

## Whittingham Parish Council Draft Parish Plan 2022-2025 Public Consultation Survey RESULTS

Whittingham Parish Council published a draft Parish Plan in July 2022 for public consultation. The plan was sent to every household in the parish and this document presents the results of that survey.

Responses are presented in rank order by theme as presented in the draft plan and then as a list of all items. Comments made are presented by theme towards the end of the document and respondent information is given on the last page.

Thematic grouping of comments is to assist readability only.

The results describe the aims and aspirations of the local community and will be used by the council to finalise a new Parish Plan and to guide its work and decision making. It may also be used as the starting point for a Neighbourhood Plan.

Thank you to everyone who participated.

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#### **SURVEY RESULTS - RANKED BY THEME**

| Q | OVERALL VISION FOR THE PARISH   | SCORE |
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| 6 | How important is it to keep the parish and the village rural and a nice place to live?  | 81    |
| 5 | How important is it for the parish to limit development to local need as far as we can, to minimise traffic growth and speed, to prevent the loss of green space, and to minimise noise and dust?   | 79    |
| 3 | How important is it for the parish to be an attractive place, somewhere we can all be proud of and enjoy?   | 76    |
| 7 | How important is it for the parish to ensure supporting infrastructure for existing developments is delivered as promised without driving further unwanted development?   | 73    |
| 8 | How important is it for the parish council to help people of the parish feel informed<br>about what is going on around development and similar activities and to advise how<br>residents can properly influence and shape the future of the area? | 63    |
| 2 | How important is it for the parish to feel inclusive for everyone and for it to be easy for people to become involved?  | 54    |
| 1 | How important is it for the parish to feel like one community, regardless of where people in it live?   | 46    |
| 4 | How important is it for the village area to be the beating heart of the parish, vibrant, active, and a place that nurtures the spirit?  | 44    |
| 9 | How important is it for residents to want to get involved, and actually get involved, in delivering the overall vision of the parish plan?  | 42    |

| Q  | Theme 1 of 6 - ENVIRONMENT  |     |
|----|---|-----|
| 20 | How important is it that we press the Planning Authorities to require new builds to comply with the building standards that exist when building starts, rather than when permission is granted. (These are usually higher)? | 70  |
| 18 | How important is it that we encourage the water company to comment on planning applications before approval?  | 67  |
| 17 | How important is it that we identify green soak-away areas and feed these in to Preston Council planning as no-build areas?   | 65  |
| 11 | How important is it that we clearly identify all parish walks and develop plans to improve access, stiles, signage, benches etc?  | 47  |
| 12 | How important is it that we continue to support the annual festival by asking for volunteers to help?   | 46  |
| 16 | How important is it that we improve the provision and maintenance of waste and dog bins?  | 44  |
| 14 | How important is it that we appoint a 'Lengthsman' to help maintain the parish area?  | 28  |
| 19 | How important is it that we find appropriate partners to advise residents on energy use minimisation?   | 12  |
| 13 | How important is it that we develop plans for the orchard area at the hospital site?  | 9   |
| 15 | How important is it that we enhance the village area so that we can enter the Lancashire Best Kept Village competition?   | 3   |
| 21 | How important is it to provide public toilets in the parish?  | -36 |

| Q  | Theme 2 of 6 - RECREATION, SPORT AND LEISURE   |     |
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| 26 | How important is it that the parish council supports and promotes the Bowling Club, Cricket Club, Tennis Club and other similar groups?                  | 31  |
| 23 | How important is it to provide play facilities and play equipment on the village green for the under 5s?   | 25  |
| 24 | How important is it to for the parish council to support a new building or site for the scouts and other youth organisations?                            | 24  |
| 25 | How important is it that the parish council supports and promotes the activities of the WI, the Heritage Group and similar social / interest groups?     | 18  |
| 29 | How important is it that the parish council supports and promotes projects to re-wild green areas?   | 15  |
| 27 | How important is it that the parish council supports and promotes inter-village activities and competitions to revitalise sport and leisure in the area? | 2   |
| 28 | How important is it that the parish council supports and promotes the provision of allotments?   | -25 |

| Q  | Theme 3 of 6 - CULTURE, COMMUNITY AND SERVICES   |     |
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| 38 | How important is it for the parish council to help enable a regular community Police   | 43  |
|    | presence in the parish?  |     |
| 31 | How important is it that we look at opportunities to restore and re-purpose St John's  | 35  |
|    | Church on the hospital site for community use?   |     |
| 37 | How important is it to increase outreach health and care services in the area?         | 29  |
| 34 | How important is it for there to be better information about what is going on socially | 22  |
|    | in the parish and how people can get involved?   |     |
| 33 | How important do you think it is that we provide support for people in the parish who  | 21  |
|    | may be 'digitally excluded' due to lack of knowledge, equipment or other reasons?      |     |
| 36 | How important is it for us to provide support in the area for victims of child abuse,  | 17  |
|    | domestic violence, human trafficking, homophobia, racism, drug and alcohol misuse      |     |
|    | and other normally unspoken issues?  |     |
| 39 | How important is it to improve the current provision of mobile library services in the | -12 |
|    | parish?  |     |

| Q  | Theme 4 of 6 - EDUCATION, TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT                                    |    |
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| 41 | To what extent is it important for the parish council to explore what can be done to | 44 |
|    | favour local access to local schools?  |    |
| 42 | How important is it that a new primary school is built on the hospital site?         | 38 |
| 45 | To what extent do we need to improve telephone and broadband provision in the        | 22 |
|    | parish to support home working?  |    |
| 43 | To what extent is it important to improve the provision of after-school activities?  | 13 |
| 44 | To what extent is it important for the parish council to try and develop and promote | 4  |
|    | job opportunities in the parish?   |    |

| Q  | Theme 5 of 6 - TRANSPORT   |     |
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| 52 | How important is it to improve the condition of Parish roads?  | 55  |
| 51 | How important is it to try to get enforcement speed cameras installed to reduce speeding in the village area?                                      | 42  |
| 53 | To what extent is it important to improve / enforce parking restrictions outside Goosnargh Post Office to improve safety?                          | 28  |
| 47 | How important is it to improve existing bus services in the area?  | 17  |
| 50 | How important is it to improve the provision of special transport services in the parish for the elderly and disabled?                             | 13  |
| 48 | How important is it to provide a bus service through the new estate?   | -34 |
| 49 | How important is it to provide a bus service along Halfpenny Lane and other areas (please say where in the notes area at the end of this section)? | -50 |

| Q  | Theme 6 of 6 - HOUSING   |    |
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| 60 | To what extent do you think it is important for the parish council to find ways of ensuring that formal Planning Conditions imposed as part of planning permissions are properly enforced?   | 83 |
| 57 | To what extent is it important that Preston Council's new Development Plan is explicit about the volume, location and intended timescale of any new developments to be permitted in the Parish?  | 82 |
| 61 | To what extent is it important for the parish council to find ways of preventing change of use / change of scope / change of scale of developments after planning permission has been granted?   | 81 |
| 59 | To what extent is it important to determine what infrastructure is likely to be needed for future permitted planning levels and to ensure this is considered in all planning applications in the parish without it inadvertently then driving further development?                   | 80 |
| 56 | To what extent do you think it important for the parish council to meet with Preston<br>Council to understand local responses to their 'Call for Sites' and discuss parish views on<br>housing development <u>before</u> the first draft of their new Development Plan is published? | 78 |
| 62 | How important do you think it is that the parish develops a Neighbourhood Plan to give the Parish Council legal powers to influence planning decisions?  | 75 |
| 58 | To what extent is it important that the parish seeks ways to limit permitted planning development to levels of local demand (i.e. for people with a local connection to the area, rather than for speculative development)?  | 72 |
| 55 | To what extent do you think it is important that the parish council develops residents<br>understanding of the new Planning White Paper when it is published?  | 57 |

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#### COMMENTS RE Q10 - OVERALL VISION FOR THE PARISH

#### **Roads and Transport**

I don't drive and don't have need to travel to the village living within walking distance of all of Longridge and so cannot comment on the state or future of the parish. I don't consider my home to be part of the parish given the distance and poor walkability of the route and would prefer to be able to vote in elections at the school 5 minutes away rather than having to catch the bus and adding an hour to the journey time.

Cycle path from new estate onto Halfpenny Lane.... No footpath.... Cycle enrages straight into the road... hit by vehicle = fatality. The speed of traffic in general on Halfpenny Lane is inane.

Huge concerns for speeding cars and motorcycles through the village. Someone is going to get killed sooner or later. Road conditions are also appalling and will only get worse with more development. The noise and dust is terrible from the housing developments despite them "cleaning" the roads with a sweeper. The parked cars outside the post office and row of houses is also a concern as I've witnessed people miss the red light at the junction because of distractions and trying to get past the cars quickly.

#### Development

We recognise it's a struggle to create a beating heart when there is no parish church, village hall, pubs or meeting places. We are not Goosnargh, therefore the challenge is to create a heart for the parish. The new development does make the parish feel less rural but less rural doesn't make it a less attractive place to live.

We would be horrified if the parish joined neighbouring parishes as part of a large conurbation. We believe injecting local infrastructure alongside the new development is critical.

There has been an extensive amount of new developments. We need to be extremely careful we do not lose the "village feel". There is too much building in the area and we need to minimise this for future developments otherwise we will become a town.

New housing needs to be in keeping with the rural setting

It is very important that Whittingham and Goosnargh retain their rural village identity and do not become overdeveloped.

Please stop the continuing housing and developments.... there isn't sufficient infrastructure as it is!

The infrastructure is the responsibility of third parties. It is for them to get it right, it should not need the parish council to hold them to account.

In terms of development, no further building should take place on green land until the Whittingham Hospital site is fully developed and all houses are sold.

The village green requires full drainage to make it more usable on a year round basis.

The highways must be maintained to a better standard rather than the quick fix process that requires further fixing within months.

A new scout hut is required within the village which should be funded by developers.

Best kept village - before entering, the weeds just outside properties need to be controlled or removed. The community must be involved . Dead weeds are classed as litter. Sorry, this should come under the Environment Section.

There should be no more development given the go-ahead in this area.

The village - a rural community - has been destroyed forever by far too much "urban sprawl".

Normal housing developments with the infrastructure in place.

New building work has already destroyed the Parish

Limit new housing without improved local infrastructure as promised.

Please stop ALL future development and also review previous consents since developers have been land banking to ensure continuous house building.

It's very important that people are well informed prior to any development in the village.

Lack of facilities for young people are a concern

Lived in village for 70+ years. Sad to say but has never seen the village look so bad. No longer proud to live here.

#### About the Plan / the Council

I hope this is achieved.

We are very supportive

Offers of help & involvement should be welcome. Bear in mind not all residents are able to get involved. Individual differences should be respected

Parish council do their best but would like to see more proactivity & empowerment

I think the parish is large enough at the present to be workable and yet to still have that feel.

To sustain an overall cohesion, so we can support each other going in same or similar direction

### **Comments Re Q22 - Theme 1 of 6 – ENVIRONMENT**

#### Drainage / Flooding

Many road drains are full of silt and completely blocked causing road safety concerns and possible flooding during prolonged heavy rainfall.

They are already having problems with the sewerage on the estate of Goosnargh Lane. Why don't they listen to people from the village that know this would happen?

We live at the Longridge end of the Parish. The past few years have seen massive changes in the brook running through our property. At times of heavy rain it can reach 17ft deep.

#### Walks / Pathways

We believe we have lost opportunities here to insist that existing pathways are not allowed to be wasted by the developers, e.g. the path running alongside the old hospital cemetery has been removed.

a) There is a good network of footpaths - many are underused due to no signpost / waymarking and being blocked up. b) Green soakaway areas should not be developed on. c) What would a Lengthsman do and who funds it?

Despite work to improve walks in Whittingham they are still inaccessible along the entire length where it crosses over to Goosnargh, needs co-ordination between the two parishes

There are a lot of damaged and dangerous styles on public footpath in the parish and surrounding areas these need improving because injuries could occur people put off doing some other attractive walks.

Question 11 all footpaths are clearly marked on ordinance survey maps no need for more size if we want a rural village.

#### Roads

Why does it take 3 vehicles / 5 men to patch the road? When I pointed out another hole a few yards away, they said they could only do what was on their paperwork which they admitted made them look silly (oh dear). I suggested they gave me a shovel full of tarmac and I would put it in but they wouldn't do that.

#### **Environment / Habitat**

The Whittingham orchard is a wild area providing valuable habitats for many creatures. I am very concerned that any plans for its use will destroy its natural beauty and all the benefits of having a re-wilded area available for the delight and education of future generations.

As building has developed, it is increasingly important to respect the environment. We do not wish to become another large estate or town that gets "lost" and loses its identity.

Keep the village nice and tidy and everyone will tend to care for it more.

Please tackle the constant occurrences of outside burning in the parish. Warnings and education to public.

Q15 (best kept village) - needs everyone to work together

Re q15: It's important to enhance the village but that shouldn't be linked to Best kept village

Responsible action - not the encouragement of cutting stock-proof fencing, transmission of bird 'flu and spread of Covid via hand contact which currently is condoned.

"Best kept village" spoilt by urban sprawl.

Plant more trees on the green Perhaps name the tree Wildlife game for children

A Lengthsman would be good for the village

Whittingham orchard - How many residents are aware of the orchard and its history it is one of the oldest in the county and could be a great addition to the village maybe Whittingham cider, plenty of local Brewers.

Existing orchard is owned by the health authority & should be protected as it has rare species. It's the largest one in Lancashire. There would be safeguarding issues if it were to become community based.

Question 14 a Lengthsman must carry out work on Rural Road's drains, styles, overhanging vegetation and junctions not just around houses and villages.

Ensuring households maintain boundary hedges so that they do not encroach on to the pavements which in some areas are already very narrow. Particularly on Goosnargh Lane and Whittingham Lane.

It would be beneficial to the village if a Lengthsman was appointed as is seen in other local villages, also an increase in waste and dog bins, specifically as there has been an increase in dog waste in the village.

What duties would a Lengthsman undertake? What responsibilities will home owners have re overgrown hedges etc and weeks invading public footpaths around the village (re Lancs. best village)

Re 14 & 15, very overgrown hedges and trees / plants reducing the width of footpaths so difficulties for pedestrians with need to step off on to road if cars are parked. Areas by shop are very neglected. I still have copies of Whittingham numbers 1-6 publication published by WH environmental group (inspired

by local residents), also the heritage trail.

#### **Development / infrastructure**

I'm amazed there are not more vigorous checks on applications before building is granted, this needs to be tightened up and further building restricted.

I suspect public toilets generally attract undesirable people and may cause social issues in the long run. That said, it would be good to have this facility for walkers, cyclists, etc. but it would need locking up overnight and cleaning regularly in order for this facility to be a long term benefit and kept in good order.

There is far too much development of new homes without any provision of much needed additional facilities ... doctors, clinics, schools, road maintenance, speed reduction implementation

Question 20 (compliance with building standards)I don't see the issue here. Planning permissions have to be implemented within three years of being granted so there won't be a significant derogation of standards in that time. The planning authorities don't have any power to revisit permissions anyway after they have been granted. Question 11 The public's right of way notices need maintenance. They are an excellent facility but many are not used due to bad maintenance. signage being overgrown and damaged styles etc..

Prevent developers from destroying beautiful centuries old trees.

#### Facilities

Very expensive to maintain a public toilet and where would it be built??

The continued use of volunteers to litter pick should be strongly encouraged and supported.

Dog bins are currently good and emptied regularly.

Walking round the village can be difficult with stiles in fields often surrounded by mud and areas where cattle have made this uneven. However I miss the path through Whittingham and going back further to the duck pond. I feel efforts should be to the developers to provide walkways and reinstate the lost paths as this allowed prams, wheelchairs to be able to go on a walk. In addition it was free of farm animals which in other areas of the parish can be quite scary.

Improving the orchard is only one part, it needs a better, more friendly access to make people consider it part of the village.

Public toilets will end up as a money pit to maintain.

Households have to recycle waste in our bins, so why have a separate bin for plastics - everywhere in Great Britain - just not here? More reservoirs are needed across Britain too.

Public toilets apart from being useful can provide an unsavoury hanging out place.

Re q21: Providing public toilet could be decisive in terms of specific location & ongoing maintenance - what is demand? - is a survey needed to assess demand?

Perhaps the toilets at the village hall could be made public.

Could do with dog waste bins near Whittingham Hospital drive & Henry Littler Way.

Good to have access to toilets for people that are walking.

Public toilets would be expensive to maintain & prone to damage

To keep the village green safe to play safely, maintain the grass areas on the green by cutting it regularly. Dogs - people to clean up + not leave dirty used bags of dog dirt around the bushes and dumped anywhere. Disgusting.

#### Other

No comments as long as this does not impinge on farming.

Some Dog owners are a problem, letting off lead when they shouldn't. Smokers discarding butt ends are annoying

The parish council does have existing empowerment to promote countryside & leisure activity that helps fitness, enjoyment & mental health. There are relatively low cost measures but there seems to be too much bureaucratic impediments to actually getting these benefits done

I would like the removal of advertising boards flyers etc to be taken down from lamp post after the event has passed such as the road closure sign that is still up advertising of road closure for walking day on fourth June. It is still up now one month on things like that make the area look in tidy. Whoever puts them up beforehand should be responsible for removing them after the event.

# Comments Re Q30 - Theme 2 of 6 – RECREATION, SPORT & LEISURE

#### **Open Space**

New park should be made on the Whittingham park new build area.

I don't think we need anything else on the park for under 5's, I think it is a brilliant park already and I have a 2 year old. Best park by far, just need to look after it as it already is being.

We need to maintain and create further recreation areas for the younger people. The redevelopment of the existing Whittingham club bowls etc is a welcome development. However, we do not want to over develop such areas.

I believe play areas on the village green are important for all our children and I would support any improvements.

There has been an increase in the amount of dog owners who let the animals off lead on the green to run around I think the green should be for people to play and picnic on I think a football net would be welcome for people of all ages to have a kickabout

#### Rewilding

I think the surrounding fields and countryside covers the wild environment box and I would prefer tidy well cut and maintained green areas to keep down insects and pollen issues.

Where would re-wilding take place? Whose land and by what mechanisms other than DEFRA and developing ELM policies?

Better to rewild than build on but use the rewilding towards education, helping children and young people to understand why these areas are necessary & keeping it managed.

Rewilding is vital for our future

Could landowners be persuaded to rewild some fields.

Area where new school is proposed could there be more trees planted there

Question 29 We want green areas to look tidy not an overgrown mess.

More support & involvement should be done to improve & preserve the area. Re wilding, tree planting, safe countryside walking are all low cosy measures

Support and promote re-wilding if it prevents more house building.

#### **Gardens and Allotments**

Personally, I wouldn't use an allotment but if there is a demand for this, I wouldn't object.

Allotments - most people in the village have their own gardens and for them this is not high on their priorities.

Allotments would be good but not aware of a designated site for this purpose.

Re 28 (allotments), most people have gardens in the area, capable of growing vegetables!

Allotments would be good as food prices are increasing and they are also valuable for people's mental health

There used to be a gardens group held in the Methodist Chapel. Groups to visit (e.g. Highgrove (Prince Charles home) and similar gardens of interest. Maybe could take over / adopt the garden in front of the village shops.

#### Facilities

As the Scout Hut is now decrepit...we will lose all scouts if there is no replacement found

It is important to have leisure facilities provided they are well used ...we are in our dying years so for us it's not important.

Areas that are safe for family cycling. Fulwood area has got shared space pavements

More cycle routes are needed

Can we have all weather football pitch & basketball nets for our youths

Tennis club always looks empty, could do with new approach to get people interested. Could we have a children cricket strip on the green

Sporting facilities should not be supported financially if they are private clubs.

I think that more support should go to groups that support children to keep families in the village and maintain a vibrant age demographic. I'm not sure how many would take up the sports, though I remember the great sports days on the village Green

There is a danger the future of the cricket field will be overlooked given the concentration of new sports and social development around Whittingham, club. The parish plan must make sure the cricket ground does not close down with being out on a limb and open to vandalism and trespass. See my comments on the environment.

Idea for fitness / exercise equipment for all ages placed around the edges of the village green (seen at Catterall VH Grounds.

Clubs and societies arise and continue on the enthusiasm of members. 'Official' support for some groups can distort the real viability of those groups

We live in a heritage rich area with no designated space to store & show items relating to the heritage of the area

# Comments Re Q32 - Theme 3 of 6 – CULTURE, COMMUNITY & SERVICES – St John's Church Site

What would you like to see happen to the St John's Church site at the old hospital?

*Please note: there was a problem with the electronic form which prevented respondents adding multiple selections. The following results should therefore be taken as a rough indication only.* 

| Youth activities, scout hut and similar | 93 |
|---|----|
| Café / restaurant                       | 56 |
| Crafting workshop                       | 33 |
| Other                                   | 24 |
| Residential                             | 22 |

Other uses suggested / comments included:

- Not suitable (for youth activities) as too close to secure unit and half way house
- Doctor's surgery / playschool / dentist / library
- Heritage centre
- Should be something for the community
- Multipurpose
- This has great potential to provide a central community site accessible to everyone, e.g. just like the village hall at Chipping
- I think it would be prudent to make good use of facilities and buildings we already have in the community before investing heavily on St Johns. I guess it's a listed building but would expect it needs a huge amount of money spending on it to bring it up to standard for public use. We do have great spaces at the village hall and at Whitty club which I imagine are available for children's groups, social events and crafting activities. May be some investment in the tennis club would be advantageous to encourage new participants.
- St. John's could also provide much needed meeting spaces for local groups.
- A cafe would be great but the priority should be for the youth groups.
- St Johns church would be very expensive to maintain and would be a millstone for whatever community group got involved in utilising it.
- The costs to make something of the church will be significant but should really be investigated. Perhaps Homes England could put it into a more suitable condition before gifting it to the Parish Council for ongoing running and maintenance.
- When the renovation of St Johns church was considered many years ago, it proved to be costly. The church is propped up inside by scaffolding to support the unsafe roof. Though it would be a great idea to re-purpose it for village needs, wouldn't it need a hefty grant to accomplish this?
- Support all the options except residential. All the others are consistent with a multi-use community hub

# Comments Re Q35 - Theme 3 of 6 – CULTURE, COMMUNITY & SERVICES – Provision of Information

If you think there needs to be better information about what is going on socially and how to get involved, what would be the best way for this to be done?

Items marked with \* include multiple suggestions and are replicated in each section.

#### Texts or post

Could people join a register which either texts them or posts info if no internet, for older people Blog for tech savvy folk. Flyers/handbook for those not\*

#### **Notice Boards**

A designated Notice Board and someone responsible to keep it updated? Outside village hall, or Post Office? Not everyone is on Facebook or twitter.

A notice board which is in a good area and kept very up to date with clear information.

Adding a notice board to the Facebook page and outside the village hall\*

Additional notice boards around new housing areas. Facebook / village hall via church notice boards and church magazine / shops.

Leaflet drop/posters. Community board \*

Advertise on village billboards & at The Grapes & Stag pubs and on Facebook of Your Goosnargh\*

Electronic and notice board at village hall \*

More Parish notice boards.

Notice board and village website\*

Notice board. Place on the Nextdoor app\*

Notice boards

Notice boards and great use of the website that someone set up. Facebook is doing quite well too.

Notice boards, village hall, shops

Notice in Post Office

Online information. More notice boards\*

Online. Specific notice board\*

On-line. Central information point with handouts\*

Parish website and parish notice board.\*

Parish website, public notice board / posters in shops, pubs, bus stops\*

Public notices, posters, online presence\*

Up to date social media posts and parish notice boards kept current \*

Website noticeboard and Facebook.\*

#### Website

A village website

A website would be very useful.

A website/Facebook page would be great.

Blog for tech savvy folk. Flyers/handbook for those not\*

Electronic and notice board at village hall \*

Notice board and village website\*

Parish website and parish notice board.\*

Parish website, public notice board / posters in shops, pubs, bus stops\*

Public notices, posters, online presence\*

#### Facebook / Social Media

Advertise on village billboards & at The Grapes & Stag pubs and on Facebook of Your Goosnargh\* Adding a notice board to the Facebook page and outside the village hall\* A website/Facebook page would be great\* Facebook and leaflets\* Notice board. Place on the NextDoor app\* Facebook and other social media and regular leaflets\* Facebook, notices at the village hall and at the shops.\* Local leaflets drops Social media \* Leaflet drop and post the event on Your Goosnargh Facebook site\* Leaflets, social media, posters\* More flyers posted as well as on Facebook Monthly newsletter emailed out? \* Online information. More notice boards\* Online. Specific notice board\* On-line. Central information point with handouts\* Social media Social media. Newsletters available at post office etc for residents not using social media.\* Up to date social media posts and parish notice boards kept current \* Use Your Whittingham. Website noticeboard and Facebook.\* Whittingham Facebook Page. Parish Facebook page Your Goosnargh on fb.

#### Email

| Email                        |
|------------------------------|
| Email shot or Instagram post |
| Email, Newsletter or app *   |
| Probably by email            |

#### Newsletter / Leaflets

Email, Newsletter or app \*

Face to face communication or standard letter that could go to new people in the area to let them know about things.

Facebook and leaflets\*

Facebook and other social media and regular leaflets\*

Facebook, notices at the village hall and at the shops.\*

Flyers through doors as not everyone uses local shops to see notices as you are aware not everyone has access to digital communication.

Flyers through residents houses.

Include it in the regular newsletter and noticeboard. Also use online communities to spread information. \*

Leaflets

Leaflet drop/posters. Community board \*

Local leaflets drops Social media \*

Leaflets, social media, posters\*

Leaflet drop and post the event on Your Goosnargh Facebook site\*

Marketing and flyers.

More flyers posted as well as on Facebook

Monthly newsletter emailed out? \*

More posters and a dedicated, prominent place for the parish council noticeboard e.g. the village hall exterior front wall

Mr Curtis (now moved away) used to produce a very informative 'hard copy' newsletter.

Newsletter

Newsletter posted to residents

Newsletters

Parish newsletter

Parish noticeboard. 3/4 are needed in the village

Posters and flyers through the door.

Posters in local shops, pubs and village hall. This gives the opportunity to read it if you want but you don't have to if you want a quiet life.

Posters in public spaces e.g. post office, shops, lampposts

Put details of where and when organisations meet & contacts on the Parish Council newsletters.

Social media. Newsletters available at post office etc for residents not using social media.\*

St Mary's have produced a folder containing flyers & info for various groups/activities - needs extending to wider community

Via emails or WhatsApp groups. Local magazine at £1 per week.

Village letters monthly, posted to houses around the village.

#### **General Comments**

Improved communication through many media types

In order to reach all sectors of the community different forms of media will need to be deployed including social media, notice boards (village hall, Stags Head etc), local free publication magazines, and even collaboration with local shops and merchants to display relevant notices.

Information displayed in shops/pubs and on a local community website/Facebook.

Not all people are on social media a mixture of social and newsletter to give people options.

No information had been provided when the roads were closed due to the Queens Jubilee. This caused issues. The town doesn't include everyone, send clear and concise leaflets explaining upcoming events

Often find I find out about events & news after they have happened

Open day maybe at Whittingham Club

Personally (and you might have one already that I don't know about) but a local website with all the news and events on would help

The Your Goosnargh page is informative but not everyone has access to a computer

#### Mentions

| Newsletters / leaflets  | 31 |
|-------------------------|----|
| Notice board            | 22 |
| Facebook / Social Media | 22 |
| Texts or posts          | 2  |
| Website                 | 9  |

## Comments Re Q40 - Theme 3 of 6 – CULTURE, COMMUNITY & SERVICES – General Comments

Consider village hall use for community gym

Police presence in the Village would be welcomed if they concentrate on real crime and not suggestions from the Councillors.

We are too ancient for our opinions to matter.

To make the Whittingham walks path surfaced so they can be used all year. Also a concessionary path along Mill Lane.

Re. q36: (support in the area for victims of child abuse, domestic violence, human trafficking, homophobia, racism, drug and alcohol misuse and other normally unspoken issues?) although important, the support has to be meaningful not tokenistic (latter may exacerbate the problem / issue).

Re q36:Numbers on q36 could go on the Parish Council newsletters.

Re Q36: is this not LCC

Something for everyone.

### Comments Re Q46 - Theme 4 of 6 - EDUCATION, TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT

#### **Phones and Broadband**

Please can we hold the developers to account for how appalling the broadband and mobile phone signal is in the local development

Internet is awful, not up to the standard required for modern day living

Crucial to have good Broadband when working from home.

Broadband upgrade is needed desperately.

The mobile telephone service throughout the parish is very poor and urgently needs to be addressed. Computer / mobile phone satellites need to be strengthened.

We have incredibly poor broadband access. It was almost impossible to work from home during lockdown,

Mobile 'phone and broadband provision need to be improved for ALL activities in the 21st century - not just home working!

Poor internet signal, paid extra for home working as signal is very bad

Broadband is still bad in some areas.

Re. q45 (phone and broadband): I assume phone will include mobile phone signal issues for some the signal is non-existent and not everyone can afford a smart phone such that they can access Wi-Fi enabled calling.

#### Schools

q 42 (re new primary school) should be driven by LCC forecasting and not visceral perception

Building a school for the new development is welcome. However, we do not wish to over develop which in turn will encourage further building in the area.

Assuming that the 2 existing primary schools are operating at full capacity, it seems sensible to build a new school following the building developments.

I fully back up any improvements on broadband and communications for the area, it is vital in this day and age.

Every school has a rigid Entry Requirement policy...the council will have little say.

The "New Estate" on the West side of Church Lane cannot access Superspeed Broadband...so working from home is difficult. Needs upgrading.

Not sure of the current demand on primary schools, however we need families to be able to use local schools. Broadband is important too, as this is a factor when people choose where to live and work.

Additional education facilities are of paramount importance to this community

Primary schools - The present schools are already full and a new school on the hospital site was envisaged - will be vital if a further 900 homes are going to be built.

Q 42 - Assuming 900 houses provide for young families and current schools should not be disadvantaged, there MAY be a need for a primary school.

If more houses are being built, we need a primary school to accommodate all the extra people to the area.

Local primary schools are rarely over-subscribed. Need more availability in high schools in area as most are over subscribed

New primary school on Whittingham site

Space available to expand Goosnargh Oliversons school

New primary school will never get built.

We need more local education & practical travel Ming opportunities for older people e.g. adult evening classes for first aid, defibrillator, IT, keep fit.

New school may be too near the medium secure unit - guild lodge. Safety of children is VERY IMPORTANT.

With the increase in houses, the local population will increase and therefore a new infant / junior school should be built on the Whittingham site.

Question 43. We are paying enough rates and taxes to fund schools/Make school day longer.

#### Employment

Question 44. It is not the parish council's job to promote jobs.

I would like part of the land allocated for housing at the hospital site to be changed to employment uses. 400 the 900 proposed houses have already been developed or are under construction. Reduce the outstanding 500 properties to share 200 and develop the remaining land for employment usage. There has been no interest in building the remaining houses yet from developers for the outstanding 500

Q 44 (*re promoting job opportunities*) Is there provision for SME units in the parish / city planning policies?

It would be interesting to know where new house owners travel to their employment. What effect has resulted o schools / GPs / dentists etc in our area. What future employment is suggested in Preston to warrant even more journeys (i.e. to the M6 motorway). Environmentally poor,

Question 45. Lots of improved technology available to source - not parish councils job.

#### Other

If more houses are being built, we need a doctors' surgery. What's happening about the war graves in the cemetery?

### **Comments Re Q54 - Theme 5 of 6 - TRANSPORT**

#### Around the Post Office

There should be double yellow lines outside the post office. There is a lot of congestion on the junction of church Lane and Whittingham Lane due to people parking outside the post office.

There are no yellow lines just past the post office, so vehicles will still park there and may upset local residents and just move the issue further down the road.

Why do cars park outside the homes further along from the post office. Anyone stopping at the post office is a short brief stop. Residents park on the road and cause major traffic at school times and busy times

Reduce speed to 20mph through village post sign no parking enforce fines at Post Office. The area at junction and crossing a risk look at relocation of crossing

Q53 - Regarding parking outside the Post Office you can't park on the single yellow line between 8am and 6pm. It simply needs enforcing as it causes huge traffic issues in the morning and at 4pm.

I live near the PO and the parking outside has become a significant risk to public safety with the footpath past 880 often blocked by vehicles parking on the kerb. I've also seen large delivery vans parked fully on the pavement outside the PO. On the upside, vehicles park on the road alongside the terrace helps with traffic calming.

The post office parking is an accident waiting to happen, drivers get frustrated waiting for oncoming vehicles and I have witnessed reckless driving due to parked cars. I do think people could make better use of the car parks opposite and at the Stags and this should be enforced to keep the main road free.

Although parking outside the post office can be frustrating for both drivers and pedestrians I am not aware of any incidents involving injury that have occurred. If no parking were enforced in this location would it have to be extended to the whole length of the Whittingham Lane terrace? Indeed, in view of some of the excessive speeds that have been recorded it could be argued that parking in this location becomes a de facto traffic calming measure.

The parking at the post office does slow the traffic down...but cars travelling from Longridge side often overtake when they should give way to oncoming traffic.

There would have to be an agreement with the Stags to use the car park freely as the car park outside the shops is inadequate.

Parking outside the shop creates an unnecessary backlog of traffic around the central junction of the village. This typically occur around peak times where there are children of all ages gathering and walking to schools. Introducing a double yellow line will remove this issue.

Speeding on Whittingham Lane and parking outside the PO are significant issues which need to be addressed.\*

Most parking outside the Post Office is more correctly described s loading - someone going in to buy something then coming straight out, hence the yellow line has limited affect.

There should be no parking at all outside Goosnargh Post Office except for deliveries to Londis/Post Office. This is a dangerous and heavily congested junction in close proximity to a well used pedestrian crossing. Often the parked cars using the Post Office/Londis obstruct the pedestrian crossing.

We have an amazing post office but traffic can get ridiculous outside it and is an accident waiting to happen. I think it needs double yellow lines. Plenty of parking on the Stags Car Park which is safer. This is a difficult one. What is the alternative, pub car park?

Put double yellow lines outside the Post Office in Goosnargh. It's terrible trying to get in or out of Church Lane onto Whittingham Lane.

Q53 (around the PO) - Need a concessionary parking scheme on the Stags Head car park for the post office & shops

Designated car park would perhaps improve things.

The parked cars outside the Post Office actually slows cars down. If restrictions were enforced some other "slowing down" measures need to be put in place otherwise many drivers would speed straight through the village. The present bottleneck is a nuisance, but not actually a real danger.

Blue badge parking outside Post Office

Re. q53: Be aware that if parking restrictions outside Post Office are enforced, this will disadvantage those with mobility issues who are unable to walk any great distance (with / without parcels). The retail side of the P.O. will undoubtedly see a much-reduced footfall.

Regarding q53, (*near the PO*) cars park so far onto the pavement making it difficult for elderly people and people with young children walking or crossing. Also, traffic waiting to get through quite often park right across the crossing. OK for loading / offloading goods deliveries as long as not obstructing narrow pavement.

But where would people park if not outside the Post Office?

Stags Head car park is not a public car park but the management currently permit "public" parking.

Parking restrictions & limited parking reduces footfall for businesses

Parking restrictions outside post office long overdue

Several parking spaces lost when Tapntales introduced outside seating. Residents parking outside own homes does not help

Too many cars and vans parking roadside not just outside post office but also church lane ample parking for short transactions to take place post office chip shop chemist and all local shops.

The perpetual line of cars outside the post office is becoming dangerous hazard also the line of cars that are illegally parked lower down from the post office a bad accident is waiting to happen.

Customers using the post office have to park. Bigger problem is all parked cars after post office, because they cause most of the congestion around post office.

Pavements need addressing e.g. from Beacon drive towards the PO atrocious for anyone walking. Vehicles also mount pavement because of the cars parked on the opposite side

It's not about parking restrictions it's about traffic reduction, need to divert all these trucks away

Address the parking areas in front of the houses on the terrace after the post office.

Educating drivers on the Highway Code would've more use than restrictions of parking.

Police thoughts have always been that parking outside Post Office helps to slow traffic.

#### Speed Control

I think it is only Goosnargh lane which needs some improvement of the roads

There needs to be some speed control on Whittingham lane. People do not drive at the appropriate speed and some seem to think it is a 60 speed zone and even more than this.

As a Whittingham lane resident of 35yrs I am extremely concerned that speeding traffic on Whittingham lane has drastically increased during the last few years. The stretch of road from Henry Littler way to Camforth Hall is particularly affected by vehicles regularly travelling in excess of the 30MPH limit. Drastic action is needed to ensure vehicles travel within the speed limit.

There are too many instances of vehicles driving in excess of the 30mph speed limit down Whittingham lane but specifically around the central junction around the Goosnargh shops. A static speed camera (after the stags head) would stop motorists gaining speed through the more populated areas. Due to the length of this stretch of road, this should be a high priority area.

Speeding on Whittingham Lane and parking outside the PO are significant issues which need to be addressed.\*

Speed cameras seem excessive. Maybe speed bumps could be an option on the heavy trafficked areas that are in question.

Average speed cameras are becoming increasingly necessary throughout this community. So many drivers are flagrantly ignoring speed limits, and block pavements by inconsiderate parking. We are degenerating into a lawless, uncaring society.

Roads - Speeding enforcement must be effective in reducing car speeds, especially on Whittingham Lane. Average speed cameras should be placed in & out of village

Permanent GATSO speed cameras needed in both directions along Cumeragh Lane. Underground power supply will have to be installed!! When loaded with flashgun and camera, GATSO will catch the 70mph+

speeders at night when there is a significant problem.

There has to be more speed reduction along Cumeragh Lane into Whittingham. Traffic slowing techniques and yes to enforcing parking restriction outside the Post Office - it is dangerous,

Whittingham lane is very busy. Walking children to school is scary. Not enough room on narrow kerbs. Very near to traffic. Average speed camera needed.

More speed cameras needed & in different places. People get used to them being in sane area

Need speed cameras. pavements need to be fit for purpose. Vehicles too near very narrow footpaths

Speeding is an issue on Goosnargh Lane, Whittingham Lane but would also suggest that Church Lane is also monitored as the speed of some vehicles is absolutely ridiculous and is an accident waiting to happen.

Re speeding, this problem has been going on for so long without a satisfactory solution. Is there anywhere in Lancashire who have solved a similar problem. How did this happen?

I feel it is extremely important to have some sort of speed camera traffic calming measures on Whittingham Lane particularly past Henry Littler Way as cars just seem to see an open road there and put their foot down. I walk on Whittingham Lane at least twice a day and it's astonishing the speed that people go at. Leading up towards Longridge

Speed cameras are only effective within their range - speeding drivers will continue to do so wherever they wish

Need to monitor traffic for speeding especially down Whittingham Lane

#### Public Transport

q 47 (re bus services) bears more research - subsidised bus services are expensive

As the village population ages, I believe a regular bus service to Preston and Longridge for shopping, doctors, etc. is vital. I do not know what the population split is but I would support a better bus service generally.

Some buses should travel along Whittingham lane rather than them all going along Goosnargh Lane

Public transport should be improved all over the country, linking back roads and remote villages, especially if we are to give up cars and become a greener environment.

I would catch the bus into Preston town centre if there was a stop between the Stags Head and the stop just before the motorway bridge. I live roughly halfway between so would have a long walk to either existing stop.

Reinstate the bus service down Whittingham Lane

A bus service is vital for the village - 7 days a week

There needs to be a quicker bus service from Goosnargh into Preston one that doesn't go via Woodplumpton.

Using the buses should be encouraged to keep the service going and helps reduce cars on the road. Ideal for hospital appointments as parking is bad there.

Re q49 (bus routes): Whittingham Lane needs AT LEAST equal share of buses as Goosnargh Lane - higher population of residents etc; residents in middle of Whittingham Lane have a half-mile walk to nearest bus stop and the road is much more suited to bus traffic.

Buses need to run alternately down Whittingham Lane & Goosnargh lane

Current bus service is good

The bus services are very good. I use them a lot to get to Royal Preston Hospital, Preston and Longridge despite being a car owner. Try to incentivise bus usage for the climate as well as Road congestion. It would also create more employment opportunities within the village (hospital land) would reduce the need to commute.

The improved bus service is better but would be good to have a late bus Friday & Saturday diff those who don't have cars to be able to go other places socially

The Sunday morning bus service is terrible. My daughters start at 11am and the only bus they can get is the 45 at 8:45 getting to bus station at 9:17 - 1 hour 43 mins before they start. Either more services or bring the 10:45 bus earlier to arrive before 10:50. Also the prices on the buses seem expensive and can't use any of the Preston weekly passes

Reinstate railway line to Preston via Longridge and Grimsargh. Park and ride a Whittingham hospital for the train, staff and public. Easier than the bus. Reducing road use.

It would be nice to return bus provision as it was 50 years ago when bus alternately went down Church Lane and Whittingham Lane, especially as more houses are being built on Whittingham Lane between village and Broughton.

#### Roads

Q52 (condition of roads)- The roads are awful and need a lot of attention.

Temporary traffic lights should be limited. There's been times I've gone through 3 sets of them just to get from the stags head to Aldi in Longridge.

Pot holes and resurfacing of Goosnargh Land needs to be done following the heavy traffic using the road when Whittingham Lane was closed. Also construction vehicles for the development of Goosnargh Lane clearly damaged road surfaces.

Cars parking on the road down Halfpenny Lane are a hazard to cars and pedestrians. Whilst a bus service may be useful it would only add to the problems especially at the Inglewhite Road end.

Re. q52: Please also consider the condition of the pavements - some are now lethal and it's safer to walk on the road.

Existing rural roads were not designed for the current and future traffic resulting from endless housing developments with 2+ cars per household

There are a lot of local cyclists. Cycle friendly measures are important making it easier to cycle to school helping to reduce traffic

#### Mentions

| Around the post office | 35 |
|------------------------|----|
| Speed control          | 19 |
| Public transport       | 18 |
| Roads                  | 6  |

### Comments Re Q63 - Theme 6 of 6 - HOUSING

#### **Development Levels**

It feels like Goosnargh and Whittingham have had their share of new housing and they should concentrate on getting the infra-structure right that has been promised already. I do support the Parish Council to have a say in all matters related to building developments.

The parish council worked very well to help halt the recently rejected planning applications, along with the Whittingham and Goosnargh against overdevelopment group. Keep up the good work.

We have great concerns about the amount of development in the parish which does not enhance the local rural areas or improve the quality of life for existing residents.

I think that completing the development on brownfield sites should be completed so we can get back walkways and removal of the rubble and mess from those areas within the hospital area. Greenfield areas should be protected.

The brake needs to be applied to any further development in this area.

The Planners are ruining the countryside, and Whittingham Parish is rapidly becoming an extension of Preston. From rural to urban in one fell swoop.

Developments should be limited to brownfield sites and not built on greenfield sites as has been the case recently. The Parish Council should do all it can to influence Preston City Council regarding this.

Any way to stop new build housing developments in the area. The feel of the village is changing and not for the better!

No more development should be permitted on green field sites. Following the completion of the Barratt development on the old Whittingham Hospital site any further development should be halted and a feasibility study undertaken into the viability of converting the remainder of the old hospital site into a nature reserve.

We do not want any more houses!! Whittingham lane is like the M6 in the morning. It is no longer a small village. It will be joining Fulwood if Preston Council get there way.

People in their 20s and 30s would like to buy / rent in the area so I think people shouldn't have second homes. Also, over 55s are given more help than first time buyers for some strange reason. Why are youngsters not helped?

Plenty of discussion on development but not enough on conservation.

No more development in the village.

Already too many new houses - traffic is a problem

The village should remain a village - too many new builds already

I don't see why development should be limited to only local levels of demand. If every parish council takes that line know or very little housing will be developed. There is a need for more affordable housing in the area generally. The planning White Paper has been superseded by the levelling up and planning bill.

Any more houses and we will be a town not a village.

Coordinate planning with Preston and Ribble Valley at Longridge edge of Parish.

Ridiculous to name new developments such as "The Meadows", "The Park", "The Orchard" when they DESTROY the very environment they so say promote.

There should now be restrictions on further development - this IS a village

Provided that the existing permissions contain a high proportion of really affordable housing there is little need for further Greenfield releases in the next 20 years switch some of the outstanding housing land at the hospital to employment use offices or light industry.

Anymore building will turn this village into town.

Too many agreed developments already.

By far the most important issue affecting the local area and destroying its rural village feel. services and infrastructure struggling to cope with endless development

#### Planning Influence

Parish council & locals are complete powerless

We should have a plan like Broughton

We need a parish plan to help identify what the future will be. Without one we will continue to be at the mercy of speculative planning applications. If we recognise that there will be development in the future and identify potential areas then the other parts of the village will have a little more protection.

Only an example. If applying for a granny annex make sure they have a granny. and that she lives in it, not just an excuse or a way off to get another property.

#### **Development Control and Oversight**

It is important that there is a legal definition of when enough development has taken place to allow for green spaces to remain in keeping with history of the area

Employ volunteer planning watch officer to see what's happening on sites to inform the council planning enforcement to take action. Not only that all contractors must sign up to be considerate contractors keeping public roads tidy during build and welcome the local community to visit site. Builders must complete to deadline. Builder once plans approved fixed no changes only full new application submitted fee payable to parish having to spend time checking on plans again it's not free second time around.

More affordable freehold housing to be enforced on any Dottie housing. First refusal to local first time buyers.

Important to provide wild green sauces that support biodiversity

#### Services and Infrastructure

Concerned about the services i.e. school places, chemist & GP bring inundated with new builds. Village status will lose its appeal

If new houses are built then we'd also need new infrastructure. All we seem to get is new houses - no new schools, no new shops and existing roads in dreadful condition as not built for traffic levels.

Extra building means sewage and flooding problems plus congested roads and parking.

Play areas should be mandatory and put in place at the beginning of developments.

#### **General Support**

I am sure you will get the support of residents. My partner will hopefully be retiring in the next 12 months. I am sure he would be happy to help.

This is where our PC have excelled their skills to the benefit of the village. Thank you for all your work,

### **Comments Re Q71 – Any Final Comments**

#### Traffic

We live on Whittingham Road near Halfpenny Lane.

We are very concerned about the speed of the traffic passing our house. The speed limit is 30mph and have a SPID close by which most drivers take no notice of. The worst culprits are bulk carriers going to and from the various building sites. The pavement is narrow and this is frightening when you see more and more mums with buggies and little children, elderly people and school children along with the general public. The only way to pass each other is by stepping in the road. The pavement is on one side of the road only which enhances the problem. We fear someone will be killed if nothing is done to slow down the traffic along this stretch of road. We feel the answer would be average speed cameras to control the traffic speed rather than a GATSO that only slows down the traffic for a very short distance before it speeds up again.

We have seen these work to great effect in Cornwall and would probably for themselves in a short space of time.

Halfpenny Lane is used by many pedestrians everyday, and those numbers will increase as the new homes become occupied. Everyone one of those pedestrians has to cross the road at the point where the footpath ends and restarts on the opposite side of the road.

The speed at which vehicles are driven on this road will at some point result in a very serious accident. Something needs to be done before it's too late. I rest my case.

Thank you for all your work. YOUR priorities are MINE.

I feel it is important that a village car park is developed

Whittingham Lane/Cumeragh Lane is extremely dangerous for cyclists between Broughton and Longridge. Implementation for safety measures for cyclists needs to be considered as a matter of urgency. The main roads in and out of the parish also have no lighting making it unsafe for drivers and cyclists out of daylight hours.

The village badly needs car parking space central to the village / village hall area.

Parking is the biggest problem around shops, Post Office and church, school and village hall.

Speed camera or better restrictions are needed from Stags to the corner at Camfirth hall lane

Too much parking on pavements, not just outside PO but also on Parkgate where children play

Parking at PO should be restricted to loading & disabled.

#### Facilities

Development of a GP surgery is an absolute must and this would support Goosnargh pharmacy.

After living in the new build area for 3 years in Whittingham, we are looking to move away from Whittingham. It does not feel like an inviting community, we do not know about major events which causes disturbances to our life. The shops available are not inclusive and modern. There is no local food shops except for a pub. What about those who do not feel comfortable in a pub due to religious reasons. The chip shop is open for a very limited amount of hours.

There is no facilities for young children. The roads and pavements leading to the one park are very bad for pushchair use. The area outside the pub is not clean, very dusty. The social club is very loud at night, very disruptive to the new build homes around.

Motorbikes and cars passing through at all hours, loud drunk people, music till late at night.

No safe places to go for a walk, roads are always bad, dogs loose, muddy walkways.

Unfortunately, Whittingham is not the right place for a small family with young children

Any contact via 'hard copy' mail.

Highest quality BT internet fibre & mobile 'phone very patchy.

#### Development

I'm not politically motivated but it is important that as much as possible, we have a say in village developments. Thank you for all your efforts.

There should be no more development in the village. There should be more than adequate housing on the hospital site for this area.

Stop all further building I did not move here to this rule area to be surrounded by houses.!

The parish should have more powers to ensure that current and future developers show more consideration to local residents, particularly with regard to mud, rubbish etc coming off the site, especially during wet periods and windy periods of weather.

Unlikely to win a best kept village competition when the area feels like a sprawling housing estate. More and more green fields being built on is hardly environmentally friendly

#### **Religion and Heritage**

The village need information boards around the village and the hospital to give people a sense of their heritage.

The churches play an important part of society in terms of spiritual things, births, marriages and death but there is no mention of them in the plan. If they are to survive they need the support of the whole village.

#### Other

This consultation is very wide-ranging but seems to cover many areas which are really the responsibility of all the agencies i.e. the police LCC PCC

Having tried to be honest throughout the survey, I now think the whole blessed exercise is very biased towards marking all questions towards the higher end of the scoring system i.e. the average mark is almost bound to be nearer 10 than 0

Council response: We developed the survey based on things we thought might be important to parishioners so on reflection it is not surprising that it produced higher end scores. We did try to make the survey as balanced as possible.

#### Getting Involved

I am already involved in running a village group so am unable to offer further help. Thank you for your work on behalf of the village

Keep going you're doing a great job and have the future of the village at heart

Unless local parish resources are delivered it will be hard to convince Whittingham residents that are not living in an extension of Goosnargh or Longridge

Sorry, too old and infirm to help

Question 68 (getting involved). We pay rates for the parish council and Cil income will pay staff to achieve the ambitions and aims of the parish plan.

Many thanks for the opportunity to have our say & being inclusive of our views

#### **RESPONDENT DETAILS**

All questions were optional

#### Number of respondents

• 162 responses

#### Q65 - Gender

- Females 80
- Males 66
- Prefer not to say 6
- Not answered 10

#### Q66 - Number of adults (18+) in the household

|   |       | • | ,    |
|---|-------|---|------|
| • | One   |   | - 36 |
| • | Two   |   | - 89 |
| • | Three |   | - 19 |

- Four 7
- Five 2
- Not answered 9

#### Q67 - Number of children 5 and under in the household

- None 124
- One 8
- Two 1

## Q68 - Willingness to get involved in helping the parish council achieve the aims and ambitions set out in the Parish Plan?

| • | One   | - 29  | (not at all)                     |
|---|-------|-------|----------------------------------|
| • | Two   | - 40  |                                  |
| • | Three | - 162 |                                  |
| • | Four  | - 88  |                                  |
| • | Five  | - 23  | (very willing on the right topiC |

#### Q69 – Names and details of how to contact to give help.

• Details provided - 36

#### Q70 – Requested copy of survey results

• Details provided - 58

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