



Peasedown St John Parish Plan 2010



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1. Executive summary

Welcome to the Peasedown St. John Parish Plan. The views contained in this document are based on the responses received from residents of Peasedown St. John Parish following a questionnaire sent to every household in the Parish in August 2008

Questionnaires were delivered to all 2511 households in Peasedown St John Parish area which has approximately 6,500 residents living within it. From those delivered 811 questionnaires were completed and returned, including 51 who used an online internet facility. This represents 32% of households across the Parish presenting their views on the area.

When you bear in mind the number of residents contacted we feel the overall response rate was good for a survey of this nature and the results can be treated with some confidence. However there were some areas of the Parish where the response rate was lower than expected.

In general respondents appear content living in the Parish and are relatively happy with the level of services and facilities available. It is testament to the hard work and dedication of various community groups and leaders that the village has moved forward. There is a positive feeling about the growing potential for the Village to develop in the future.

Over the years various community groups and organisations have been working closely together to develop community cohesion within the village and more can be done to celebrate the history and cultural heritage of Peasedown St John.

A wide range of issues were covered in the questionnaire and there was a separate set of questions circulated which were completed by young people.

Issues relating to transport, traffic and roads were high on people's agenda as were street lighting and improvements to the facilities at Beacon Hall. Positive ideas concerning strengthening community confidence through volunteering days and improving the relationships between young people and older people to reduce the fear of crime came through strongly in the responses.

Local residents were asked whether they would support the increase in the Parish precept if there is a clear wish for additional features identified through the process. This received a mixed view. We feel that there are some initiatives that could be developed from this process that have received significant support and would warrant additional funding. However, this decision is for the Parish Council to implement.

We feel the plan reflects the hopes and aspirations of the residents of Peasedown St John as revealed by the results of the survey. Successful implementation of its aims and objectives will depend upon us all working together to achieve our goals.

Finally we would like to thank the Members of the Peasedown Parish Plan Steering Group for their dedication and hard work in seeing the Plan through to completion.



2. The vision – towards 2020

We want to embrace the positive features of a diverse village, maintaining the best features of Peasedown St John as a rural community and change for the better those issues that have an adverse effect on the quality of people's lives.

We will aim to:

- **promote the many organisations working in the parish**
- **retain the essential nature of the rural setting**
- **improve the appearance of the village**
- **provide a safe environment for people of all ages**
- **provide facilities for all age groups**
- **provide opportunities for employment and leisure.**



3. Introduction and background

a. Historical Context

Peasedown St John is one of the largest villages in Somerset and sits on a hilltop to the west of Bath. It was a coal mining village. Coal mining provided the main employment for the local population for over one hundred years until the last of the Somerset Coalfields closed in the early 1970's. Now it has become a commuter village for Bath and, to a lesser extent, Bristol.

The present parish was formed in 1955 from parts of the Camerton, Dunkerton and Wellow parishes and includes New Buildings, Carlingcott, Braysdown, and Woodborough. It has since grown in size through substantial housing developments during the 1960s and 1970s and more recently in the late 1990s. The latter period saw the A367 (which follows the route of the Roman Fosse Way between Lincoln and Exeter) re-routed to run past Peasedown St John.

Archaeological and documentary evidence shows that there has been continuous occupation of this area since at least the early Iron Age. A recent survey has shown the likely existence of a wooden Henge under a site where planning permission has been granted for domestic residences; a cycle of 4000 years it seems. Evidence exists for somewhat more modern Roman and Saxon villages in the parish. Unlike other similar settlements, Peasedown St John has never claimed to be a Saxon Hilltop Village. The Saxon settlements were recorded under several entries in the Domesday Book of 1086. Ecewiche was one such community that sat alongside the Fosseway some 5 miles south of Bath and boasted at least two small manor houses.

This once well established agricultural community, adjoining the settlement at White Ox Mead for many centuries, was eventually abandoned. The reason for that is not known, but in 1988 two areas of the settlement were fully excavated, where discoveries revealed a better understanding of the living conditions of the mediaeval period, and in September 2003, Ecewiche Green was named and opened as a picnic area.

The settlement of Carlingcott is known to have existed well before 1800 but the main modern development in the area began in the 19th century as the Somerset coalfield was greatly expanded when the Industrial Revolution increased demand for coal across England. The sinking of the Braysdown colliery within Peasedown St John in 1845 provided extra impetus to expand the village. By the second half of the 20th century there were at least six collieries within a 3 km radius of Peasedown St John. Evidence of these mines remains scattered around the area and is easily visible to even the casual observer.

The village now has its own thriving Business Park and offers convenient shopping for local residents within the facilities available in the High Street. It is the largest village in the district, a population of over 6,000, and provides a variety of modern and older type housing for its residents. The easy commute to Bath and Bristol has attracted new people to the village over the last 15 years creating a strong and diverse community.



b. Local Government

The village is served by a Parish Council which is responsible for managing the allotments, cemetery, public spaces, football pitches and protecting the environment. The Council is an elected body made up of local people representing the interests of the community. Parish councils are statutory bodies and elected members serve a term of four years. Funding is primarily by an annual parish precept paid by local residents in addition to their household Council Tax. Parish Councils may occasionally receive additional income via government grants and from other sources. For more information about the Parish Council visit www.peasedownstjohnparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Peasedown Parish falls within the remit of the local Unitary Authority, Bath & North East Somerset Council, which serves a wider population of 185,000. It is responsible for delivering all local authority services – from education to recycling, from planning to social services, from libraries to roads. For more information about Bath & North East Somerset Council visit www.bathnes.gov.uk

c. The future

Peasedown St John has been described as “a working village in a lovely setting”. More recently, the village has seen large housing development that has not been fully integrated with the old village. To begin to address these issues and influence future development, a Village Design Statement was produced in 2001 and subsequently adopted as a Supplementary Planning Guidance document. It was the first attempt to improve and preserve the more valued aspects of the village and its community, and whilst the success of that document was limited some developers observed the principles contained in the document.

As our community continues to change and grow, it is imperative that we plan for the future. The idea of Parish Plans is not new, but with the increasing central government drive to push decision-making down to parish levels, we are being encouraged to engage in the planning of our own future.

The plan considers all relevant social, environmental or economic issues that are raised by people who live and work in that community. Involvement of the community is important to ensure that the issues raised are a true reflection of the community’s views in order to help prioritise and shape an action plan.

The Bath & North East Somerset Core Strategy options document has been released for public consultation in the Autumn of 2010 and must take on board the policy set out in the Regional Spatial Strategy. This stipulates that there should be very limited development in the rural areas of the region and concentrates most development in the major cities and towns. Whilst most people are against any more housing development, the options document has considered Peasedown St John to be one of the more sustainable villages* and as such it is anticipated that some of the limited development for the rural areas will be directed in the village.

*A sustainable village balances the social, economic and environmental aspects of a place to meet the needs of its residents today and in the future.



4. Context

a. Why we did it

In 2000, Central Government published a Rural White Paper "Our Countryside – The Future". The white paper aimed to provide rural communities an opportunity to run their own affairs and influence future development. They were also encouraged to produce a Parish Plan to "identify key facilities and services, set out the problems that need to be tackled and demonstrate how distinctive character and features can be preserved".

In 2005, the Parish Council agreed to look at the opportunities for planning the future and to complement the Village Design Statement that had already been produced in 2001. An initial meeting of interested parties was held in October 2005 and a Steering Group was formed. The group agreed that the geographical area to be considered in the plan should follow the Ward boundary of the village, and that the plan should extend to 2020.

Funding of £3,000 was awarded to the group following submission of a funding application to the Rural Community Council, Community Action. The Parish Council also provided £2,250 of its own funds towards the Plan. The funds have been administered by the Parish Council.

b. The benefits

There are a number of benefits from producing a Parish Plan, not least affording the whole community an opportunity to have their say about their needs and aspirations for the village.

Parish plans bring together issues raised by local people in relation to social, environmental or economic concerns. The plans do not have legal or formal status in the town and country planning system, therefore, cannot override adopted local authority planning policy or any other statutory documents. However they may be used in support of a planning application and will be considered as a material consideration alongside other consultation documents.

In some circumstances parts of a Parish Plan can be considered for adoption as a Supplementary Planning Document. Bath & North East Somerset Council would be required to take this forward and subject to detailed sustainability appraisal and formal consultation. This could result in the context being changed.

The plan will help influence priorities for the area with both the Parish Council and Bath & North East Somerset Council. In terms of Planning Services, the plan may be used to support and give weight to any comments made on a planning application, and may also be used as evidence of local needs in future proposals. It will be reviewed for monitoring purposes and to allow for further suggestions, comments and opinions from all members of the community.



c. How we consulted

The consultation was held over a two year period and was launched with an exhibition at the Village Fun Day on 29th July 2006. This was followed by a number of information boards displayed at various events in the village. Local residents were asked about their concerns and priorities for the village. This information was used to help shape the consultation questionnaire that was circulated to all households.

In October 2007, an event was held in Beacon Hall – local people were invited to ‘test run’ the draft questionnaire. Comments received were fed into the final questionnaire.

The questionnaire was designed to be answered by a household collectively rather than representing the views of one individual, although some households completed more than one questionnaire form. A section for young people was also included.

The questionnaire was distributed by the Explorer Scouts to every household in the village (circa 2,000) in July 2008. The questionnaire was also available to be answered via a web-based consultation. Volunteers were also available to assist those people who had difficulty in completing the questionnaire for whatever reason.

A team of 35 volunteers collected the questionnaires and collection points were left at local shops. 811 questionnaires were received - a response rate of 32%.

Regular updates regarding the progress of the Steering Group were provided in the village newsletter throughout the consultation process. Events were publicised through advertisements in the local press and prior to the questionnaire being delivered three large banners were displayed around the village.

d. How we produced the plan

The results were entered into a web-based collaboration system, called iNovem, provided for use by the local authority. Data was inputted by a number of volunteers. None of the information held can be attributed to an individual or household.

The data was analysed and sorted under six topic headings and key comments were extracted to highlight some issues of concern raised by local people. These headings have been used to ensure the priorities for Peasedown St John fit within the wider framework set out by statutory organisations and agencies. **The topic headings are:**

- **Safer communities**
- **Stronger communities**
- **Healthier & Older communities**
- **Children & young people**
- **Economic Development & Enterprise**
- **Environment & Sustainability**

Each of these six sections has a concluding summary of the key issues. Then the action plan follows based on these six themes and identifies the priorities and agents for delivery.

Finally there is a summary of the numerical results from the main questionnaire. The very many free-form comments by questionnaire respondents have all been taken into account when compiling the report but only key typical text examples are shown at appropriate places.



5. Safer communities

Statistically, Peasedown St John is a safe community. In general, reported crime is relatively low in comparison to the district and some types of crime such as anti-social behaviour have reduced considerably over the last 12 months.

The village is served by a Police Neighbourhood Team, including a Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, based in Radstock. There are twelve Neighbourhood Watch schemes in the village. The local community has the opportunity to raise local issues at 'PACT' (Partners and Community Together) meetings held regularly within the village although it is reported that few people know about or attend these meetings.

“ I fear bullying and intimidation and threatening behaviour and being followed but it does not stop me going out alone even though I am afraid”

The fear of crime remains an issue, particularly for people who walk in the village after dark and feel intimidated when they encounter groups of young people gathered together. Some people feel that CCTV would be beneficial. The lack of street lighting in some areas of the village has also contributed to the fear of crime and this is particularly an issue in the older parts of the village.

“ We want more local policeman walking around”

Connecting the old and new village, both physically and socially is complex which has led to a perception that there is a divide between the two communities increasing the feelings of isolation and the fear of crime. In order to address this, the community needs to work together to develop joint ideas in order to strengthen community confidence.

Speeding traffic in and around the village has been of particular concern and continues to be raised as an issue by local people. Traffic calming measures in the village and the installation of several crossing points at various locations on the by-pass have had little impact on reducing the speed of traffic.

“ Reduce the general speed of traffic and improve the junctions to the village from the by-pass”

The Highways Authority is currently developing a proposal for reducing the national speed limit along the by-pass and improvements to the junction at the Radstock end of the village. In addition, the Parish Council has introduced a Community Speed Watch with Parish Councillors and the community to help improve the enforcement of speeding traffic.

A public car park is located within the village centre, with parking also available at the two local grocery stores and on street parking bays along the High Street. However overnight parking of cars and lorries on roads within the residential areas of the village causes concern for some. This can be attributed to the increase in car ownership and parking of company vehicles adjacent to drivers' houses, particularly where parking takes place on pavements or blocks access or sightlines to residential driveways.

Summary of key points raised

- Improve road safety in and around the village particularly speeding traffic.
- Reduction of parked vehicles, particularly in residential areas - cars parked on pavements and overnight lorry parking.
- Improving street lighting, however consideration should be given to the impact of the environment balanced with community safety concerns.
- Reducing the fear of crime and isolation and strengthen community confidence.
- Improve the promotion of PACT meetings and Beat Surgeries to local residents.
- Explore opportunities for CCTV in the village.



6. Stronger communities

Peasedown St John, located 7km south of Bath, is the largest village in the district following a large-scale residential development in the late 1990s that increased the population to over 6,000. The variety of modern and older type affordable homes and easy commuting to Bath and Bristol, has attracted new people to the village over the last 15 years. The wide range of local amenities that the village offers makes it a desirable village location.

The village has 56 allotment holders (34 allotments) managed by the Parish Council. There is some support to increase the number of allotments available for local people. Allotments have become extremely popular, not least as an affordable way to grow fresh produce but also for the health benefits associated with the work involved.

“ Only if there is a proven need driven by genuine demand” (allotments)

The maintenance of public spaces and planting in the village is, in the main, the responsibility of the Parish Council who employ a qualified caretaker/ groundsman. There is support to extend the flower planting and tree planting, as well as providing a Garden of Remembrance and entering into the “Best Kept Village” competition.

The village is surrounded by open countryside which is accessible by a network of footpaths and bridleways. The village also has a good internal network of footpaths leading to the main parts. Although the by-pass provides a barrier to the easy traverse of some through footpaths, the recent implementation of pedestrian crossings has improved access.

“ Pushing through nettles and brambles is awkward on official walk route to School”

However, the lack of maintenance of hedgerows, footpaths and dog fouling around the village causes some residents difficulties particularly those with motorised buggies and pushchairs – clarity is needed to establish ownership and responsibility.

“ Back lanes are always mucky and overgrown, too narrow, path full of holes, an accident waiting to happen”

Issues have also been identified regarding the width of high street pavements, lack of drop kerbs and poor access into some of the local shops, causing difficulties for some residents.

Although a number of local residents access sport and community facilities outside the village, there are a variety of facilities available within the village. These include the Cricket and Football Clubs which use three main recreational fields, a local community centre at Beacon Hall and also a local youth club. In addition, a mobile library visits the village fortnightly.

“ The list draws attention to how many facilities there are to be enjoyed within PSJ.”



There is an Adult Education Centre building within the village and there have been some classes held there in the past, but there is clear evidence of demand for a variety of additional courses to be provided.

“ I think they should be more obvious signs from the High Street or at least properly marked ”

It is recognised that there are plenty of opportunities for offering new activities for the community and particularly better use of Beacon Hall. Local people have rated Beacon Hall to be of a good standard and use the facility for a variety of reasons such as formal meetings, private parties, classes etc. However, improvements to the facility have been identified. Some suggestions have been to modify or extend the existing premises so as to provide more rooms for hire, allow more simultaneous use by 'noisy active' and 'quiet sedentary' activities, better parking and lighting, redecoration of existing building, more clubs and activities for older children.

“ I would like to see generally more use made of the building throughout the day when it is generally unoccupied ”

The village has public toilets located in Greenlands Road Car Park. Most people have expressed a wish for them to be retained, although it is apparent that not many people are aware of them nor use them.

Although it is not clear what percentage of local people volunteer in the village, it is clear that there is support for organised volunteering days. Volunteering not only brings benefits to individuals but also the wider community.

Communication networks have improved through the internet becoming more accessible and affordable for most people. However, broadband has been noted as relatively slow in the village for those that have a BT line.

In order to find out what's happening in the village, most people use the Parish Council Newsletter which is found to be helpful, B&NES Council News, speaking to people and the Midsomer Norton & Radstock Journal are all useful means of spreading information.

“ I think it is important to let people know what is happening in PSJ and I think putting circulars and flyers in letterboxes is a good idea for doing this. Also large notices in main public areas of PSJ is effective ”

Summary of key points raised

- Continue to build upon the good communication links and offer more information about what's on and local services.
- Promote the facilities and services available for the community and explore the opportunity to provide more adult education courses.
- Opportunity to strengthen the community by organising volunteering projects.
- Improve the appearance of the village through planting and public space projects.
- Improve Beacon hall facilities and offer new activities for local people.
- Consider providing future allotment sites for new users.
- Improve existing toilet facilities including signage.
- Improve the maintenance of hedgerows and footways, litter and dog fouling.
- Identify improvements to pavements, drop kerbs, access into shops.



7. Healthier and older communities

Local residents have access to a range of health services which include a doctors' surgery, dentist and pharmacy located in the village and, soon to open, a new hospital.

Hillcrest Doctors' Surgery provides a week-day service only and has four resident doctors. There is a part-time counsellor and the practice works closely with the district nurses, health visitors, physiotherapist, holistic therapies and other health care professionals. There is a demand for the surgery to extend its opening hours beyond its existing provision, providing appointments on Saturday mornings. The Pharmacy provides a service for prescriptions and repeat prescriptions and offers a range of products and medicines.

“ All in all the service is quite all right, the only thing they should be is open on a Saturday morning ”

“ I would love to use the local Dentist surgery but there are never any NHS spaces ”

The Dental surgery in the village is a general NHS facility and is not provided exclusively for local residents. The general shortage, and therefore demand, for NHS dental services is frustratingly exacerbated for potential new patients due to the lack of a formal waiting list for acceptance of new patients at this surgery.

The new hospital facility will open in early 2010. Circle Bath, located at Bath Business Park, will serve both private and NHS patients. The hospital will offer a range of elective surgeries and services including physiotherapy. There are 28 patient rooms, many overlooking Shoscombe Vale, four operating theatres, dedicated suites for Ear, Nose & Throat, Ophthalmology, Urodynamics, and Endoscopy, an MRI scanner and state of the art X-ray and mammography machine. Individuals with private health cover can elect to be treated at the new hospital. Likewise, NHS patients can ask that their GP refers them to CircleBath for a specific range of procedures. Availability will be confirmed through the NHS's own Choose and Book system.

Issues around access to health provision, transport, fuel poverty, supported living, will continue to grow, particularly with an ageing population. It is essential that the authorities provide adequate services and support to older people and are aware of the issues facing older people. In particular, the 'Ring & Ride' service – a community transport scheme provided for people of all ages who find it difficult to use ordinary public transport – is not generally known to many local residents and needs additional publicity targeted towards the main potential group of users. The Parish Council financially supports this initiative.

Summary of key points raised

- Opportunities for Doctor's surgery to extend their opening hours to include Saturday openings.
- Improve access to NHS Dental Surgery for local people.
- Ensure the hospital facilities are promoted to local people.
- Improve access to services and advice for older people.
- Target promotion of the Ring & Ride service to eligible local people.



8. Children and young people

The local Primary School has seen a significant growth in numbers over the last 10 years as the village's population has increased. A number of physical improvements have been implemented at the School including: a new playground in 2007, and in 2008 a new playing field and the three new 'outdoor classroom' learning areas. Future plans envisage replacement classrooms by 2011 along with provision of more flexible free places for three year olds.

Since 2003, the School has implemented a policy to ensure that parents living in Peasedown St John should not fail to get a place for their child. The success of the School has been reflected in the latest Ofsted inspection recognising its high achievements within all areas of activities.

Pre-school childcare arrangements in the village are mixed with both formal and informal arrangements including a Nanny-sharing scheme and support from family and friends.

The majority of children aged 11+ living in the village attend Writhlington Secondary School, although some do travel further to Bath and elsewhere. There is transport for children attending Writhlington School from the village. The School is currently being redeveloped, using energy efficient materials where possible, and will include a number of new features; a Business and Enterprise Centre with a conference suite, video-conferencing, business offices for student-run companies and a four hundred seat theatre and performing arts centre.

“ There is no local publicity at all as to what is available for each age group ”

Although the village has a number of organised activities – this includes youth clubs, girl-guides, majorettes, football, cricket and others – the majority of young people who replied to the questionnaire prefer not to be part of a club because they don't like the activities or they are too young or too old. Some young people travel out of the village regularly for their activities. However, there is a demand for after school clubs and organised play schemes for local young people.

There is a desire by young people aged 7+ for provision of more outdoor activities including extending the range of play equipment in the Beacon Hall field and other public space and providing new facilities such as a BMX track, skateboard park and graffiti wall.

The reputation of young people as a whole has been tarnished by a few causing fear of 'intimidating groups of young people gathering'. Bridging this gap between younger and older people is essential to build better relationships and mutual respect between the age groups to create a safer and stronger environment for the whole community.

“ I have employed a part-time “Nanny” for Childcare and have also been involved in an experimental “Nannyshare” with another family in the village ”

“ More stuff to climb. Bigger, longer, higher, steeper, faster, slides ”

Summary of key points raised

- Work with the local schools to retain places for local children
- Ensure good access to public transport for the secondary school is maintained.
- Support initiatives such as the nanny-sharing schemes particularly where the demand has been driven by the local community.
- Promote existing activities for young people and identify new activities within existing clubs to attract more young people.
- Explore the viability of more outdoor activities for young people including BMX Track, Skateboard Park and Graffiti Wall.
- Explore ways to improve the relationship between young people and older people to reduce the fear of crime.
- Opportunity to provide after school clubs and organised play schemes for local young people.



9. Economic development and enterprise

Employment in Peasedown St John has been mainly limited to opportunities in the village shops and services, with some small industrial units in Wellow Lane and self-employed people/small businesses working from home.

“ I would welcome the opportunity of being able to work locally - save time & fares & petrol and improve quality of life by avoiding city rush ”

More recently the village has seen new businesses flourish with a new Indian takeaway and restaurant and a café. Most residents make use of these facilities on a weekly basis, and some have expressed the need for new facilities such as banking services and greengrocers/farm shops for sourcing local food.

Residents mainly walk to the local shops, however parking in the village is limited to some on-street parking, a small public car park and parking at Co-op and Tescos. There is some dissatisfaction with the parking arrangements and concerns over lack of enforcement of illegally parked vehicles including commercial vehicles parked in residential areas.

As a commuter village, those who mainly travel outside Peasedown St John to work mostly do so using a car, and to locations within a ten mile radius, with the majority of these going to Bath.

However, since the development of The Bath Business Park on the edge of the village, new businesses have relocated to the 24 acre site that now offers office, industrial and warehouse premises, along with the potential for other uses. The new hospital, planned to open in the spring of 2010, will create 150 new jobs and it is hoped that this will benefit the community as a whole. It is likely that further employment will come forward at the Bath Business Park as land is designated for employment use – people have expressed a mixed view on this issue.

“ Make electric cars available for hire. Divert more buses through new estate so they don't do a loop. ”

For public transport the village is served by a very frequent bus service to Bath in the one direction and to Radstock and Midsomer Norton in the other, with longer distance journeys to each of Wells, Frome and Bristol available each hour. However the number of people who regularly travel to work wholly by public transport is quite small, though there is a substantial usage by drivers who initially proceed towards Bath by car, then transfer to the Park and Ride facility from Odd Down. Those who never use or only occasionally use the service, have concerns about the reliability of the service, fare prices, and the timetabling.

Local people feel it is essential that new employment opportunities should be created for local people. There is also a concern that vacant units/shops should be filled first before creating new units.

Future housing development is a concern to most people in the village, however where development must happen, local residents have indicated that smaller starter homes are needed to complement the existing housing stock and offer first time buyers the opportunity to get onto the housing ladder.

The village itself offers local residents access to a wide variety of convenience shops including two food stores, a petrol station, a bakers, a butchers, a post office, pharmacy, vets, three pubs, a hardware store and a number of takeaways. There are also a number of estate agents, hairdressers and professional office-based businesses located in the centre. There are also regular bus services to the larger supermarkets, Radstock Co-operative and ASDA in Frome.

Summary of key points raised

- Protect the provision of local shops to maintain a sustainable village for the future.
- Safeguard existing and new employment opportunities for local people.
- Ensure vacant units are filled before new employment sites are developed.
- Improve parking arrangements in the village including enforcement.
- Promote the village's facilities to new and potential businesses and residents.
- Explore the demand for car-sharing scheme and other initiatives for commuters.
- Explore the opportunity for parking of commercial vehicles outside residential areas.
- Influence bus operators to provide a more reliable service and timetable and a reduction in fare prices for commuters.
- Limit future housing development, although where development happens, provide smaller start up homes.



10. Environment and sustainability

How we travel, how we shop and what we throw away has implications on all our communities and most importantly, impacts on climate change.

“ I think the recycling policy is not yet correct. The collection should take anything that is deemed recyclable e.g. plastics marked with “triangle”

The village has a regular recycling service provided by the local authority collecting most recyclable items. There are also some material and clothing recycling banks located in the Co-op car park and Arleens. There are concerns by some local residents that the current service does not always include all recyclable items and their efforts are diminished when items are left uncollected. Since June 2010, Bath & North East Somerset Council has moved its recycling collections to the same day as the normal waste collections. This was an issue that continued to be raised by local people.

Street lighting is of concern to most people in the village. There is a conflict between increasing the street lighting thereby impacting on light pollution and ensuring the footpaths are well-lit for a safe community - balancing these needs is often difficult. Where new street lighting is being considered there is support to ensure that new technologies are considered. The Parish Council has been exploring a number of options.

“ More” or “less” is not clear-cut. Some places need more, much more, other places could suffice quite well with less..... get this properly checked-out with Environmental and Green issues taken into account as part of a proper review ”

“ Mendip DC have just introduced a wind turbine which can be seen from PSJ. One wind turbine provides enough power for 2,000 homes. I would like PSJ Parish Council to explore similar options ”

Every year, more energy is being generated from “renewable” sources. Local residents support the idea of exploring alternative technology that would benefit the whole community. The Peasedown Area Transition group was set up in 2008, to consider life after the point of ‘peak oil’ when supply of that resource is thereafter terminally in decline, and at the same time reduce carbon emissions. The group’s aim is to encourage local people to adopt more sustainable lifestyle and have been working on initiatives such as community tree planting in the village.

Summary of key points raised

- To improve street and footway lighting so that all footways are lit.
- To improve the recycling service to ensure all recyclable items are collected.
- Provide a renewable energy source for the village and improve energy efficiency of homes and community buildings.
- Encourage local people to think more sustainably.



Safer communities action plan

The Issue	Aims	The Actions	Lead Agency	Partners	Timescale
Speeding traffic	Improve road safety in and around the village.	Introduction of reduced speed limits on the Peasedown St. John By-pass. Audit of road safety improvements to the by-pass and the main Bath Road in the centre of the village. Investigate the potential of 20 mph "Home Zones" in residential roads. Expand and enhance the "Community Speedwatch" scheme.	B&NES	B&NES, Avon and Somerset Constabulary, Parish Council, Community Speedwatch	Short term
Illegally parked vehicles	Reduction of parked cars, particularly in residential areas, cars parked on the pavements.	Conduct a feasibility study on additional line markings Greater enforcement action Publicity and education campaign to deter occurrences	B&NES	B&NES, Parish Council	Short term
Large numbers of lorries parked regularly in residential streets	Measures to combat overnight Lorry parking on residential streets.	Enforcement Campaign with B&NES Enforcement Officers. Advisory signage in problem areas. Publicity in local Parish Newsletter	B&NES	B&NES, Parish Council	Short term
Lack of street lighting	Improving street lighting in areas of the village where required.	Audit of street lighting Identification of areas of need. Introduction of schemes into Council's work programmes.	Parish Council	B&NES, Parish Council	Short term
Some residents are fearful of walking alone and concerned about large number of youths gathering.	Reducing the fear of crime and isolation amongst the community.	Work with Neighbourhood Beat Team to promote higher visibility Policing. Increase visits to elderly living in the village.	Police	Avon & Somerset Police, Parish Council, Voluntary & Community Groups.	Ongoing



Safer communities action plan

The Issue	Aims	The Actions	Lead Agency	Partners	Timescale
Feelings of isolation and fear of crime	Strengthen community confidence in Peasedown St John.	Parish wide event. Police Community Contact Vehicle. Information in Parish Council newsletter. Increase visible Policing patrols within the village.	Parish Council	Avon & Somerset Police ,Parish Council, Voluntary & Community Groups.	Ongoing
Large numbers of residents are unaware of PACT meetings	Improve the promotion of PACT meetings and Beat Surgeries to local residents	Publicity for PACT Meetings.	Police	Avon & Somerset Police, Parish Council	Ongoing
Fear of Crime	Explore opportunities for CCTV in the village.	Assess the need for CCTV and possible locations. Identify costs involved in implementation.	Parish Council	Avon & Somerset Constabulary, Parish Council, B&NES	Ongoing



Stronger communities action plan

The Issue	Aims	The Actions	Lead Agency	Partners	Timescale
Not all residents are aware of what's on and of available local services	Continue to build upon the good communication links and offer more information about what's on and local services.	Review the effectiveness of the current methods of communication and work with all groups in the village to ensure that information is readily available.	Parish Council	Parish Council, B&NES, community groups and churches	Short term
Lack of community pride	Promote the activities and services available for the community and explore the opportunity to provide more adult education courses.	Establish a group to review all community projects and identify need for new initiatives.	Parish Council	Parish Council, B&NES, community groups and churches	Medium term
Lack of community pride	Improve the appearance of the village.	Extend the flower and tree planting around the village. Enter the "Best Kept Village Competition" Provide a "Garden of Remembrance"	Parish Council	Parish Council, B&NES, community groups, churches	Short term
Lack of community pride	Opportunity to strengthen the community by organising volunteering projects.	Build upon the existing work of the Transition group to identify new volunteers and projects.	Community groups	Parish Council, B&NES, community groups, churches	Ongoing
Lack of facilities at Beacon Hall	Improve Beacon Hall facilities and offer new activities for local people.	Review of existing usage. Business Plan required for the future of the hall.	Community Association	Community Association, Parish Council, B&NES	Long term



Stronger communities action plan

The Issue	Aims	The Actions	Lead Agency	Partners	Timescale
Residents are not aware of the public conveniences available in the village	Ensure that the public toilets are well sign posted.	Agree appropriate locations for signs. Erect signs to the toilets.	B&NES	B&NES, Parish Council	Medium term
Overgrown hedgerows	Improve the maintenance of hedgerows and footways, litter and dog fouling.	Audit of hedgerows and agree responsibilities with unitary authority. Publicity campaign – “Keep the Village Tidy” and advising landowners of their responsibilities.	B&NES	B&NES, Parish Council, Landowners/ residents	Medium term
Problems identified regarding access - pavements, footpaths, and shops	Identify improvements to pavements, drop kerbs and access into shops.	Audit to identify condition and areas of improvement - pavements, drop kerbs, access into shops.	Parish Council	Parish Council, B&NES	Medium term



Healthier and older communities action plan

The Issue	Aims	The Actions	Lead Agency	Partners	Timescale
Doctor appointments not available outside normal working hours	Opportunities for Doctor's surgery to extend their opening hours to include Saturday openings.	Identify and quantify the need Negotiate with practice manager to include Saturday times. Monitor the current and continuing need.	PCT	Parish Council PCT, Practice Manager	Short term
No places available at the NHS Dental Surgery	Improve access to NHS Dental Surgery for local people.	Audit the method of listing and accepting patients with the aim of creating a waiting list for local residents to join.	NHS Dental Surgery	PCT, Parish Council, Dental Surgery	Short term
New hospital opening in village	Ensure the hospital facilities are promoted to local people.	Work with the new Hospital to identify ways to publish information to local residents about the hospital. Ensure information is available in the Parish newsletter.	PCT	B&NES, PCT, Parish Council.	Short term
Ageing population	Improve access to services and advice for older people.	Define the type of service required and establish ways in which the service can be delivered to older people.	PCT	Bath & North East Somerset Council. PCT Parish Council	Short term
Access to community transport	Target promotion of the Ring & Ride service to eligible local people.	Promote the Ring & Ride service through appropriate media.	Ring & Ride	Ring & Ride, Parish Council	Short term



Children and young people action plan

The Issue	Aims	The Actions	Lead Agency	Partners	Timescale
Population of village will grow with new housing development being implemented	Work with the local schools to retain places for local children.	Maintain dialogue with Primary School to ensure future places and needs of children are met.	PSJ School	PSJ School, B&NES, Parish Council	Short term
Transport for young people to school is limited	Ensure good access to public transport for the secondary school is maintained.	Maintain dialogue with Writhlington School to ensure increased future need of public transport is met.	B&NES	Writhlington school B&NES, Parish Council	Short term
Possible lack of formal child-care provision in the village.	Support initiatives such as the nanny-sharing schemes particularly where the demand has been driven by the local community	Establish the type of support needed for workers and carers.	B&NES, Parish council	Parish Council, B&NES Pre-school community.	Medium term
Large numbers of young people do not take part in formal activities for a number of reasons	Promote existing activities for young people and identify new activities within existing clubs to attract more young people.	Undertake an audit to establish the reasons for lack of interest or unsuitability of activities for young people. Negotiate with providers to explore alternative ways to engage young people.	B&NES	B&NES, Parish Council, PSJ School	Short term
Young people have expressed a need for more outdoor activities.	Explore the viability of more outdoor activities for young people including BMX Track, Skateboard Park and Graffiti Wall.	Undertake a detailed audit of existing activities and identify the viability of more outdoor activities and suitable locations.	B&NES	B&NES, Parish Council PSJ School	Medium term



Children and young people action plan

The Issue	Aims	The Actions	Lead Agency	Partners	Timescale
Some older residents are fearful of young people and concerned at their behaviour	Explore ways to improve the relationship between young people and older people to reduce the fear of crime.	Actively educate both old and young by involving them in parish matters and activities. Establish common interests on village appearance and social interactions. Encourage young people to operate self-policing committees.	Avon & Somerset Constabulary	Avon & Somerset Constabulary, B&NES, Parish Council, PSJ School	Ongoing
Young people travel out of the village or do not take part in any after school clubs and play schemes	Opportunity to provide after school clubs and organised play schemes for local young people.	Audit of existing activities and identify the viability for more after school clubs and play schemes. Promote existing after school clubs and play schemes	Parish Council	B&NES, Parish Council, PSJ School	Medium term



Economic development and enterprise action plan

The Issue	Aims	The Actions	Lead Agency	Partners	Timescale
Vulnerability of local businesses particularly in a recession	Protect the provision of local shops to maintain a sustainable village for the future.	Peasedown St John business promotion scheme through web-site and leafleting. Business Support visits for shops.	B&NES	B&NES, Parish Council, Business Link	Medium term
Local residents mainly travel outside the village to work	Safeguard existing and new employment opportunities for local people.	Parish Council to engage with development of the Core Strategy and Local Development Frameworks.	B&NES	B&NES, Parish Council	Ongoing
Empty employment units stay vacant whilst new premises are created	Ensure vacant units are filled before new employment sites are developed.	Liaise with B&NES Officers around Planning issues and the promotion of vacant units to prospective employers.	B&NES	B&NES, Parish Council	Ongoing
Lack of parking in the village to service the local businesses	Improve public parking arrangements in the village (to include enforcement).	Audit of parking bays in the Village Deter long stay parking in short term bays by adequate enforcement, and deter parking on pavements. Signage to the public car-park. Designation of public car park as short term.	B&NES	B&NES, Parish Council	Short term
Some residents are not aware of or use the local shops and services	Promote the village's facilities to new and potential businesses and residents.	Identify promotional campaigns through different media such as newsletters, web-site.	Parish Council	Parish Council, Local Businesses	Short term



Economic development and enterprise action plan

The Issue	Aims	The Actions	Lead Agency	Partners	Timescale
Large numbers of lorries parked regularly in residential streets	Explore the opportunity for parking commercial vehicles outside residential areas.	Identification of suitable land within the village. Identification of need for this facility.	B&NES	Parish Council, B&NES, Business Community	Medium term
Public transport is limited due to the price and timetabling	Influence bus operators to provide a more reliable service and timetable and a reduction in fare prices for commuters.	Encourage B&NES to continue negotiations with Bus Operators to improve the service.	B&NES	B&NES, Parish Council	Short term
Village has grown considerably over the last 15 years.	Limit future housing development, although where development, provide smaller start up homes.	Influence planning policy and Core Strategy options to appropriate development happens.	B&NES	B&NES, Parish Council	Ongoing



Environment and sustainability action plan

The Issue	Aims	The Actions	Lead Agency	Partners	Timescale
Current street lighting in village is patchy and does not meet energy efficiency standards	To improve street and footway lighting so that all footways are lit.	Identify the footways that are not currently lit and where new lighting is proposed provide energy efficient solutions.	Parish Council	Parish Council, Housing Associations, B&NES	Medium term
Residents are unable to recycle all recyclable materials	To improve the recycling service to ensure all recyclable items are collected.	Work with the unitary authority (B&NES) to consider options for collecting all recyclable materials.	B&NES	B&NES, Parish Council	Short term
Increased carbon emissions and price of energy continues to rise	Provide a renewable energy source for the village and improve energy efficiency of homes and community buildings.	Identify areas where renewable energy is possible for the benefit of the whole community including community buildings. Campaign to promote ways to improve energy efficiency in homes.	B&NES	Parish Council, community groups, B&NES	Long term
Reduce carbon emissions	Encourage local people to think more sustainably	Support for groups that campaign for improving the sustainability of the village.	B&NES	Parish Council, B&NES, community groups, churches, local residents	Ongoing



Peasedown St John Parish Plan – Consultation results

Question 1 – Please provide the number of people in your household in each age group

Age Group	Actual	Household
0-4	126	95
5-10	125	95
11-15	106	82
16-17	36	35
18-24	100	78
25-44	450	279
45-49	385	261
60-64	166	128
65-74	223	166
75-84	149	117
85+	30	28

Question 2 – Is your home?

Owner occupied	692
Shared ownership / part owned / part rented	12
Rented	66
Other	5

Question 3 – Does your home have?

Mains sewerage	760
Septic tank sewerage	11
Mains gas	620
Cylinder gas	6
Do you use heating oil	51
Fixed line telephone	726
Broadband connected	488
Cable	109
Other	36

Question 4 – About the building?

Detached House	321
Semi Detached House	150
Terraced House	142
Bungalow	114
Converted building	2
Flat or Maisonette	15
Mobile home or caravan	-

Question 5 – Do you have children at any of the following schools?

	Actual	Household
Nursery pre-school PSJ	36	34
Nursery pre-school not in PSJ	19	18
Primary School PSJ	114	75
Primary school elsewhere	41	35
Secondary school, Writhlington	83	63
Secondary school elsewhere	34	28
Another School	15	13
Tutored at home	-	-



Question 6 – Do you use some form of childcare for pre-school children?

Pre school childcare	686 total (74 yes) (612 No)
Nursery	51 (households)
Friends	8
Registered childminder	12
Grandparents	39
Other relatives	4
Other	4

Question 7 – How many of these are in your household or readily available to you?

	Actual	Households
Cars	1089	697
Motorcycles	41	34
Mopeds/scooters	10	8
Bicycles	566	240
Motorised buggies	6	6
Vans	62	61
Larger vehicles	9	8
Other		

Question 8 – Employment – please choose those that most closely describes your situation

Employed for more than 16 hours a week	307
Self employed – work from home	31
Self employed – work within PSJ	12
Self employed – work outside PSJ	50
Employed – work from home	12
Employed – work within PSJ	21
Employed – work outside PSJ	251
Registered disabled	39
Volunteering Work	27
Seeking work	4
Unable to work	29
Full time carer	17
Retired	304
Housewife/househusband	118

Question 9 – How do you get to know what is happening in the village?

Radstock and Midsomer Norton Journal	500
Somerset Guardian	336
Bath Chronicle	261
Other free paper	367
B&NES Council newsletter	405
Newsletter from District Councillors	296
Parish Council newsletter	584
Parish Council notice board	152
Parish Council website	28
Speaking to people	482
Radio Bristol	84



Question 10 – Getting around – How easy is it to get around with children whilst using pushchairs, buggies, prams etc.

	N/A	Easy	Quite Easy	Difficult	Very difficult	Total
Footpaths thro estates	303	89	51	25	4	472
Pavements	286	80	66	28	10	470
Kerbs	285	79	70	13	4	451
Walking to nursery/school	322	54	46	14	5	441
Accessing shops	284	86	69	15	6	460

Question 11 – Is there a need for further officially organised volunteer schemes within PSJ?

	Yes	No
To help people with mobility problems	158	119
To organise car sharing?	131	136
To provide volunteer car drivers?	119	133
To organise and implement environmental improvements	197	96
Would you be willing to become a volunteer	53	271

Question 12 – Access

	Yes	No
Are there any areas of the village where you have problems with access, eg kerbs, pavements, footpaths, play areas, shops etc?	169	488

Question 13 - Litter

	Yes	No
Do you think that litter is a problem in PSJ?	403	312

Question 14 – Dog Fouling

	Yes	No
Do you think that dog fouling is a problem in PSJ?	440	267

Question 15 – Hedges and Verges

	Yes	No
Do you think the maintenance of hedges and verges within the village is satisfactory	318	414

Question 16 – Would you like to see any of the following in Peasedown St John?

	Yes	No
More tree planting	292	285
More flower planting	308	271
A "Garden for Remembrance" constructed	234	252
PSJ to be entered into "Best Kept village" competition	273	225
More allotments to be made available	302	183
Regular public "clean up/litter pick" days by volunteers	373	155
Would you be prepared to volunteer to clean up etc?	153	358

Question 17 - Lighting

	Yes	No
Do you think that light pollution is a problem in PSJ?	125	542
Do you think that light pollution should be considered when providing street and footpath lighting?	387	267
	More	Less
Would you like to see more or less street and footpath lighting in the village?	580	74



Question 18 - Renewable Energy – Would you support the use of any of the following in the Parish?

	Yes	No	Don't know
Wind turbines to serve major buildings of local authorities and businesses	390	149	139
Wind turbines to serve individual private houses	279	227	160
Roof-mounted solar panels	547	36	108
Local supplies of various alternative Bio-Fuels for vehicles	373	91	198

Question 19 - What do you think of the current separate weekly collection of recyclable materials from every household?

	Yes	No
Current weekly recycling street collection is entirely satisfactory	698	53
I support recyclables and refuse collections being made on the same day	414	303
Collecting recyclables and refuse on same day would lead to mix up of materials	336	332
I use B&NES centralised recycling facilities elsewhere (eg Bath)	78	478
I do not use any B&NES Recycling facilities outside PSJ	162	300
I am not aware of any B&NES Recycling facilities outside PSJ	138	277
I would like B&NES recyclables facilities reinstated within Greenlands Road car park	208	222

Question 20 - Public Toilets in PSJ

	Don't know	Poor condition	Good
What is your opinion of the public toilets within Greenlands Road Car park	553	100	49

	Yes	No	Don't know
Do you think we should keep the public toilets in Greenlands Road Car park?	340	77	286
Should there be more public toilets in PSJ	188	256	247

Question 21 - Would you like to see more of the following educational features in the village?

	Yes	No
After school clubs in PSJ	352	90
Organised Holiday Play schemes	348	89
Adult Educational Courses in PSJ	393	90



Question 22 - Do you use any of the following areas or facilities?

	Regularly	Sometimes	Never
Eckwiche Green (public open space alongside by-pass)	70	160	411
Beacon field and / or children's play area on that field	151	227	282
Formal "Village Green" (area near to the "Prince of Wales"	3	28	592
Eckweek Lane children's play area (near Orchard Way)	36	130	467
Recreation Field and / or children's play area on that field	63	183	388
Playing field between Bath Road and Sunnyside (behind school)	7	29	582
Use footpaths for country walks beyond the built-up area	220	319	150
Library. Those in any of Radstock, MSN, Paulton, Bath	102	200	353
The mobile library that visits PSJ every fortnight	28	57	552
Meetings and/or events at Church premises	91	139	429
Meetings and/or events at Pub or Club premises	27	126	488
Meetings and/or events at Youth Club/Adult Education premises	5	87	537
Meetings and/or events at other premises within PSJ Parish	33	137	448

Question 23 - The Community Association and the Parish Council are considering the future of Beacon Hall and the extension of the facilities and opportunities for usage.

	Yes	No
Have you used Beacon Hall	428	318

If yes, what events have you been there for

Activity	Result
Private party	245
Parish Council Event	16
Parish Plan Event	78
Organised activity/club	173
Planning event	50
Mother and baby group	115
Other	123

	Excellent	Good	Average Poor	Poor
How would you rate the facilities at Beacon Hall	79	228	100	7

	Yes	No
Do you think that Beacon Hall should be extended and or improved?	207	143
If you have answered the above question, would you like to see any of these activities provided at Beacon Hall?	174	150
Are there any other activities that you would like to see made available at Beacon Hall?	114	155



Question 24 - How often do you use any of the existing local facilities within PSJ?

	More than once a week	Once a week	Once a month	Some times	Never
Accountants – BiJok	0	1	1	2	654
Baker Daily Bread	54	78	46	318	215
Butcher Brian Millard	53	99	66	229	264
Cricket Club	16	27	9	152	471
Discount Store Mandy's	8	13	17	222	423
Estate Agent Michael Gould	4	1	1	136	528
Estate Agent / Solicitor Hutcheson Forrest	0	0	1	15	651
Hair Dresser – Witts End	1	9	25	25	608
Hair Dresser – Zodiac	6	23	74	104	472
Hot Food Fish and Chips Kens	11	87	161	322	146
Hot Food Indian Food shop	1	5	26	81	455
Hot Food Pizza Place	3	16	51	236	365
Newsagents J Barker	156	115	38	277	150
Petrol / Diesel Arleens Garage	19	48	77	285	277
Pharmacy	60	127	298	258	15
Post Office	134	200	183	210	35
Pub Prince of Wales	3	14	38	297	339
Pub Red Post	13	18	23	173	464
Pub Wagon and Horses	4	7	7	42	615
Supermarket Co-op	333	209	56	141	27
Supermarket Jones	44	56	45	320	245
Supermarket Tesco Express	156	134	72	216	151
Veterinary Surgery	3	5	37	228	420

Question 25 - How do you mostly travel to the following?

	N/a	Walk	Motorised buggy	Car	Bus	Van	Taxi	Bike	Other
Work	179	22	-	345	34	15	1	3	6
School	306	78	-	81	31	2	-	1	-
Local shops	6	472	6	229	1	1	2	11	3
Shops outside PSJ	3	6	2	643	73	-	3	-	4
Health/Doctors	8	259	4	447	14	-	2	5	5
Social	30	100	2	479	26	-	13	4	3

Question 26 - Park and Ride

	Never use	Occasionally	At least once a month	At least once a week
How often do you use the Odd Down park and ride to Bath City Centre	168	358	155	90
How often do you use the Newbridge Park and ride to Bath City centre	645	69	4	3
How often do you use the park and ride to the RUH	352	368	22	4
How often do you use the Brislington Park and ride to Bristol city centre	401	319	12	4



Question 27 - Local Bus Service to and from PSJ

	Never use	Occasionally	At least once a month	At least once a week
How often do you use the local bus service?	292	295	54	137

If not why?

Fare prices	125
Timings not convenient	116
Route/destination not convenient	112
Unreliable service	47
Bus stop too far from my home	67
Vehicle design is difficult for me to manage	18
Don't know when the buses run	67
Other reasons	192

Question 28 - Bus Service

	No opinion	Yes	No
Do you think there should be a regular bus service operated along Orchard Way?	388	300	40

Question 29 - Ring and Ride

	Yes	Not eligible to use it	Eligible but choose not to use it	Don't know about the service
Do you use the "Ring & Ride" mini bus service?	13	297	111	253

Question 30 - PSJ Hillcrest Health Centre

	Yes often	Rarely	Never	I am registered elsewhere
Do you use PSJ Hillcrest Health Centre (Doctor's surgery)	476	149	16	125

If you use the surgery do you ever experience difficulties?

	Yes	No
Getting an appointment	126	473
Getting an appointment with my choice of Doctor	191	400
Getting to the surgery as it has inconvenient opening times for me	67	510
Getting to the surgery as its local is difficult for me to get to	23	548
Getting the particular treatment that I need as it is not available there	35	519

Question 31- Dental surgery

	Yes	Rarely	Never	I use a dentist elsewhere
Do you use PSJ Dental Surgery	268	14	106	372



If you do not use Dental Surgery regularly, then why not?

	Yes	No
Delay Getting an appointment	13	73
Delay getting-accepted onto the NHS dental list	118	55
Delay getting an appointment with my choice of Dentist	7	74
The Surgery has inconvenient opening times for me	3	72
I find the location of the Surgery is difficult to get to	4	73
The particular treatment that I need is not available there	6	69
Unfortunately I have a fear of dentists and never visit	20	63

Question 32 - Other Medical services

	Yes	No
On-call Doctor service out of hours	38	530
Hospital (RUH, St Martins, Paulton etc) for routine appointments	43	554
Hospital for A&E type emergencies	12	540
Physiotherapy services	30	485
Chiropody services	32	451
Home services (eg Health visitor, home help etc)	16	455

Question 33 - Additional facilities and employment opportunities

	No opinion	Yes	No
Would you welcome more land being made available for employment use in the village?	240	258	215

Question 34 - Building development

	Yes	No
Do you think more housing development is needed in PSJ	91	626

Do you agree with the following statement

Development should be restricted to extensions of existing houses only	88
In-filling of existing land gaps between properties is acceptable	95
More sheltered (wardened) homes are needed within PSJ Parish	91
More small (cheaper) starter homes are needed within PSJ Parish	110
More average-size homes (three bedroom) are needed within PSJ Parish	62
More large family homes (four+ bedrooms) are needed within PSJ Parish	36
More encouragement to be given to Housing Associations	61
More encouragement to be given to Self-Build	78



Question 35 - Safety and Policing

	Yes	No
Have you visited the Police Contact Vehicle on its fortnightly visits to PSJ?	25	707
Have you met one of the Police Community Support Officers allocated to PSJ?	208	529
Have you met the Police Beat Manager allocated to PSJ?	60	662
Have you been to a PACT meeting in PSJ?	54	670
Is your household included in a Neighbourhood Watch scheme?	187	510
Have you needed to contact Police (in person, at Radstock in the past year)?	127	601
Have you experienced any criminal activity in the past year?	144	584
Have you contacted the Police (999 or otherwise) in the past year?	128	604
Crime, have you experienced damage to any vehicle in past year?	88	638
Crime, have you experience damage to any property in past year?	66	658
Do you feel unsafe walking around any part of PSJ during daylight	75	676
Do you feel unsafe walking around any part of PSJ after dark	443	280
Do you think CCTV coverage would be useful in PSJ	417	209

Question 36 - Traffic and Road

	Yes	No
The by-pass should have a speed limit throughout its length	511	191

Question 37 - Parking, roadways and pavements

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Car parking arrangements throughout PSJ	355	357
Maintenance of roadways throughout PSJ	442	252
Maintenance of footpaths (pavements throughout PSJ)	427	258

Question 38 - Parking of large and commercial vehicles

	Yes	No
Parking should be available for large / commercial vehicles	262	406

Question 39 - Junction with the bypass at the Radstock end of the village

	Round about	Traffic lights	Nothing done
There needs to be	460	207	127

Question 40 - Costs

	Yes	No
If as a result of this Parish Plan exercise there is a clear public wish for additional features/facilities within PSJ Parish, would you be prepared to pay a little more Parish Council Tax in order to bring these facilities into being?	213	397

Question 41 - Volunteers

	Yes	No
Would you be willing to volunteer to do things for the benefit of the parish?	96	385



Young peoples questions

Question 1 - Which age group to you belong to?

0-6	109
7-11	83
12-15	69
16-18	32

Question 2 - How often do you use the PSJ Youth Club?

	More than once a week	Once a week	Once a month	Sometimes	Never
Club Nights	2	5	1	7	178
DAFBY	0	3	0	1	182
YIP	0	0	0	1	181

If you do not attend please indicate why?

	Too young	Too old	Wrong time	Cant get there	Don't like the activities
	78	4	6	1	41

Question 3 - Please indicate below the activities you are involved in?

	Yes	No
Guides	13	133
Brownies	15	134
Rainbows	11	136
Scouts	6	134
Cubs	10	133
Beavers	10	131

Explorers	5	136
Cricket club	18	126
Football club	23	125
CCF	6	134
Air Cadets	2	139
Army Cadets	1	139
St John Ambulance	-	138
Duke of Edinburgh Award	5	137
Tae Kwon-Do	7	133
All Girlz Cheerleading Squad	21	126
Church Youth Group	16	132

If you do not attend please indicate why?

Too young	Too old	Wrong time	Cant get there	Don't like the activities
59	10	7	1	35

Question 4 - Would you use any of the following if they were to be provided in PSJ

BMX track	71
Skateboard Track	59
Marked out athletics track	51
Youth Shelter	34
Graffiti Wall	64
Climbing Wall	33
Scout/Guide hut	45



