

Open Space Questionnaire Results

As agreed at the recent AGM Mary, Peter and Rob have reviewed the Open Space Questionnaires circulated around the Parish which were returned to the shop or Juliet by 30th April 2011. The questionnaires were formulated by the Council in order to provide an indication of where S106 monies could be utilised within the Parish for the electorates benefit and a summary of the responses is provided below.

It should be remembered that at the present time S106 monies within East Devon District Council can only be utilised for play, sports, recreation or leisure activities, though this may change in the future. The questionnaire was divided into 4 sub-sections namely, Play Area, Sports Recreation and Leisure, The Future and Parish Plan and the summary detailed below is again divided within those 4 sub-sections.

It should be noted that while the electorate were invited to provide their contact details the vast majority of questionnaires were returned anonymously. Additionally it should be noted that there appears to be a slight confusion between questions 1, 4 and 6 with the same answers being provided within each question though in formulating this summary each answer has been allocated to each question. Perhaps most importantly in formulating this summary no division has been made between male and female or age groups (unless they were under the age of 3 where the suggestions were not included) and each persons view has been taken into account.

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Summary of the Open Space Questionnaire

- (A) 500 questions were distributed through the Parish.
- (B) 46 forms were returned though 2 were from people to advise they did not wish to comment and therefore 44 forms have been inspected.
- (C) Within the 44 forms 97 individuals expressed their views.

PLAY AREA

Question 1: – Would you like to see capital expenditure for additional equipment/ upgrading in the play area?

The number of people stating Yes to that question was 44 or 45% of the 97 responses.

A sub-question was asked within the questionnaire as follows:- If Yes, what is the piece of equipment and where have you seen it? All the better if you could provide/attach a photo or drawing.

There were many answers to this question and the 4 most popular choices were as follows.

1. Climbing Frame: 9 in number.
2. Zip Wire: 8 in number.
3. The same equipment as at Clyst Heath: 6 in number
4. 3 selections in joint 4th place all of which had 5 votes and they were a roundabout, more seating and general upkeep.

Other suggestions included a trampoline, basket swings, skateboard park, fort, rope swings, concrete pipes for children to crawl through and general gym equipment.

Question 2:- Does the Parish need another play area and if so where?

In response to that question 24 (25%) individuals stated Yes and of those, 18 stated there should be another play area on the Winslade Park side of the Sidmouth Road. 3 individuals suggested we should purchase the field next to the village hall.

Question 3:- Is there a need for disabled apparatus/facilities within the play area with a sub-question asking, if so, were the individuals able to make any suggestions?

16 (16%) individuals stated they felt disabled facilities should be provided but only 2 provided any suggestions. These were that footpaths to and from each individual item within the play area should be created to assist with wheelchairs and the only other suggestion was that outside WC's should be provided within the play area.

SPORTS/RECREATION AND LEISURE

Question 4:- Do you have any ideas for increasing the use of the field and multi-use games area to the rear of the village hall?

This allowed individuals to make any number of comments and the 5 most popular choices were as follows.

1. Build new or alter the existing multi-use games area to a tennis court received 32 requests.
2. The erection of football goals received 18 requests.
3. A cycle track received 6 requests, joint 4th was a hockey pitch or basketball pitch both of which received 5 requests and the 5th create a barbecue area 4 requests.

Other suggestions included a cricket square, a lake, a train track, skateboard park, more seats, a quiet area, a sandpit, a zip wire, water jets, and 2 slightly different suggestions were level the field and allow dogs to use it.

Question 5:- Would you like to see play area/field fences and boundaries improved?

36 individuals stated Yes to this question (37%).

Question 6: - Would you like to see more open spaces in the village or other sports facilities, if so what would they be?

Again individuals were invited to make as many comments as they wished though in fact this question was not answered by many individuals.

The most popular choice was that a nature garden or quiet area should be created and 5 individuals suggested this.

The following suggestions were all made by 2 individuals, a swimming pool, an ice rink, more football facilities and dog friendly areas.

The following suggestions were all made by 1 individual only, a village cricket club, squash court, cycle paths, a wooded area, skateboard park, bowling green.

Question 7: - The football clubs facilities at the lower end of Winslade Park Avenue are used by community groups and the Primary School. Would you like to see these facilities improved?

46 individuals stated Yes to this question (47%).

THE FUTURE

Question 8: - The village hall is currently the only main community building in Clyst St Mary available for social events. Do you feel that the village would benefit from an additional community facility?

25 individuals stated Yes to that question (26%).

Question 9: - Do you feel that the village hall requires an additional room?

30 individuals stated Yes to that question (31%).

Question 9 also had a sub-question asking what do you think the room could be used for.

Again individuals were asked to make as many comments as they wished and the 4 most popular were as follows.

1. Small meeting room 11 in number.
2. General purpose room 4 in number.
3. Sewing/craft 2 in number.
4. Drama, 2 in number.
5. Other suggestions included a book club, dance studio, photography room, short mat bowls and a surgery for MP's or Doctors.

PARISH PLAN

Individuals were requested to provide comment as to what could be incorporated within the council's parish plan in the future. While many comments were provided within the list below, included within the list are comments that individuals made to expand on their answers to the previous questions within the questionnaire.

No more housing – 1 in number.

No gypsy sites – 1 in number.

Cycle routes to Clyst St George and Topsham – 3 in number.

Dog friendly areas – 1 in number.

Dog Bins – 3 in number.

Improved paths to the Cat and Fiddle – 1 in number.

Sports, games and leisure facilities to be based at the football ground – 4 in number.

More notice boards – 1 in number.

No monies to be spent at the football ground – 2 in number.

Open up the football ground for general use – 1 in number.

More seats – 3 in number.

Spend more on allotments – 2 in number.

General services – 2 in number.

Railings on the Sidmouth Road to the Pelican Crossing – 1 in number.

Swimming pool – 1 in number.

Fitness classes in the village hall – 1 in number.

More action against dogs and litter – 1 in number.

Impose speed restrictions – 1 in number.

Indoor sports – skittles, pool, darts etc – 1 in number.