

# MIDDLETON ON THE WOLDS PARISH COUNCIL

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE FEEDBACK

17 responses (5 paper / 12 online)

### VILLAGE AMENITIES

- Whilst they may exist I am not aware of any dedicated youth facilities, both recreational and educational e.g. facility for access to computers/ IT library.
- A car park for the village hall.
- Improvement of walks
- We are lucky to still have a pub and PO, shame there isn't more choice of beer at the pub (I appreciate it is a tied house)
- "Local country walking routes need more maintenance. The ground is very uneven at the start of the wood walk from Beverley road and could be difficult. I have nearly tripped here many times.
- The village hall and reading rooms are excellent. The events within need better publication. The team that look after them are great.
- The church bell ringing team missed a trick when Pilates moved from a Wednesday to a Thursday. That means some people could now be available on a Wednesday that previously could not attend. Might be worth asking?"
- It would be better to have a new village hall and reading rooms with proper parking .The village hall committee have done a wonderful job over the years, but the village hall and reading rooms are outdated . They were built in a time when no one had cars . Any events in the halls just adds to the congestion on station road , pickering park and front street .A new modern hall with ample parking would be nice ,bringing in outsiders from the village ; as happens in Lund
- I would love to see a secure dog walking field please. There are plenty of places to walk but nowhere safe to let your dogs run and play without the fear of them venturing onto the road or other areas they are not allowed. I would be more than happy to contribute towards the upkeep.
- "Convenience store (commercial organisation, NOT "one person" village shop).
- Post office is good for village but if it is stopping the development of a convenience store (PO agency required for viability) then it is not adequate in its current form of service."
- "Gym and/or outdoor gym
- Specific dog walking area were leads are optional"
- N/A
- A shop maybe within the old garage facility o that there can be off street parking and of course a shop would be a good facility not only for Middleton but surrounding villages.

- More wildlife areas and a better focus on the preservation of wildlife and proper management of wildlife eg. swift boxes in any extensions, animal crossings on roads and wild flower grass verges . An area of parkland not sportsfield more like Kilnwick which is managed as such, away from any major roads. A community orchard and woodland and a general increase in the number of trees.
- The village has a range of facilities - not a good range. Those we do have are not in general supported well and therefore the Parish Council need to look at what the community actually needs. Where for example is a playgroup other than that at school and where are activities for 7-15 age range? Co-ordination of groups is needed. The play area for younger children urgently needs a new ground surface.

### **VILLAGE BUSINESSES**

- We obviously lack a shop/ facility. I know this is a long standing issue but I do wonder if a community hub could be established, run by committee and village volunteers might succeed where others have failed? This could include a place to meet for village groups as well as a cafe/ off licence? Could the reading room be developed to provide this using local council grants? A local share investment scheme may well support this also as seen in many other villages in the country?
- We need a village shop.
- Post Office is invaluable. Robin Hood is an asset to the village eg providing meals for elderly and a monthly parish lunch. The food is always good ! The hairdressers is very good, very friendly staff.
- I feel the village desperately needs a decent shop. The PO is only any good for basics e.g. milk, bread etc. I think a 'community shop' has the potential to do excellent business
- "Didn't know we had some of the businesses listed here. Would be nice to showcase these on the village page and communicate the page. This could encourage more to come forward like the hypnotherapy and Pilates businesses ran from the village.
- A dog walking field would be a great investment from one of the local farmers. See molescroft dog walking field. It's a nice little earner and safe to let dogs run off lead. Which could also do people randomly doing it anyway. I know that we would use it."
- The Post Office has done a marvellous job of filling the gap of village shop . Any additional shop would effect this business. The village shops closed because of lack of support . The Post Office and Robin Hood need communities to use them or we will lose them too. The Robin Hood & Wolds Waves are very community minded businesses, they should be supported and thanked for the community efforts
- Could do with a fish n chip and or a pizza shop.
- Could do with a bakery and or farm shop
- We're lucky to have a Post Office in the village and should all support it. It's a shame the village shop closed. My family have appreciated the weekly visit from Dave's Fish and Chip van.
- We need a village shop run by the community for the community. It seems a shame that the resource of the old landrover garage is not being used for more.

### **INFRASTRUCTURE ROADS & HIGHWAYS**

- Nothing to add that I'm sure the Parish council haven't already considered. Speeding seems to be the main issue, esp. from the wagons that thunder through. Appreciate

this is a tricky problem but I also wonder if it will take a serious incident for anything to change the situation. I hope not. 20 miles an hour through village not 30?

- Station Road bend not suitable for large goods vehicles, needs a 7.5t weight limit.
- Lots of litter particularly from McDonald's!
- Traffic speeds something terrible down Front Street - it is very noticeable when the police come in the safety camera van and people actually drive at 30mph! Has a fixed speed camera been mooted at all? Dare I mention a bypass?!
- "The current crossing is not recognised by some traffic with them speeding past even when you are clearly stood there. Can this be addressed? Maybe they need actual lights to stop?"
- Speeding in the village is a big issue. The speed camera can is present but maybe we need fixed cameras?
- A crossing near the football field would be a good addition and slow traffic. It would provide safe crossing area for children and dog walkers.
- Parking on south Street is a problem. Access to parking spaces isn't helped by people leaving massive gaps between cars. And people have more cars than driveway.
- Could any of the farmers rent a section of tilled field as annual rentable parking spaces? I don't think that's the answer but thinking of all possible solutions like that could solve some of the problems!?!?"
- "Lack of parking .We need some sort of parking area so the congested Station Road,Front Street and South Street can be kept clear for service vehicles and emergency services . There are people in the village who have 3 or 4 vehicles parked on roads . Any works vans should could be left in a communal carpark instead of blocking the road junction on Pickering Park and blocking the lay-bys on Front street .Perhaps Pickering park could be a residence only parking ,as people from other streets like Station road and Front street are parking in it . its a nightmare to get up and down. The view of the junction at the end ,is often obscured with parked vehicles ,and the footpath parked on .
- Speed of traffic through village , Unescorted wide loads , May be there should be a oneway system around south street .Volume of traffic through village , these are also issues that need addressing"
- Increase parking area down south st by purchasing land next to bungalows so the residents of south state have somewhere to park when cars from main rd park there for their own convenience.
- Parking in and around Pickering Park. It is becoming increasingly dangerous with cars and van parking around the entrance to Pickering Park. Cars parked down Pickering Park by people who do not live there. They live on the Main Street but park outside the houses on Pickering Park with no consideration to the people living there.
- A path from the place selling eggs on the road towards Beverley to the public footpath would be nice. Other than a Sunday morning when it is quiet it is too dangerous to walk that road. A bye pass would be fantastic but I realise that this is never likely to happen.
- "1. There is a problem with traffic speeding on the A614 through the village, from the playing field in the west, to Soanes factory in the east. This causes noise and stress for residents and pedestrians.

- 2. Footpaths too narrow and, therefore dangerous in places considering problem in 1. above.
- 3. Wide loads (e.g. static homes) should not be allowed through the village and certainly NOT without an escort vehicle.
- 4. Camera vans and mobile speed cameras are a waste of council taxpayers money. Within minutes of set up, motorists warn each other by flashing headlights and we achieve a "perfect situation". This situation immediately returns to chaos when the van/camera moves away."
- Paramount of importance to provide a bypass in the village. Front street is horrendous with traffic, failing air quality tests last year. A bypass would allow front street to more quiet and less polluted. This would allow the village pub to maximise the use of its outdoor space and allow people to actually use the village green.
- "Speeding traffic is a problem in the village - particularly on the main road. I feel as a community we should do something to address this as it effects almost all village residents in one way or another.
- Many motorists seem to ignore the pedestrian crossing near the pond. To be fair, as a motorist it is sometimes hard to see pedestrians standing on the pond side of the crossing, possibly due to parked cars and the railings on the footpath. Confusion regarding the impending roundabout seems to result in some drivers not noticing the crossing until it is too late to stop. I was disappointed that ERYC seemed to ignore our request for more visible belisha beacons - the kind which incorporate LED lights, as used in other areas including Beverley."
- Why are there so many articulated lorries still using Greenfield Road when there are signs at each end of the road saying no Lorries. The signs should be visible from both directions - they are not. What's being done about cars parking on the pavement? Have seen Parents and Children walking on the road because there was not enough space to walk on pavement. Occasional Dog Fouling still happening.
- The footpaths need a good clean - they are a disgrace. The whole village is looking shabby. 2. There needs to be white lines painted on the road by the corner of the old Rose & Crown pub where the new houses have ben built at the back of the garage. In fact, all the white lines need repainting! 3. Dog poo still seems top be a big problem. One a positive note it is good that we have litter pickers going round the village to try and keep it tidy.
- We still need a bypass: speeding is an issue and the lorries carrying wide loads cannot pass on Front Street easily, a bypass would help solve this issue. Wildlife crossings for roads would help the local hedgehogs and frogs. More pedestrian crossing points and traffic calming are needed. Fixed permanent speed cameras would be good. Turning off street lights late at night or motion sensor street lights would save electricity. The drains need more frequent cleaning and better maintenance on Front Street.
- Parking is appalling, particularly on the major roads within the village. When events occur at the Village Hall parking in Station Road appears to include Greenfield Lane, making it difficult to exit the lane safely. When this happens an ambulance or fire engine would have great difficulty in driving up the lane. The Parish Council should be actively managing this problem, and investigating possible solutions. For example, provision of a car park at each end of the village, and appropriate signage for it.

- Restriction of parking time in the two parking bays on Front Street.
- Parking on one side only of Station Road near the school. Road is like a slalom at 8:30 and 15:30. ,when parents seem to just abandon their cars. PCSO to patrol at these times to ensure cars are parked safely and sensibly.
- Path on Chapel Street very narrow, risk of children being hit by passing cars, railings down the edge of path as a separator?
- Someone with the authority to issue fines patrolling at the right times 6-8am, 6-8pm to ensure that the village is not covered with dog dirt or bags containing dog dirt thrown into gardens or hedges. Are more bins a possibility?
- Speeding / congestion =- very few vehicles seem to obey the speed limit on the part of Station Road from the school to the roundabout on Front Street. We have been very fortunate that there have been very few accidents. This area should be managed with a speed restriction of 20MPH (as part of the school approach?), and the ad hoc parking situation should be addressed. A large mirror and warning signs should be placed at the restricted corner near No 12 Station Road and parking near there banned.
- During the summer months it is almost impossible to turn right from Chapel Street into Front Street, especially at weekends.

#### **INFRASTRUCURE (BUILDINGS)**

- Shop/ community hub as outlined above.
- A new village hall with parking.
- Who owns the disused shop next to the PO? It's a bit of a eyesore. Also the ex-car showroom is such a waste of real estate, that would make a great (coffee?) shop.
- "A village shop is missing. We try and use the facilities but you can't get everything from the post office and often pop to cherry Burton to use the shop.
- I like that more houses are being built. But we may need more bungalows. And they should all have better parking for at least 3 cars.
- Numbering of houses!?!? Why is 2 on the new houses and 2A half way up south Street? What's all the houses in-between? Very poor decision by the council"
- I won't really like to see the village expand anymore really as I don't think there is the infrastructure with regards to drains , roads ,parking . Sort the drainage/ sewage system. Build a new village hall with ample of road parking , sort the parking and congestion issues out ;then perhaps we could build more houses.
- Please don't build it up anymore! It is nice to see the old barns etc being renovated.
- "I have no objection to future house building PROVIDED THAT: 1. Convenience store is provided, 2. Permanent speed cameras are installed on the approaches to the village.
- As there are few jobs available in the village and little public transport, the provision of more houses will make Middleton a "dormitory" village for towns in commuting distance. That means probably two cars per working household with problems of parking, more air pollution, congestion and access to the A614. A decent shop would cut down car use and speed cameras would make access/egress onto A 614 a lot safer."
- Limited housing on the outskirts of the village, higher end properties that would bring families whom would commute to Hull and York. This also would help the

village school attain better offsted results as it would bring in more students therefore more money.

- It's a shame the new houses at the bottom of South Street / Beverley Road are overshadowed by the back of the old Land Rover garage, which in my opinion is an eyesore.
- Any new building work should be done within the village and not extended outwards.
- I would not like to see any more development in the village apart from that already mentioned. We do not need any more houses. All buildings should be fitted with bird and bat boxes and hedgehog corridors made in fencing and walls. More should be done to help all wildlife, and better preservation of trees.

## **AMENITIES**

### VILLAGE HALL

Good - 6

Satisfactory - 6

Don't use - 4

### READING ROOMS

Good - 3

Satisfactory - 6

Poor - 3

Don't use - 4

### CHILDRENS PLAY AREA (ORCHARD DRIVE)

Good - 3

Satisfactory - 4

Don't use - 7

Poor - 2

### CHILDRENS PLAY AREA (REC CLUB)

Good - 1

Satisfactory - 5

Poor - 3

Don't use - 7

### BOWLS CLUB

Good - 3

Satisfactory - 2

Don't use - 11

### TENNIS COURTS

Good - 6

Satisfactory - 3

Don't use - 7

## FOOTBALL PITCH

Good - 5

Satisfactory - 2

Don't use - 9

## CRICKET PITCH

Good - 4

Satisfactory - 2

Don't use - 10

## **GENERAL COMMENTS**

- This is a great village to live in, but the main road is very busy with too many heavy goods vehicle using a road which was clearly never designed for that type of traffic
- "The team looking after the flower beds and the pitches do a great job.
- Who do you contact if a duck is injured?
- Tried to do this last time and no one replied. Poor duck
- How do you contact the parish council? Is there a drop box in the post office or just a letter to the reading rooms?
- The phone box renovation has not progressed. What's the latest please?
- The lights at Christmas was truly a great start and something we can all build on yearly. Well done.
- The current Facebook pages for the village are never supported or advertised by the newsletter.
- The village face book page is a one man band doing a good job but lacking in information and people tend to use the selling site to share information such as the recent power cuts.
- The selling site had the village name incorrectly spelt but it's a good point to get information
- Communication is an area we could all improve on."
- A new Village Hall could be central to fostering a community spirit . A hub, a place for the young people to hang out , a place more appropriate to their needs.
- The village needs a heart. It was lovely to see the lights on the trees last Christmas and would be even better to make more of an event on the green near the pond.
- "The village hall is not well sited because of the lack of car parking facilities. Would be better aligned with the Recreation Club.
- Facilities on Playing Field/Bowls Club are good in themselves but marked down to "satisfactory" because of the dangerous access/egress onto the A614 (i.e., SPEEDING traffic).
- Ideally, the village needs the reopening of the old railway line."
- Happy to be involved in Neighbourhood Plan project
- "I think circular walks that connect Middleton with Bainton and Daulton would be great, it would link Middleton to areas of the Wolds Way. Small groups of people then may come walking to the village and use its facilities such as the pub for refreshment. On the back of this a small historical trail around the village would be good with points of interest boards around the village for walkers.
- If there was a bypass, front street could look like south street, which is a pleasure to walk down. Again this goes hand in hand with the above comments to make a village

in which small numbers of people visit and spend money locally, whilst retaining and improving the 'charm' of the village, and allowing sustainable development"

- Please note that the play area is on Orchard Drive, not Greenfield Road
- Not enough is done to look after wildlife. We are lucky enough to have some of the rarer birds and animals in the country on our doorstep and we should stop taking them for granted. A village wide ban on all poisons (slug pellets, rat poison, insect killer etc.) would be good and a focus on encouraging natural predators instead (hedgehogs, owls, frogs, etc.).
- Purchase of the former Land Rover building and conversion into Council supported shops and facilities. Provision of adequate parking facilities for both residents and visitors. Where is a sensible board to welcome visitors to the village with historical information? The village green would be an excellent place for this. Active support of all current clubs and societies within the village, active support in co-ordinating and distribution of fund raising activities and remuneration. In short, get everybody to work and share together, including school fund raising activities. People suffer from donation fatigue and contributions to charities drop off. NB. How poor the effort of the Parish Council was on the 2018 Tour de Yorkshire. Indeed if it was not for Trevor Bowman putting bunting up on the railings, there would have been no bunting within the village. He should receive a public vote of thanks from the council for his efforts. The council should consult with Skidby Parish Council and Village Council whose efforts resulted in what can only be described as a magnificent display and who make a concerted effort to "gel" their community together. Use of the telephone box as advertising windows for local businesses, with provision of leaflets within, using LED lighting and solar collectors for power. Each window in the telephone box could advertise a different business, free or for a nominal cost.