

Public Consultation on Use of Community Infrastructure Levey Funds - September 2021

STAGE 2 ANALYSIS undertaken 8 September 2022

A review has been carried out and shown that the number of ticks for each question was misleading on the first analysis. This has been corrected in this version.

The 'Raw Data' worksheet has been updated to reflect the work undertaken on the draft 22/23 PIIP. This needs to be cross checked!

The 'Raw Data' worksheet now includes reference to CIL Stage 2 bids (not all of which have been received at this time - 8 Sept 2022) - "CIL Stage 2 Bid Submitted?"

The 'Raw Data' worksheet now includes a comparison between each Stage 2 Bid and the survey questions which that bid, if successful, would address. This section also includes the total number of ticks received for the(se) question(s)

Note that the 'Raw Data' analysis is very rough. Some Bids address more than one question. A column '#Ticks/#Questions' shows the average number of ticks per question in that grouping.

The rough analysis suggests that the Stage 1 'filtering' of Eols has correctly identified projects that address the principal interests of the community as articulated in the survey and that are within the remit of the PC to pursue.

Other high scoring questions such as Highways, Roadside Footpaths, Broadband and Mobile Phone Signal have not been addressed by current Stage 2 Bids, but neither are they projects for which the PC has responsibility/within remit. These concerns and associated guidance should be addressed directly, but separately, by the PC

HIGHWAYS - Minor Improvements	
1	Problems with heavy vehicles, i.e. tractors. Potholes are a problem
2	Fill in potholes!
3	Potholes and stinging nettles
4	Potholes are terrible
5	Potholes
6	Potholes and dangerously collapsing roadways cause accidents for motorists and cyclists
7	Potholes! Verge damage
8	Far too many potholes at present
9	Attention to potholes
10	Willey Road traffic calming
11	Protection of verges from tractor damage
12	Regular repair road margins
13	Farm vehicles are so much wider/bigger. The road edges need repair
14	Fill in the potholes and even out the edges of roads
15	Speed reduction measures
16	Speed bumps in Willey Road.
17	Dark Lane flooding
18	Pothole mending
19	Pot holes. Road markings. Speed limits
20	Weight limit and speed to Curload as houses shake on a regular basis when large lorries/tractors thunder along
21	Curload hedges are a big problem. Overgrown and unkempt.
22	Pot hole at Polkesfield
23	The triangle top of Dark Lane, junction needed
24	In the Square outside pub and shop
ROAD SIGNAGE - Provision or improvement	
1	20mph speed limit signs through Stoke St Gregory
2	Road signs for the inhabited droves: Hook, Pincombe
3	Clean signs - old finger posts
4	Speed limit 30 Mere Green
ROAD SIGNAGE - Repair and Cleaning	
1	Some of our lovely old road signs are part of our heritage and should be repaired and repainted so that they are easily seen from a vehicle
2	Repainting
3	With bus shelter too!!
ROAD SIGNAGE - Other please state	
1	All three Stoke St Gregory boundary signs need replacing
2	Overall 30mph max in and around village signs - including WOODHILL
3	Mere Green speed reduction to 30mph
4	Outside the Old Stores people park causing potential hazards and unsafe crossing for children
5	Speed limit 30 Mere Green

FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS - Maintenance and improvements	
1	Signage
2	Stiles need updating. Gate instead of stile on path into Huntham Close
3	Benefits health and wellbeing for all residents
4	Keeping up standards
5	Clear weeds
6	Maintenance of stiles and improved/more markers
7	More signposts. Keep clear. Maps of routes
8	Make stiles more user friendly and safe e.g. kissing gates or disabled-friendly gates
9	Including signage
10	More substantial surface for path from Church Close to Slough Lane
11	Regular maintenance need not be left to landowners
12	Stiles need replacing to allow access for all. Young children etc.
13	Footpaths made clearer especially when with young children
FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS - Other please state	
1	Clearer signs of routes
2	Allotment path
3	A new path created from Broomfield Park to Church Close
4	Improved signage and circulate a copy of all paths to residents
5	School
6	More visible signage to follow them more easily
FOOTPATHS (ROADSIDE) - Additional roadside footpaths where possible	
1	Willey Road
2	Tractors and cars are travelling faster - hazards for cyclists, pedestrians, pram-pushers etc
3	With the increased traffic, improved paths would be safer
4	School to playing field. Purchase (?) strips either side of road to gain required width
5	Close to new estate/Willey Road
6	To make walking safer
7	Especially along Willey Road to access village
8	To improve safety for pedestrians
9	Footpath around Polkesfield are in need of repair and de-weeding
FOOTPATHS (ROADSIDE) - Other please state	
No Comments	
ENVIRONMENT - Provision of more wild spaces	
1	Let's help the bees!
2	A village wildflower meadow with trees would be great
3	Planting more trees. Creation of wooded areas
4	To mitigate the impact of industrial farming
5	More wildflower areas. More trees planted
ENVIRONMENT - Initiatives to reduce the Parish's carbon footprint	
1	Yes, we should become more aware of available resources and practice conservation. Plant trees, conserve water. Think about solar panels, LED lights and protecting nature! Learn to have a lifestyle that is better for the environment
2	We are in the middle of a climate crisis after all
3	Vital for everyone
4	Financial support for the newly formed Environment Group
5	e.g. turn off street lights, solar panels on Pavilion
6	The climate is seriously the top priority
ENVIRONMENT - Other please state	
1	Help and support Stoke Environment Group
2	Monitoring carbon emission of farms and other commercial concerns
3	Regular 'litter' picking in designated areas
4	Address environmental damage from intensive farming: phosphates/sulphur etc
5	Buy up a field to plant up with trees and pond
6	More planted areas i.e. around signage on arriving at village
PRESCHOOL EDUCATION FACILITIES - Provision of additional accommodation to increase capacity	
1	Hopefully this will encourage young families to the area
2	Difficult finding other childcare providers locally
3	Much needed support for a great team

4	This provision is vital for working parents. Will also benefit school-age children with wrap around care facilities
5	Valuable facility to the community with many more young families
PRESCHOOL EDUCATION FACILITIES - Provision of an office/rest space for staff	
1	Break time should be just that
2	Definitely required
PRESCHOOL EDUCATION FACILITIES - Additional play/educational equipment	
No comments	
PRESCHOOL EDUCATION FACILITIES - Other please state	
1	Whatever is most needed by preschool
WASTE MANAGEMENT - Additional litter bins	
1	Big bin in village hall car park for villagers to take burnable 'heat energy from waste'. This saves people having to drive to Priorswood recycling centre to take that rubbish. It is the only rubbish left that would otherwise go to landfill and would therefore do away with the tall grey landfill bin. So would be very environmental. Parish Council should pay for it to be taken away when full
WASTE MANAGEMENT - Recycling bins	
1	At HOTV shop or Williams Hall
2	Putting in additional litter bins doesn't help with separation of things that can and should be recycled
3	Clothing banks etc (charity) in hall or Rec car park
4	To include provision of bins and the ongoing cost of emptying and recycling
5	Cardboard is an issue with the council weekly recycling
WASTE MANAGEMENT - Additional dog waste bins	
1	Tell people they must not empty excreta into waste bins
2	More signs to pick up dog waste
3	Fed up with seeing poo bags thrown everywhere
4	Especially on the playing field
WASTE MANAGEMENT - Other please state	
1	Back to regular garden waste collections ASAP
2	Somewhere to take plastic for recycling
3	Initiative to compost garden waste locally to minimise fuel costs
MOBILE PHONE COVERAGE - Improvements to coverage and signal	
1	The phone companies will do this for free!
2	Cover is appalling - gets worse year on year. Can't run a business
3	As a carer, communication with service users is key
4	To improve homeworking possibilities
5	Very poor signal
6	There isn't any! Virtually no mobile connection in Mere Green
7	We are a business with a card machine - appalling coverage
BROADBAND - Improvements to broadband	
1	Essential for the way forward!
2	Fibre optic in Mere Green desperately needed to work from home
3	Still not good enough by a long way
4	Still too little reliability speed in outlying areas
5	Can't even get BT Vision - Not good enough to run business efficiently
6	Speaks for itself
7	Internet in Curload is terrible!
8	We, in Curload, suffer terribly!!
9	Openreach need to put in another one or two green junction boxes in village
10	Speed and reliability
11	Higher speed throughout whole Parish
12	High quality broadband needs to be widely available
13	No connections to North Curry box. Can't get superfast broadband. Speed is shocking in Mere Green only Huntham Lane and Broad Lane had BT line through
14	Speed! Fibre to all properties?
15	Working from home and not fast enough for business use
16	Mere Green

HEALTH - Additional defibrillator	
1	Although we have one in the Square - we feel there should be another one in either Curload or Mere Green
2	Sportsfield
3	Located at Pavilion - low cost, big win. To include ongoing maintenance
4	One should be sited on the new Pavilion
5	One at Polkesfield as many over-70 people live here
6	At least two more so each end of the village covered
HEALTH - Other please state	
No comments	
SPORT AND FITNESS - Provision of additional facilities for young people	
1	Combined facilities can be used by young people and adults, villagers and visitors
2	By young people I am talking about those 10yrs+
3	Youth club
4	Enhance their life skills
5	Provision of an indoor space for teenagers to meet possibly with a youth leader
6	A skate park would be a good addition. The old-fashioned view is that they encourage anti-social behaviour. What they actually do is encourage development and inspire confidence in kids
7	More variety for children and teenagers to engage with promoting healthy living
8	Regular activities and events for young people
9	A MUGA for: basketball/netball etc
10	A MUGA court would be great
11	This should be a joint one (<i>with Q25</i>). We feel age barriers should be broken down with this as one objective
12	Outdoor facilities - all weather court, MUGA, outdoor exercise equipment similar to what they have in Langport, more sports groups/clubs for all ages, gym facility
SPORT AND FITNESS - Provision of additional facilities for adults	
1	Combined facilities can be used by young people and adults, villagers and visitors
2	Badminton facilities in Williams Hall
3	Gym facility
4	MUGA?
5	1 - adult fitness equipment, 2 - outdoor table tennis (fixed) tables - village hall/playing fields
6	The outdoor gym equipment that a lot of parks now offer are good for adults who havent got time or money to go to a proper gym
7	Outdoor exercise 'machines' to be provided on playing field
8	A 'petanque' court as suggested by (<i>name removed</i>) next to the hall, for the many reasons given by (<i>them</i>)
9	A MUGA court would be great
10	Somewhere that can be used for sports all year round
SPORT AND FITNESS - Improvements and maintenance of current sports facilities	
1	Cover/roof on tennis court
2	Playing Field entrance needs attention
3	Provision of floodlighting for tennis courts will attract greater use, especially by young people
4	The play park is very basic!!
SPORT AND FITNESS - Other please state	
1	Basketball court area and/or outdoor table tennis table
2	Wall at end of tennis courts for one-person practise
3	A lido would be amazing!
OPEN SPACES - Provision and maintenance of additional play area for under 12s	
1	Keep children in the village
2	Extend and provide new equipment
OPEN SPACES - Improvements and maintenance of current play equipment	
1	Needs to be more exciting and challenging
2	Plant a hedge on top of mound in playing field
3	Consultation with parents and children of whatthey need
4	Some of the equipment looks very tired
OPEN SPACES - Provision and maintenance of flower beds	
1	To enhance some areas - mass bulb planting e.g. bank, beside road, by P fields, by church, by chapel bank
OPEN SPACES - Other please state	

1	Pavilion style hut for allotments with welfare facilities and secure storage. Extra tree planting for allotments. Small trees for berries and autumn colour/spring blossom
2	Wild flower meadow/verges
3	More benches/seating
4	In a variety of locations, to include wild flower verges, and meadows, community woodland, flower beds/pots, nature trails, education opportunities located at key accessible points - welcoming village
5	Maybe a picnic area at the village hall or PF
EDUCATION (SCHOOL) - Provision of books and other equipment	
1	Vital for the future of our children
2	Children are the village's future
3	We have children that would benefit as school age
4	If the school needs equipment they should be helped. We need the school to be fully equipped. They are our future.
EDUCATION (SCHOOL) - Provision of additional play equipment	
1	Will benefit a large number of village residents and help engage/improve healthy living
EDUCATION (SCHOOL) - Other please State	
1	Ask the school as to what they need
2	Provision of computers as Covid 19 is still with us
3	Whatever the school needs at this time
4	Whatever is most needed by the school
5	Promote more awareness about the environment
6	In consultation with teaching staff
Free Text Comments	
1	Removal of national speed limit sign from the bottom of Dark Lane. Dark Lane is too narrow and twisted to be a 60mph road/lane. The lane is very well used and is a bus route.
2	The Parish Council should bear in mind that 60% of the villagers are over the age of 60
3	Dog agility section in park - village has a large dog population
4	SSG needs a spruce up. Volunteers are doing a wonderful job. This should be encouraged and I see it as a way forward. If we want something as a community we need to make it happen. We have proved we can do this - shop/pub. I firmly believe this is the way to go - SSG must not sit back on its laurels. Thank you for this opportunity. GO STOKE!
5	I can not emphasise enough that more needs to be done for young people aged 10+. We see more and more damage and ASB around the village - I believe a lot of this is done to a lack of facilities and opportunities. It feels like when children leave the village school we just ship them off on a bus in more ways than one. Perhaps: a MUGA - also great for all generations,; a skateboard park; youth club; youth cafe.
6	Need upgrade electric supply Ham to Stoke. Very old and desperately needs renewing. It has been brought to MPs attention who has spoken to Western Power. Not hope in hell of home car charging or solar on large scale for business to save money and be eco (We spend £5000 per month on electric)
7	We would request that any decision made on the allocation of CIL funding to include consideration of the environmental impact - given that a 'climate emergency' has been declared by Somerset County Council
8	After four years the allotments are thriving. It would be helpful to provide funds to allow us to continue to develop the site. E.g. Secure storage, enhancements to the community orchard, communal composting area
9	The path alongside the allotments is in danger of becoming overgrown with suckers from the hedge. These need digging out/scrub killer? This would enable the path to be mown - still leaving a good margin for wildlife. Suggest a small proportion of CIL money could pay for someone to do this job as it is probably too much for the Environmental Group volunteers to deal with. Also many stiles need help!
10	Living in Broomfield Park and regularly accessing the Playing Field, it would be good to have steps or ramp up to the existing pedestrian gate. There is no footpath provision to walk safely along Willey Road to enter via main entrance
11	The Square: Since closure of the old shop, the Square has continued to be used for parking though the pub car park is now effectively open to all. I think this is unfair on the new owners, and unsightly. I'd like to see this area raised and paved, with benches and planters, making it an attractive centre piece and gathering place. The road itself need not be affected, not the driveway to Jessamine House.
12	There are NO pavements in Mere Green, Willey Road mainentrance to village, Woodhill, Dark Lane and Slough (Lane). Everyone walking has to share the road with every sort of vehicle, yet we have the absurd situation that 30mph zone which starts about the Gables M/G ends at the start of Dark Lane and the Church Car Park e.e. before the twisty dangerous sections. The whole area should be 30mph and clearly marked. No dogs should be allowed in the Playing Field.
13	The village would greatly benefit from correct road markings and signage outside the old village stores/bakery. Everyday one or more parents park outside causing near misses with vehicles. Therefore making it dangerous to drive and walk children to school. Also blocking the fire hydrant outside the Old Bakery/village stores. Double yellow and/or correct signage would help stop this. The school's getting larger each year meaning more cars! Also children/vehicles from outside the village that aren't familiar with the busy times and tractors that pass through. There have been mentions of such in the school newsletter which seem to be going unnoticed.
14	The junction between Dark Lane and Woodhill Terrace is very ambiguous with a turning right on the corner. Might a controlled system with a marked small roundabout be an idea? It would remove the element of haphazardness on that corner.
15	Footpath in Polkesfield from No 28 to 40 bungalows behind they are poorly kept and have bramble hedges blocking access in places. We have been trimming the one behind our house to stop it climbing across to our fence. It is in poor repair as the Council never does anything there. Elderly people have stopped using it. At one time it was well used. It is very sad its use has been limited due to lack of care. We would like to see something done or it to be included in your footpaths and bridleways please.
16	Some sort of facility for thye teenagers to hang out/meet in would be good
17	Drain by the village hall, not large enough to take rain water, severely blocked most of the year. Another drain required the other side of the entrance to the village hall, sooner than later, water off the adjoining field, going on to Dark Lane. Requires attention sooner than later.

18	Main electric line needs upgrading from Ham to Stoke. We get frequent small power cuts plays havoc with milking. We cant put up solar panels on farm as they would have to redo line to them! So connection charge over £60,000. Head of Western Power says no spare capacity so house electric charging points impossible in future. The mobile signal has got worse and worse over last ten years Its because I think lots of towers have phone companies sharing signals? Cant use mobile indoors and very poor signal outdoors.
19	Post Box at Polkesfield
20	Its all well and good the Parish Council to fund more recycling bins or dog waste bins but encouragement/education/instruction/advertising and information may help the local community keep the village clean and tidy. All the village groups (for example, The Scouts, WI, Environment Group) need to be included = cross communication.
21	The most imporant areas are tied in with keeping our village fit and healthy, giving young people and old encouragement in this direction and preserving our area for the future by looking after and adding to the environment. The roads and signage need attention but I dont see this as CIL expenditure but as something the Parish Council would work towards improving.
22	I also feel the speed limit needs to change to 30mph on Dark Lane as parents with children use this to get to school (on foot). I am in favour of anything environmental
23	Perhaps instead of just 30mph signage, the provision of a throttle peninsular or two on Stoke Road Mere Green that will self-enforce a reduction in speed thus a once only cost
24	What happen to the new Stoke sign that we were going to make and put up
25	Footpathhall side of Dark Lane from entrance to Polkesfield so people don't cross at the entrance
26	Polkesfield parking is bad - maybe kirb drop for the elderly bungalows with off-road parking (matting under the grass) - to make it easier for them and the public transport to be about to turn around easily and for emergency services.