

SUMMARY RESULTS FROM THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 18.5.23

There was an enthusiastic response to the request to say what people like about Alderbury and how they would like to see it improved.

Details are below and the scraps of paper are still with me.

In summary, I would assess the main themes as:

1. Residents really like the existing amenities & facilities in the village and the community created by having these and a range of thriving clubs. Whilst this did not feature as an improvement suggestion, councillors may want to think about how the revenue budget could help support such things.
2. Traffic calming splits the community to some extent. There was little understanding of what 'village gates' might be, and perhaps the cost we quoted made people nervous. There was more support for an additional SID, but not universal.
3. There was a considerable support for developing the playground (new and replacement equipment plus better maintenance) and The Pavilion – perhaps with a youth theme to complement the existing community hub being created by the hall, social club and bowls club.
4. New wildlife developments didn't feature much but maintenance of access to the countryside through footpaths was popular.

DETAILS

We love it!

We want it!

GENERAL	SPECIFIC	Counted comments
Walking & countryside	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Availability • Reopen footpath to river from Home Farm • Footpath maintenance incl. replace stiles with gates for improved access • Develop area near canal for walking 	7 4 4 2
Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good • Provide cheaper transport 	
Amenities for young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need more playground equipment • Better maintenance of playground equipment • Youth worker • Club house eg develop The Pavilion 	4 4
Road safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are village gates? CBA? • Another SID • Mirror at Folly Lane/Lights Lane jnct 	5 3

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic calming generally • Against further traffic calming • Discourage lorries • Raised drains on Firs Road • Better street lighting 	3 3
Village amenities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pub • Church • School • Shops • Library • Snooker table • Broadband improved • Recreation ground • Goal posts • More litter bins emptied more often incl dog bins on walks • Pavements need maintenance • Disabled access path at recreation ground • Village hall • Charging point • Recreation ground 	4 6 2 2 3 3 3
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable housing needed 	
Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various activities, clubs etc • Support introduction of pop up shops/businesses in the village hall 	7
Parish council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective 	2
Allotments	Develop a tree nursery	
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage kerbside recycling • Lights Lane resurfacing • Wildlife projects & green spaces incl community garden, pond & orchard • Support move to solar panels • Drainage at Oakwood Grove pocket park • Smarten up village entrances • Fund support for housemartins & swifts • Help climate crisis eg carbon footprint report • Clean, tidy, quiet village • Living Xmas tree 	4 2 2