefully thought out to ensure that there is a clear understanding about who would be eligible to benefit from the developments. This should also be clearly communicated to the parishioners. When it comes to informing parishioners of future developments, a clear lack of communication was evident.

Facilities and businesses

The Medical Practice and the Pharmacy are both very well thought of and used by the majority of parishioners. The vast majority of people are happy with the existing medical facilities but the comments suggest that a revised appointment system would be welcome. Some of the other comments suggest areas that could be considered for future development. One of which is an NHS dental practice within the village with the option to have private treatment. The people of Coltishall certainly seem willing to support business that can supply the goods and services they want. In fact there is a good range of retail outlets and services within the village which points to a healthy business environment.

CONCLUSIONS continued

Recreation

The Village hall and Church Rooms are not well used though, to some extent, they are in competition with each other. People consider the Village Hall and the Church Rooms are an asset to the village but they would like to see the village hall improved and updated in some way. If this could be done then it would make it more attractive to prospective users. At the same time there is a need to promote the venue and to make the community aware of what is available and the costs that would be involved in hiring the hall.

There is a call to upgrade the play areas and to install an all-weather surface; again this would result in the facilities being used more. In response to several questions there was a call for a skateboard park. Perhaps this is something worthy of further consideration.

With regard to clubs and activities, the message that came through was there are a lot of potential participants within the parish but they are not aware of what is available. Organisers need to ensure their activities are being effectively promoted to parishioners. The Marlpit is a useful publication where most things are advertised but the message does not seem to be getting across. As an initial effort perhaps a 'Clubs' or 'What's On' page may help to make the message clearer.

Education

Not quite as many people responded to this question as to most others. Primarily this was because not having children of school age, they had no direct contact with the school and felt unable to give an informed opinion. However, those that did respond agreed strongly with the statement and felt the education provided was of a good standard. There was moderate enthusiasm expressed for adult learning courses. If the right courses were offered at reasonable cost then it looks as though there would be a modest take-up.

Business and Tourism

People do perceive that tourism is important to the parish, even more so now that the RAF base has closed. They want to see an environment where tourists are welcome in our village but do not want to live in a 'tourist attraction'.

Public transport

To be successful, transport must be frequent, punctual and most of all reliable as well as running to the places that people want to go. After the service has been dismantled, to the extent that it apparently has, it will take some time for people to regain confidence in the service and this will not happen overnight. Only then will people leave their cars at home and try the public service.

A lot of people were in favour of some form of community transport but this could prove to be a costly option. Perhaps this is largely because the bus service is thought to be inadequate. If the regular bus service was better then perhaps fewer people would want a community transport service.

Council services

In general, many people seemed unsure about how they felt about councils. This seemed to be, judging by the comments, because most had no direct contact with them. A lot of the comments concerned the state of footpaths and roads. Lack of communication also seemed to be a problem with a lot of people, if the comments reflect the general feeling about not knowing what was being proposed by a change of Norwich City Council to Unitary status.

CONCLUSIONS continued

Environment

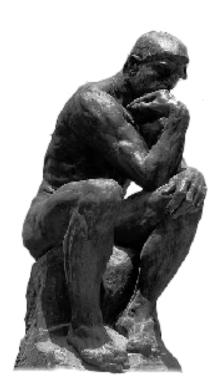
Most parishioners are happy with the waste disposal facilities but many find it difficult to understand the reasoning behind limiting how much they can take to the tip in one trip. There is some tacit support for the concept of renewable energy but many do not understand the implications of such a project.

Parish Council

Generally speaking, our Parish councillors are well thought of as people who endeavour to do their best within the limited powers they have. The councillors themselves are not particularly well known across the community so perhaps there is some scope here to raise their profile. Most of the communication with the parish remains via the old and trusted medium of the Marlpit. It looks as though not many people are logging onto the web site yet.

Faith

Most people are able to meet their needs within the parish. While some prefer to travel to other locations, that is not to say their religious needs could not be met within the parish, except for the Roman Catholic faith.



Section	Action
Medical Services	Parish Council to make NHS aware and request that a NHS Dental Service in the village be restored
	Parish Council to convey complete list of recommendations/ comments to Coltishall Practice Manager Surgery Support Group and NHS
Policing	Parish Council to inform Chief Constable of results and liaise with Aylsham Safer Neighbourhood Team with a request for foot patrols on a regular basis
	Parish Council to liaise with Aylsham Safer Neighbourhood Team and review crime statistics Moreover encouragement to report all crimes is needed to ensure "crime hotspots" are identified and targeted
	Parish Council Police Representative to liaise with Aylsham Safer Neighbourhood Team and arrange for a neighbourhood watch team to hold an information meeting in village hall if enough response by parishioners to attend
Education	The results of the survey to be passed on to Coltishall School via the Governing Body and presentation to the School Council
	Parish Council to consult with Local Government Education Services about providing adult education classes in the village
Highways	The results of the survey to be passed on to Highways and County Planning Agencies The Parish Council to monitor any new planned developments (in particular for the former RAF Base) for any predicted increase in traffic flows
	The results of the survey to be passed on to Highways and County Planning Agencies The Parish Council to request likely rate increase and if interest escalates to consider holding specific poll on lighting issues
	Questions 12,14,15,16 17 and 18 are grouped together here It is clear by a country mile that most of the foreseen problems in the Village have been identified in the Highways Section It is therefore recommended that representatives of Highways/Broadland District Council/Police/Coltishall Primary School and general public be invited to attend a public meeting in the village hall at a suitable date after presentation and assimilation of the parish plan content and to offer advice on, practicality feasibility and solutions where possible

Section	Action
Recreation inc Clubs	Coltishall Parish Council, Coltishall Village Hall & Recreation Charity and Volunteers to form a Playground Action Group to work on updating facilities Some items have been refurbished since start of Parish Plan
	Coltishall Parish Council, Coltishall Village Hall & Recreation Charity and volunteers (If forthcoming) to review refurbishment cost of village hall in conjunction with users groups The hall is dated and accommodation for user groups storage of equipment is limited, a relocation and new build may be an option
	Coltishall Parish Council, Coltishall Village Hall & Recreation Charity and Volunteers to form a playground Action group to work on updating facilities .
	Suggested Coltishall Parish Council, Coltishall Village Hall & Recreation Charity and volunteers form a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) action group and look for funding Coltishall Parish Council, Coltishall Village Hall & Recreation Charity and Volunteers to form a Playground Action Group to work on updating facilities).
	Suggested Coltishall Parish Council, Coltishall Village Hall & Recreation Charity, Youth Forum and volunteers form a MUGA action group and work together to define requirements gathered from Junior and Youth Questionnaire data Parish Council to inform all clubs within the village and County, District Councils and Private Companies who hold events of facilitites available to host functions in the village Information on media available to publicise any function(s) should be made available for reference Improve notice boards at key locations (see proposals at question 46) and raise awareness of Parish Council Website, Calendar of Events section
	Actions as for question 23d, but it is also noted that transport to and from village events is a concern with some senior citizens a community transport system could help in this area
Housing	Parish Council to establish when the last housing need survey was carried out and if it is valid for the future needs of Coltishall and Great Hautbois The replies to questions 24, 25 and 26 are to be presented to the planning authorities for consideration
	Action: In the light of recent national surveys reporting that the number of senior citizens are increasing the Parish Council and Planning Authorities would be wise to consider sheltered housing as an important factor in the future structure of a village community. Affordable housing does not only apply to the young
	Parish Council along with planning agencies to publish information links to planning documents via The Mar/pit and Parish Website

Section	Action
Business	Parish Council to ensure that all agencies of government are fully aware of the survey results now and whenever post office closure surveys are instigated.
	Parish Council to lobby for faster internet access and publish information on expected improvement for all users Benefits could be to attract businesses and for people to work from home and thus be less reliant on transport to and from work For info we do have a substantial telephone exchange in the village and do not rely on the city exchange
	Parish Council to liaise with local businesses and Councils and promote interests Coltishall has a lot of historic industry particularly the Maltings and Wherry building, perhaps a heritage trail walk through the village highlighting the many listed buildings and river trade points would be a good attraction
	If land becomes available in village centre a car park should be considered essential
Public Transport	Parish Council, District, County and Bus Companies to be made aware of parishioners expectations and needs More information on Taxi Bus evening service and dial and ride services to be distributed
	As for above, the answers have "green implications" Perhaps a Bus Survey could be conducted What if there was a Local "Go by Bus Day Initiative "with reduced fare it may help assess what needs could be serviced and achieved
Council Services	Parish Council District County and The Broads Authority to be advised of parishioners concerns and publish how to access planning information in every available media (as is the current practice) and to revise such procedures regularly
	Continued monitoring of public services by parish council and any breakdown of services reported by parishioners, moreover, highlight any new service requirements or ideas to the relevant government agencies
	Parish Council to continue to present parish opinions to Government Departments Commissions Local MP and Councils and to publish actions taken via council to The Marlpit and Parish Website
Environment	Local Authorities to consider how those who have no means and ability to take recycling items to the collection points could be serviced At parish level perhaps a community "good neighbour system' could operate with those willing to help being directed towards those who need it This would need some form of volunteer coordinator - plus volunteers?
	Recycling is important Multiple trips to waste recycling sites by the public is not environmentally friendly or indeed, practical for an ageing population Action: More items collected from houses should be researched results from this parish plan will be sent to Broadland District Council for consideration and review

Section	Action
Environment (cont)	Parish Council to discuss with Broadland DC/Norfolk CC regarding how much can be deposited in a single journey Multiple trips to a recycling facility is not environmentally friendly.
	As parishioners are unsure of what renewable energy options are available suggests Parish and Broadland District Council consider staging a conservation exhibition in the village hall
Former RAF Camp	Former RAF Camp For Quest/on s 42 and 43 As parishioner's are unsure of what jobs and contracts are available suggests that job opportunities and availability are discussed at the HMP Bure Liaison Committee Meetings Coltishall Parish Council representative to request this as regular agenda item
	Parish council via any avenue available to closely monitor Government agencies and Councils plans for the future use of the former base and to make representation of local concerns Parishioners views from this plan will be conveyed to Local MP's, Coltishall Task Group and district councils
Parish Council	Parish Council to continue to make information available via the Marlpit The Pansh Council web site (www colt/shall org uk). where information can be given in greater depth and with instant links to MPs and all district councils Update the notice boards in the parish, follow up and fund the positioning of a an added notice board at the Coltishall Medical Practice Via individual councillors and the parish clerk whose photographs are on the parish web site and whose names are listed in The Marlpit
Children and Youth	In analysing the findings gleaned from the responses of our younger parishioners a couple of common themes emerged that were also identified in the adult questionnaire
	Clubs and Activities - A significant number of the younger respondents suggested more and improved facilities and, whilst only a small minority of adults made the same observation, it is suggested that Coltishall Parish Council, Coltishall Village Hall & Recreation Ground Charity, youth groups and volunteers form a Playground Action Group to work on identifying upgrades to the facilities There would also seem to be a need to publicise activities that already exist within the local area The need for and all-weather surface in the recreation area was supported by a significant number of respondents across all age ranges and again a group of interested parties is suggested to plan and develop such a facility and to explore sources of funding

"The Parish Plan Steering Group action recommendations contained in this publication are as per the action summary and will be formally adopted by the Parish Council subject to any agreed amendment after the presentation event"

Coltishall Parish Plan Thank you from the Chair of Coltishall Parish Council

To say the production of the parish plan has been an exercise in community bonding would be an overstatement. But for a small band of dedicated people interested enough in their community the whole process could have faltered at the first fence.

Coltishall is a fine village with most of the facilities of a large town but without the urbanization.

Fourteen hundred and twenty-six people (2008 Census) live in 650 properties, some perhaps holiday homes and not always occupied. However 54% of the households were thoughtful enough to reply to the questionnaire, more than some governments have when elected into office. But this however also leaves 46% who may be very happy with Coltishall as is, dissatisfied, or just could not care less.

Notwithstanding the information from your replies to wants and needs, we as an all-volunteer parish council will to the best of our ability and practicality, seek advice from higher authorities as needed and respond to recommendations gathered from the parish plan. The plan should be reviewed every four years, however I consider it a fluid document and amendable after survey to any unforeseen needs as they arrive.

Our most grateful thanks go to the list of individual persons, businesses and organisations as listed below that have donated some stunning prizes for the Parish Plan Prize Draw

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 - The Kings Head The Rising Sun The Railway Tavern
 - Nail SolutionsThe Bor Nigels Free-Range-Eggs
 - **Londis One Stop Store Shades Hair Fashions**
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