

TABLE DISCUSSION NOTES – 2 JULY

The following bullet-points were extracted from the notes of the brain-storming sessions which followed the presentations.

Each table was given a discussion topic, and the attendees were invited to indicate support for the various proposals by putting one of their stickers next to it (hence the dot count indicates popularity).

Governance

- What's already being done:
 - Newsletter
 - Website
 - Minutes posted on boards
- Who should be involved:
 - People who complain they don't know what's going on.
 - Committee members
- What could be done:
 - Encourage attendance at PC annual meeting
 - Better publicised meeting dates (all committees) (1 dot)
 - Communicate in newsletter what committees do
 - Committee representatives to have stalls at fete (4 dots)
 - Cross committee reps to co-opt to PC
 - Blog
 - Twitter / Facebook
 - Reduce politics (1 dot)

Community & Social Facilities

- Make more use of the Monday morning social club and shopping service.
- Over 60s club
- Small goals permanently on the rec or at the playpark
- Whist / bridge club
- Annual antiques fair
- Annual 'nearly new' sale
- Coffee / tea and newspapers available at the pub (8 dots)
- Litter picking teams (5 dots)
- More notice boards:

- Parish hall
- Grants Road
- OAPs rates on Film Club and Gardening Club, etc, and cheaper clubs
- Encourage giving some free tickets for village events

Village Facilities

The church (TC) - The reading room (RR) - The village hall (VH) - The recreation ground (RG)

- We have an excess of facilities. We should make better use of the above 4 facilities. For example TC+VH+RR can all be used more than they are at present.
- Example RR activities to TC or VH. This could free up funds and HR (human resources?) for other jobs.
- Disposal of the RR would bring in a major amount of money for outdoor sports facilities for adults and children. Similarly, the 'class distinction' argument would be eliminated. (25 dots)

Communications

- Website / noticeboard for:
 - Lift sharing (needed/offered) (paid/unpaid)
 - Shopping runs (needed/offered) (paid/unpaid) (1 dot)
 - Babysitting (needed/offered) (paid/unpaid) (2 dots)
 - Gardening
 - General help (needed/offered) (paid/unpaid)
 - Unwanted items / for sale (3 dots)
 - Activities:
 - Anyone fancy a run
 - Anyone want to go for a walk
 - Anyone want to go for a dog walk
 - Anyone want to go for a cycle ride

Broadband

- Result of survey: Answers given only by people used to slow speeds and unaware of future needs. 'Satisfied' was very misleading answer.
- 5 years – speeds to be upgraded to 20/40 mbps
- 10 years – speeds to be upgraded to 100 mbps
- Result – new people coming in and working from home, rather than weekenders. Less car use for commuting. Young professionals are needed. Ideal for PCC.

Parish Hall

- Children's craft centre (2 dots):

- less fear of making a mess
 - cheaper hire cost
- Shop / General Store (12 dots):
 - Farmers' market
 - Swap shop of local produce
 - Coffee shop
- Gym
- Library:
 - story time for kids
 - Internet cafe
- Museum / Gallery (3 dots):
 - Museum of village life
 - paintings/photos/crafts/local arts
- Salisbury Plain Adventure Centre (9 dots):
 - local information centre
 - Bunkhouse for walkers (eg. Great Stones Way)
 - Mountain Biking centre