

QUESTIONNAIRE WRITTEN COMMENTS

as at Sun 14 Oct

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|       | <b>ENVIRONMENT<br/>(01-06)</b>   |
|       | <b><i>BUILT ENVIRONMENT: Vast majority of villagers (over 90%) support retention of vernacular architecture as the 'default' village style – but don't overdo it:</i></b>  |
| 18    | Use suitable architectural style to match the area.  |
| 02    | There is no need to keep to the vernacular alone – nothing wrong with modern housing as long as well built and appropriate to the area.  |
| 01/2  | Yes, new houses should be made of totally sympathetic materials and in sympathetic styles, - but we also have to leave a legacy of creativity from this century and this era, not just replicate 'the best' of eras past. The architecture needs to be forward looking too. How tragic for people to look back in 500 years time and for them to comment that in the late 20 <sup>th</sup> Century, all they did was mimic centuries past. |
| 02    | Proposals of particular architectural merit and those that have good "eco" credentials should be given due consideration even if they do not conform to the Broadchalke "Style". If the plan is too prescriptive BC runs the risk of becoming overly Twee, non-progressive and fossilised.   |
| 02    | Historical larger houses and properties should be emphasised (e.g. Kings Old Rectory, Reddish House, Manor Fm etc)   |
| 18c   | <b>It would be unfortunate if the Village Design Statement preserved 'vernacular architecture' at the expense of 'new &amp; interesting'. A sensible balance would allow the village to adapt to the future.</b>   |
|       | New housing should be environmentally friendly   |
| 02    | Don't force <i>all</i> new houses to have flint or other 'rural' features. Variety has given the village its current beauty and should be encouraged.  |
| 02    | New developments can overdo the use of 'brick and flint'. Used imaginatively it is pleasing but we should recognise that other styles exist.....   |
| 02    | New buildings/alterations should be in a considered style – not necessarily a slave to past convention. A new vernacular should not be dismissed.  |
| 02/03 | Built environment well covered – it seems however general overdevelopment of existing buildings permitted for unnecessarily large houses – better to allow sites in existing gardens for small studio flats for younger people or older relatives – and also <i>not</i> wipe out garden environment with huge garage and tarmac/gravel areas, losing hedges, trees etc.  |
| 03    | Development with sustainable materials. Build quality to increase energy efficiency. Micropower generation opportunities (school an example of lost opportunity)   |
| 03/04 | It would be nice to see [the yard in South Street] cleaned up! Rusting machinery not contusive to pretty village – though owner is a lovely chap.  |
| 03/04 | Could the scrap yard in South Street be tidied up?   |
|       | <b><i>NATURAL ENVIRONMENT: Vast majority (over 90%) want us to protect our open spaces and rural identity:</i></b>   |
| 03    | Protection (and enhancement) of natural environment to be given emphasis e.g. barn conversion and repair is threatening owl population, as does general build type – no eaves etc.   |
| 03    | Water meadows need preserving from further infil – open spaces are the 'lungs' that enable Broad Chalke to breathe. Restriction/containment of noise pollution events – not conducive for conservation area or environment.  |
| 04    | Do we give sufficient consideration to the conservation of woodland trees rather than protection? When a protected tree reaches the end of its life we are left with nothing. Conservation plans to replant a replacement before a tree reaches the point where it is harvested to give the best yield of timber products.   |
| 04    | While we understand the need to protect the main river from cattle eroding its banks, recreational access to the river has been, perhaps unnecessarily, disrupted?   |
| 04    | Must protect hedgerows – they define the village and surrounding fields – and are good for wildlife.   |
| 04    | <b>Very important to preserve water meadows and other open vistas (including farmland abutting the village) and prohibit development in these areas. Focus for any development should be disused buildings</b> such as the old garage in Mount Sorrell.  |
| 05    | If rural identity can be sustained in the medium to long term your summary is desirable. If not, the rural idyll as we currently consider it will have to move with the times. To keep the village viable as a traditional rural community and not become a dormitory for commuters or weekend retreat for 2 <sup>nd</sup> homeowners, sustainable and varied jobs need to be created in the locality.                                     |

**HOUSING NEEDS  
(07-20)**

**GENERAL:** *Although some felt that there is no further room for development, most people (90%) recognise that some further development is inevitable – but wanted it restricted to social needs and/or subject to a Village Design Statement:*

**General:** Long term we want to see BC thrive and become even more vibrant without losing its close community values. Avoiding more prestigious ‘executive style’ housing and poor design in-fill developments while providing decent *starter homes for young couples and families* is crucially important. Environmentally friendly low signature housing, re-use of redundant buildings and generous use of space are key. Outward looking development that becomes an intrinsic part of the village scene rather than huddles of tightly-packed housing is, I believe, vital.

Overall I welcome the very positive approach being adopted towards the future. Embracing change and steering it to the benefit of the community is precisely the right approach – while preserving the quintessential character and quality of what we’ve got!

**General:** The problem of lack of housing is to an extent self-inflicted. Medium sized properties have been extended, small buildings have made way for large houses, workers’ cottages amalgamated to create a single dwelling. People climbing down the ladder are meeting others struggling upwards so there is a squeeze. Perhaps, though, that is human nature; whatever is built will ultimately be enlarged, so the problem will forever exist!

*With regard to any new housing*, I feel this should be made available to any applicant who falls within the target market. There should be no exclusive right for people who were born/brought up here (or their workforce) to live in the village to the exclusion of people coming in from outside. Of course, the fact that there are families which have remained within the valley for generations lends a wonderful stability and continuity to the area, but the reality of life now dictates that people often have to relocate for work or, if not, are required to commute long distances. There is no reason why it should be any different here.

Additionally, any plans for new housing **MUST** take into account the road system running through the village. Ingress and egress from any development obviously must be safe for all road users; therefore the blind bends and pinch points that presently exist need to be well considered.

18 **Limit development:** There has already been significant development and building in recent years [examples given]. Consequently BC has absorbed a considerable amount of new development and new development should be very limited. We should not try to compete with larger villages or attempt to create local jobs. Salisbury is very close by. The maximum development for the foreseeable future should be 5 houses.

18 **Limit development:** A small amount may be OK – there is little room available. We would be very concerned to see more than a small amount of development in the village but appreciate some might be beneficial to support amenities such as the school. What we appreciate most about the BC ethos of friendliness, inclusiveness, and helpfulness – which we feel comes partly from it being a small community as well as the people within it who set this tone.

18 **Spread Development:** Any new development should be spread equally throughout the village and not designated to one area.

18 **Mix Development:** Development should be restricted to very small developments of mixed housing.

**Mix Development:** Very important that there is a good mixture of housing types throughout all of the village. For the long term future it would be a bad idea for all low cost housing to be in one area of the village. E.g. it is clear that there are pockets of land already ‘left ready’ in Knighton Road and Newtown where there have already been new developments.

**Family Houses:** Very difficult to find land to build a family house. If we don’t find any we will likely move away.

**Encourage Development:** The time has come to expand the village with a mix of affordable and family homes in appropriate areas. Consult landowners on this to see if they can make land available.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING – General:** *A high proportion of villagers support the need for more affordable housing for those at the extremes of the property ladder (youngest and oldest), but there were contrary views also:*

18 **Against:** There is little point encouraging ‘affordable’ housing if there is no demand. There is obviously a demand for family homes, detached with gardens, costing £0.5 – 1M. These new families use the school, shop and other [facilities]. £500K may not be affordable by national standards, but it is for a professional family in this area.

**Against:** I believe the village should concentrate on being a village for commuters and healthy people. The prospect of substantial employment in the village is remote and inappropriate unless it serves the needs of the village e.g. Pub, Shop, Entertainment, Property Services. Affordable Housing is therefore not really in the interests of the majority. (Anon)

19 **For:** Need for smaller properties both for first-time buyers and for the elderly. Availability of smaller houses would free up larger houses & would enable those who can no longer manage larger properties to stay in the village amongst their friends. I feel we have a real problem with this issue.

19 **Need safeguards:** While appreciating the need for affordable housing for the young (and not so young families) long term residents in the village have in the past modernised their houses, increased their bedrooms and then sold their properties for higher prices. This practice often resulted in denying the young of an affordable home although the family as a group benefitted. It is quite understandable but should be kept in mind that properties can be enhanced to the detriment of affordable smaller houses.

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|  | <b>Take care:</b> I believe that the houses in the lane behind the pub were originally built for young people, but ended up being sold to those of an older generation. I assume that if a future development is earmarked for a specific demographic, controls will be put in place to avoid a similar unintended result.  |
| -  | <b>Spread Development:</b> We fully support the need for low cost housing, but would hope that it was not just the south end of the village that was considered for development – we already have a rather 2-tiered village!  |
| 19   | <b>Link to local jobs:</b> The provision of housing must fit demand. For example, increased provision of affordable housing without the creation of any equivalent jobs would be nonsensical, as it would just pull more people into the village who can barely afford to commute to where the work is.   |
| 19   | <b>Self Build?:</b> There is a need for cheap ‘starter homes’ and small houses for older people to downsize. What about ‘self build’ which appeals to young people?   |
| <b>Affordable Housing for Young People: Supported by the majority of the village – with some reservations.</b> |   |
| 18-20  | <b>Against:</b> I would be most concerned that if you make housing small and cheap you will encourage small and cheap tenants, one parent families and a poorer generation who cannot sustain life in Broad Chalke. I don’t understand the push to ‘downgrade’ the village to cheap and affordable. It works, it is balanced and if you fill it with poor/young people it will change, housing prices will fall and the older generations will feel threatened. Why change a village that works?  |
| 20   | <b>Proceed with Caution:</b> Without work in the Valley or own transport, most low income families would find it difficult to buy a house or live here. The cheapest houses we’ve seen recently have been in the £175,000 – £250,000 region. These have been small, two bedroom homes. This is not low cost and requires good salaries/deposits to reach. Building more of these homes to buy isn’t likely to solve the matter as they’ll still be out of reach of the people aimed at.<br>There seems to be a ready supply of rented houses – but appreciate it may not seem such a good selection when actually looking. If permission were granted for low cost housing, the parish council should seek (if legally possible) to limit further development of those homes. If small low cost homes can easily be extended, they’re removed from the ‘affordable’ bracket for future families.<br>If low cost family homes are to be built (and we question the real demand) perhaps housing association/shared ownership would be the way to go. |
| 74+  | <b>The Issue:</b> A problem for young couples saving for a home. How feasible would it be to have a couple of ‘tied’ houses in the village, owned by the village, where young people and their families could live for standard or lower-than-average rent for a given period if they work locally. I don’t mean ‘low income’ families, but rather professional people like teachers/nurses/NHS staff other than doctors whose generally good salaries are still too low to be able to afford to buy in this area. This wouldn’t have to be restricted to families – where are all the single people living in the village? They don’t – its too expensive unless you have a double income or an exceedingly well-paid job.   |
| 18-20  | <b>Case For:</b> Having had 3 children and not one has been able to afford to live in the village they grew up in, this has been a topic of many conversations in our house. We need more affordable housing in the village to keep the generations going.  |
| 19   | <b>Case For:</b> Our sons would have loved to stay in BC but house prices are too high.   |
| 19   | <b>Case For:</b> Would like to see more affordable housing for younger people. Both of my children now live in Salisbury as they cannot afford the higher rental/purchase prices to live in the village. My eldest who has a young son is desperate to move back but just cannot afford to do so.   |
| 19   | <b>Case For:</b> Need affordable housing for the younger generation. My son is a local gamekeeper and cannot afford to rent in the village – so is still living with grandparents.  |
| 19   | <b>Case For:</b> Young people can’t stay in the village as it is too expensive to buy houses etc and also there is no employment or very little.  |
| <b>Affordable Housing for the Elderly:</b>   |   |
| 19   | <b>Downsizing:</b> There is very little opportunity for down-sizing. All property is expensive and smaller properties are bought up for rentals and/or enlargement. Old cottages may look nice, but they are not suitable for the elderly (1)   |
| 18   | <b>Downsizing:</b> More old people’s bungalows are needed   |
| 19   | <b>Downsizing:</b> Need for smaller properties for older people. If a small house/bungalow comes up on the market it is often bought up by the wealthy who either pull it down and build something else or rent it out until they retire. Affordable housing for older people is <u>not</u> the same as starter homes. These are usually rather too small.  |
| -  | <b>Downsizing:</b> There is a crying need for smaller, good quality private homes for older people wishing to downsize within the village not wanting council bungalows – able to afford something better which allows them to retain their independence – perhaps even a small development with services available so that the residents reduce pressure on state provision.   |
| 18   | <b>Sheltered Accommodation:</b> A small community of property to buy by those elderly in the village, would release many properties suitable for families from medium to larger houses.   |
| 19   | <b>Sheltered Accommodation:</b> I would like to see a Nursing Home in the village as so many elderly people have to move away into town to be looked after, it is then difficult for their friends to visit them. Would it be possible to have warden controlled bungalows for the elderly who are at risk?   |
| 19   | <b>Sheltered Accommodation</b> - housing for older people from Broad Chalke and/or staffed retirement home <i>for valley people only</i>  |

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| 65   | This inevitably will become a growing concern, as the population ages nationally. Low cost housing should be considered in the plan, perhaps small bungalow style homes along the lines of Dove Meadow. The difference in house prices around the UK makes it difficult for some elderly parents to move closer to family in Broad Chalke.   |
| <b>COMMUNITY NEEDS<br/>(21-26)</b>   |  |
| <b>NEED FOR NEW SHOP / POST OFFICE:</b><br><i>Supported by 96% of the community. Lots of helpful feedback:</i> |  |
| <b><u>General:</u></b>   |  |
| 22   | <b>We love the village shop and will be very sad to see our wonderful Mr Fry retire.</b>   |
| 22   | <b>Robert's shop wouldn't be Robert's shop without the unique and wonderful way he runs it and he has saved us all, many a time, when there has been a fuel strike or a snowfall as well as being the best butcher in Wiltshire!</b><br>Martin village is an interesting example of real forward thinking in community efforts to run their farm shop, but this must require a lot of folk volunteering their time. Bowerchalke [farmers' market/] cafe proves this can be done.   |
| 22   | The village Shop/PO is <u>vital</u> to keeping our community alive and lively. A plan for an orderly hand-over from Bob/Sue to a new facilities provider is essential!   |
| 22   | Need to make provision for a retail outlet as & when Robert Fry retires  |
| 22   | We fully support the establishment of a new BC Community Shop in the chapel building.  |
| 22   | Imperative that the Shop and PO facilities are maintained (incl. butchery) as they are a focal point and where many people meet and converse.  |
| 22   | It's hugely important that the village retains a shop. Although the format needs to be revised e.g. Newspapers, alcohol, USB leads etc. a butchery should be retained but perhaps as an off shoot of Clarkes or Cranborne Manor, unless a young local fancies getting trained as a butcher.<br>There will be 400 different views on how the new shop should be and the village as a whole needs to be widely consulted. For starters where should the shop be sited? Some car parking would be good!! A new location close to existing facilities i.e. the school and sports centre would improve passing trade and boost it's chances of success.   |
| 22   | <b>We fully support the desire to secure the future of the shop. We are seized by the idea of relocating to the URC chapel but this does require adequate thought and investment if the shop is to achieve its full potential.</b> We would view sustaining a butchers (local employment), the post office and the introduction of a cafe as vital ingredients for success. The site of the existing shop would lend itself well to redevelopment as business units – not sure if this is realistic/reasonable? (We would welcome the opportunity to assist with the project if that is of any help)   |
| 22   | As small business owners, we send quite a bit of mail, parcels etc. We travel (guiltily) to Coombe Bissett, Wilton or Sixpenny Handley to do this. The village Post Office is open in the mornings. We take and process orders, and send post at the end of the working day.<br>A village shop & Post Office is a lovely idea – but I'm not sure if it is viable long term, especially in current belt tightening times. There are so many supermarket delivery vans zipping up and down the valley each day, it demonstrates how shopping habits are changing. Also, I understand that providing a Post Office requires considerable training/security issues.<br>Other local village shops (such as Coombe Bissett, Fovant, Ludwell, Sixpenny Handley) benefit from a degree of 'through' traffic which the Chalke Valley doesn't have.<br>Martin shop demonstrates a simpler model with limited opening hours, and may be a possibility to offer in Broad Chalke. |
| 22   | Must be competitive or a waste of time opening it in this village – like it or not the Fovant / Coombe Bisset model works.   |
|  | When Bob retires from the village shop [its replacement] needs to be run in a similar manner to Coombe Bisset Stores. Ditto Post Office. Local produce like Ludwell Stores – also a wonderful venue. Also longer opening hours.  |
| 22   | Owned (after Bob Fry retires), perhaps by community. We [also] like the Coombe Bisset model.   |
| 27   | Would like to see a village shop similar to Coombe Bisset with long opening hours and very well stocked – it would be good to see Broad Chalke served this way and I think more people would use this facility if it were available.   |
| 22   | Nice idea, but has any thought been given to parking? The surgery (with parking shortage) is nearby, and the Pub. It is already congested when there is a function in the chapel, and the Church car park is not close enough for the elderly, especially for shopping.  |
| <b><u>Shop Services to be Provided:</u></b>  |  |
|  | It would be nice of course to be able to buy a paper there, or a bottle of wine.   |
| 22   | Shop needs to sell newspapers, fresh bread, wine & beer.   |
| 22   | Shop needs to sell greater variety of goods at more competitive prices – and have longer opening hours.  |
| 22   | Range of stock in current shop is limited c.f. e.g. Coombe Bisset  |
| 22   | Afternoon opening would be handy when mums run out of stuff for tea times!   |
| 22   | Needs to be bigger, sell wines/spirits, and be open throughout regular working hours as a minimum.   |
| 22   | Like the Coombe Bissett model if Robert is to go. Or – how about a 'not for profit' community-based & owned shop   |

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|    | (in the Pub?) with shares sold to locals paying, say a 3% dividend – better than a bank return + influence in a local amenity.   |
| 22 | Sale of daily newspapers.  |
| 22 | Is it possible for the local Shop to 'link in' with the local supplier of organic fruit & veg? Ditto re. local supply of meat etc and bread. I would far prefer to shop locally than to travel into Salisbury to shop. Less food miles!  |
| 22 | Can we not, as a village, apprentice a young butcher? (The shop might not be such a hurdle, but Robert's trade could be lost)  |
| 22 | One later opening evening (or early morning) for those working outside the valley. Internet ordering and delivered?  |
| 22 | Newspapers being sold at village shop would be beneficial.   |
| 22 | Internet Cafe – for those without their own computer.  |
| 22 | The ability to off-road park should be a factor.   |
| 22 | A wider range of provisions for sale in the village shop – and newspapers. A 'Bowerchalke' type market on Saturday? or a cafe serving coffee and pastries perhaps?   |
| 22 | Would be helpful if it sold papers and had longer opening hours (e.g. Fovant 8-8)  |
| 22 | Could new managers of shop provide a newspaper delivery service – very important for those without transport / elderly.  |
| 28 | <i>Post Office:</i> Would use it more regularly if it was open every day and for longer!   |
| 28 | <i>Post Office:</i> Make sure the Post Office is still part of the village shop.   |
| 22 | <i>Cafe:</i> People passing through/visitors often ask if afternoon refreshments are available.  |
|    | <b>VILLAGE CHURCH:</b><br><b>82% of those who expressed an opinion would welcome an open dialogue on the future of All Saints Church:</b>  |
| 23 | Church: No change.   |
| 23 | I would like Evensong services on a regular basis  |
| 23 | We are against taking out the pews and attempting to make the church into yet another community venue – we have plenty already.  |
| 23 | Modernise and Pews OUT!  |
| 23 | Dying to see it modernised, comfortable and fit for purpose. Plan drawn up by committee 2 years ago but remains un-actioned.   |
| 23 | Church is cold, uncomfortable, out of date.  |
| 23 | Warmer, more comfortable seating, better children's area, toilet, kitchen, and better lighting. More flexible space.   |
| 23 | The church needs to a proper kitchen/toilets/anteroom for children's activities etc for it to be 'family friendly'. The revive services at the school have brought this into sharp focus.  |
| 23 | Screen off the Lady Chapel (glass) to accommodate children without them having to worry about noise and so that some instruction i.e. bible teaching could be given.   |
| 23 | PCC need to involve the whole congregation, consult them before spending their money and keep them informed.   |
|    | <b>VILLAGE PUB:</b><br><b>86% felt the community should work with the pub authorities to ensure its future.</b><br><b>But some very mixed views on what needs to be addressed:</b>   |
| 24 | <i>Pub vs. Shop:</i> With reference to integrating the Village Pub fully into village life, the Village Shop/PO should be operating as one community unit (as shown on BBC Countryfile programme on 8 <sup>th</sup> July). Many villages are already doing this and many propose to do it. We do not wish to see the URC Chapel being made into a shop / PO.   |
| 22 | <i>Shop vs Pub:</i> I feel that the Chapel now running lunches for over 60s, morning coffee etc is to the detriment of our local pub.  |
| 24 | In our view the pub is currently very good. We send a great deal of people from the B&B to it and have not had one complaint since Ryan took it on. We also take the family there reasonably regularly. From this perspective we do not consider that the village needs to "work" to ensure the pub is "fully integrated into village life", they should instead just USE what is in essence a good traditional pub with good food and beer. Interfering with what appears to be a successful business is likely to be counter-productive. |
| 24 | Modern pubs depend on good food served quickly (to survive)  |
| 24 | Its reputation for food needs to improve as this is currently very poor.   |
| 24 | It's our local and we are stuck with it. [stopping people using] bad language would be a start but it has been tried before and failed. Staff training?  |
| 24 | There is something missing: The Horseshoe and The Compasses are examples of well-run, popular pubs, (atmosphere, quality of food, staff etc )  |
| 24 | More selection on the menu including better children's choices.  |
| 24 | Sell non Hall & Woodhouse beer - would be much better!   |
| 24 | If enough space was available, would be an improvement to have a Public and Lounge Bar. Also, if a micro pub, perhaps price of beer would be cheaper.  |
| 24 | It would be excellent to have a decent pub in the village again. We are frequent pub goers but have to drive to nearby villages to find a decent one.  |
| 24 | [Over the years] our local has gone from bad to worse.   |

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|    | A local pub, along with the village shop, should be the hub of the community, should be doing things to bring people in and generate income and jobs in the village – and on both counts our local is failing. Local people are staying away because it no longer caters for locals or regulars, and if this is not sorted out soon, we will lose our pub for good!   |
| 24 | The pub is a wasted asset. Ryan is trying but [Hall & Woodhouse are in charge]. Need strong [drive] with a sense of direction and motivation to [succeed]. All the successful ones e.g. Compasses, Forresters, Bull at Wimborne have a clear focus and strong management.   |
| 24 | As the pub is not community owned, we cannot say how it should be run.  |
| 24 | Surely the village pub, any village pub, needs to survive and/or thrive on its own merits. If it is good, people will go; if it isn't, they won't. The notion that villagers need to get involved to achieve success for their 'local' strikes me as an example of Big Society taken to exasperation point.   |
|    | <b>SMALL BUSINESSES:</b><br><b>79% of the community would support local businesses –consistent with our rural/conservation area status.</b>   |
| 26 | There may be a requirement for properties suitable for small businesses (like the blacksmith at Knowle Farm and the business units at the farm in Bishopstone) and for small offices for IT businesses or for people outgrowing space at home.  |
| 26 | We need small business to employ our young people or we shall become a village of wealthy OAPs who can afford to live here.   |
| 26 | There is unused business space available in the village. However, there is little incentive in the current financial climate for people to set up new businesses. We do strongly agree that there needs to be research into new rural/agricultural/local enterprises which will provide both local jobs and products/produce/services that the locals will actually buy in the long term.   |
| 26 | There are more younger people now than 20 years ago [?] . There are local premises for business available and home working is available.  |
| 26 | Provision needs care in their location. Businesses have moved out of their locations in the centre of the village and should keep to the outskirts.   |
|    | To encourage the use of local companies, why not have a 'Business Expo' of some sort? Encouraging people to buy and commission locally might boost employment.  |
| 28 | There seems to be a trend for allowing business premises to change to residential (garage, anchor services, shop?). I cannot see how this best serves the village. If there is to be an ongoing village shop (which I very strongly support) then I would support it being located on the currebt site where a shop has always been. A village shop in a chapel is not the same.  |
|    | <b>CURRENT AMENITIES<br/>(27-58)</b>  |
|    | <b>MEDICAL CENTRE:</b><br><b>A very emotive issue – we invited NHS to write to us explaining the changes – see this month's Broadsheet.</b>   |
| 34 | I know how deeply concerned many of us are that the surgery is now only operational 4 days a week and everything must be done to ensure that this service is not reduced any more   |
| 34 | The surgery is not as efficient as it was. Closing Wednesdays all day makes it very difficult for some patients – often difficult to get an appointment with a nurse or doctor of your choice – but receptionists are always very helpful.  |
| 34 | It is very disappointing to see the ever diminishing service from our Med Centre. Could we encourage another competing practice to the valley but based in BC?  |
| 34 | The relegation of Broad Chalke surgery to Sixpenny Handley is a concern.  |
| 63 | It can take over a week to obtain an appointment.   |
| 63 | The reduction in medical services in the village is a worry – are they trying to wind down the surgery? I have found that we do not have the senior doctors here as much as we used to. People are going to suffer if this continues.   |
| 63 | This is an important facility for all age groups. In our limited experience of the Medical Centre, we've been impressed by the ease of obtaining an appointment and having the dispensary here is a tremendous asset. I believe the service given, (even if reduced) is superior to most urban areas.   |
|    | <b>OTHER AMENITIES</b>  |
| -  | <b>Cricket:</b> Reinstatement of village cricket  |
| 38 | <b>Allotments:</b> There has been a huge revival in interest in the allotments in recent years, and most of the easily cultivated plots are allocated. We're fortunate to have this facility. As well as offering opportunities for exercise and growing good food, the allotments provide social interaction and sense of community for all ages. We believe the allotments will become even more popular as interest in 'growing your own' and national food security concerns increase. Both availability and longer term tenure of allotments should be included in the plan. The allotments are available by kind permission of the Jeans family, and much appreciated. We appreciate too that if land ownership changed, this important facility could be lost. |
|    | <b>Village Amenities, Hall, Sports Centre etc :</b> We're provided (maybe even overprovided) with a wonderful range of meeting places and facilities for a community of this size. We've no understanding of the finances, but suspect providing fuel, maintenance, insurance etc must be considerable. Rationalisation of facilities may need to be considered in the coming years.  |



|     | <b>ISSUES<br/>(59-78)</b>   |
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|     | <b>LACK OF LOCAL EMPLOYMENT, especially for the young.<br/>90% felt it was an issue</b>   |
| 59  | Possibly the most costly issue to address and the most speculative. 90% of employment will always be in Salisbury [?] Inexpensive public transport is therefore of importance vs. investment in places of work in Broad Chalke.   |
| 59  | Get on a bus, go and get a job out of the village. You cannot expect to live in a village and not travel to work. If you don't want to travel, live in a town.  |
| 59  | A largely invisible feature of the community is the growing number of individuals (especially Professionals and Authors/Artists) running home based businesses or working from home on one or more days per week. We both run businesses from home. I know of at least 3 other such businesses within a few hundred yards, and within the village, many more.<br>These individuals may not employ many others directly, but indirectly do. These businesses bring money into the village and Salisbury as a whole by employing support such as printers, designers, solicitors, accountants, builders, gardeners, cleaners, shops etc.<br>Critical to enabling these individuals and the local economy to thrive will be improving the speed/access to broadband and mobile telephony.<br>Business units – there seem to be units available in Broad Chalke and Bowerchalke regularly so we're not convinced more are needed. The danger would be that such units might provide jobs but the skills required are not available here and 'reverse commuting' from Wilton and Salisbury is increased. |
|     | <b>AMENITIES FOR YOUTH<br/>Most people felt we need to do more for local children/teenagers – but some disagreed or pointed out the pitfalls</b>  |
| 60  | Would love to see some facilities / groups for older children – perhaps a local youth club?   |
| 60  | I've said for years that we need some sort of a Youth Club or hang-out space. Once they go onto Secondary School there is simply nowhere for the kids to meet and they quickly lose touch and end up hanging around Salisbury instead.  |
| 74+ | Lack of youth groups / activities e.g. cubs/scouts.   |
| 75  | Need a youth club.  |
| 75  | Lack of youth/children's clubs  |
| 74+ | Need more young leaders i.e. 30s & 40s  |
| 60  | In our view there are many facilities for young people they are just not used by young people OR young people are not encouraged to use them, e.g. The Young Farmers approached the Village Hall to see if they could hold their meetings there. It was not considered favourably and although there was not an outright "No" the conditions imposed were such that it was not any good as a venue for the YFC or therefore any other young peoples regular meetings. And although it is understandable given noise and proximity to houses it is difficult to argue that we need facilities for young people when they are not able to make use of what already exists.  |
| 60  | The facilities are there (School, CVSC, Village Hall etc). All it needs is the facilitators – energetic, trained & qualified (CRB, Scout warrant etc) people prepared to give up their time.  |
| 60  | This is the country. Fresh air, open spaces. Children can get out, walk and play or anti-social children can be plugged into the TV and game consoles. They shouldn't need to be spoon fed entertainment.   |
|     | <b>MOBILE PHONE COVERAGE:<br/>A major issue coming out of the questionnaire – for both social and business use</b>  |
| 61  | Delivering mobile phone reception is an urgent business and social need, especially with the growing penetration of smartphone users. This single issue is a <u>major</u> disincentive for business start-ups, relocation, and development in the area.   |
| 61  | I would just make the point that a fast broadband speed and a decent mobile signal are not required just for business – they are pretty much needed on a day to day basis for the many people who may not be working but are totally computer literate and are used to having information at their fingertips.  |
| 61  | We have the highest priority for a mobile phone signal & a broadband speed of at least 20 mg (24/7)   |
| 61  | Mobile phone access for everyone  |
|     | <b>HIGHWAYS &amp; TRAFFIC</b>   |
| 25  | The lack of a classified road in the valley is a major reason why the distinctive character of the voillage has been preserved and should not be reversed.  |
| 67  | Road maintenance has now become an issue  |
| 74  | Narrowing of highway by private hedges  |
| 67  | Parking in front of Queens Head   |
| 67  | Maintenance of road to/in Little London   |
| 67  | Maintenance of track/road/kerbstone e.g. in front of Sun Cottage  |
| 67  | Poor Highways repair & maintenance: Continually addressed by the PC. If we pay more tax we would get more work done!  |

|            | <b>SPEEDING</b>  |
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| 69         | As a recent arrival in BS (although 25 years in Bowerchalke!) we're concerned at the almost total disregard for the 30 mph speed limit along the lower portion of High Lane. Rat-runners frequently exceed 50 mph and pose a real danger to children and the elderly, cyclists and walkers [not helped by the lack of a footpath]  |
| 69         | Enforcement of the 30 mph limit, esp on High Lane, is essential.   |
| 69         | People will speed – unless the restrictions are policed.   |
| 75         | The traffic in <b>Newtown</b> has tripled in the time the new school has been there. The speeding is a real problem – much of which is by the parents themselves [late for school – therefore racing]. You take your life in your hands when walking grandchildren to school/playschool. Need some form of traffic calming.  |
| 69         | Need a 20 mph speed limit on <b>South Street &amp; Manor Farm Road</b> [or footpaths?]   |
| 69         | Speeding is a problem - especially <b>South Street</b> and <b>Causeway</b> between church & pub  |
| 69         | Speeding on <b>High Lane</b> is a considerable nuisance. Signage needs to be improved and the Police required to enforce the 30 mph limit through occasional speed checks rather than tacitly accepting a 40 mph level.  |
| 69         | I have twice nearly lost my daughter due to cars travelling too fast for village roads. Not speeding but just too fast for visibility. Some families drive to school as they won't risk walking on village roads, particularly <b>Howgare, Newtown and Knighton Roads</b> .  |
|            | <b>FOOTPATHS</b>   |
| 67         | Village needs a network of pavements.  |
| 67         | Lack of pavement on busy roads e.g. The Causeway, High Lane  |
| 74         | Pavement for pedestrians along the causeway  |
| 67         | Hidden footpaths e.g. along road between pub and church to make it safer for people walking between them and to school (similar to footpath on road between Quidhampton and Churchfields)  |
| 67         | Improvement to Church/Village Car Park, to include a pavement/path to connect the Car Park to the URC Chapel   |
| 06         | <b>Can we look towards a 'Village Centre' that encompasses the current Chapel [future Community Hub], Pub, Surgery, Parish Church, and Village Hall as the heart of the village with easy access [pathways?] between these various facilities?</b>   |
| 72         | Need to clear the footpath around old school corner  |
| 72         | Maintenance of Public Footpaths: The maintenance of footpaths is very patchy. Perhaps we should pursue Wilts Council as they are not meeting their responsibility in this matter.  |
| 72         | Maintenance of Public Footpaths is regularly monitored by the PC who walk all paths bi-ennially.   |
| 72         | As investment permits, perhaps some of the stiles could be replaced with kissing gates to improve accessibility? One of Broad Chalke's special assets is the richness of flora and fauna, and accessibility to open countryside for walking.   |
|            | <b>PUBLIC TRANSPORT – Infrequent bus service</b>   |
| 67         | Appalling late hours and weekend transport (very problematic for teenagers)  |
| 68         | As a regular user the <i>Infrequent Bus Service</i> is a personal pain! There is an in-built reluctance [amongst some people] to using the bus. It is a good service although not so in the evenings. Late night buses stopped through lack of use. It is unlikely that we will see more bus services so we must fight to keep what we have got. One way is to use it!   |
| 41,68      | Very much 'on the fringe' [Stoke Farthing] and local transport not very useful. When too old to drive, what then? How about a sort of Tisbus? No means of getting to Wilton except by driving.   |
| 68         | Used to be hourly but is now every 90 minutes which makes it far less useful to plan return journeys   |
| 68         | This is an excellent service compared to most rural areas, and realistically unlikely to be improved by Wilts & Dorset in the near future. I appreciate it can be difficult to visit the hospital or City Centre for those without a car or unwell. Perhaps funding of the Link scheme could be developed to help plug the gap? This may mean diverting funds away from other village amenities mentioned above.                         |
|            | <b>OTHER ISSUES/ IDEAS</b>   |
| 62         | <b>Lack of official BC information Website:</b> There are several, though none 'official'. Do we really need another?  |
| 64/66      | <b>Social Needs – Elderly; Health Visitors – Babies:</b> Central Government provides a means of addressing these issues. If there are problems – these should be taken up by existing channels.  |
| 64, 65, 72 | <b>Creation of a Village Team</b> – to address needs of elderly, isolated and maintenance of paths etc. Practical help with benefits   |
| 65         | <b>Loneliness of older people living alone:</b> How about encouraging the village kids to visit the elderly? That could be a win-win situation.  |
| 66         | <b>Healthcare for Babies:</b> Not enough health visitors for recent baby boom  |
| -          | <b>School:</b> What happens if/when numbers go down – are there any plans to coordinate areas of this with adjacent villages?  |
| 70         | <b>Infrequent Refuse Collection:</b> Refuse collection is regular & adequate, plus we have the recycling centre  |
| 74+        | <b>Community:</b> Village does not pull together as a whole enough. For example: would love to see something like Bowerchalke market happening in our village – there is such a great community feel on Saturdays – I love it – it has transformed the village and they have so many lovely fun events in their hall. Out hall is fit for any purpose – I hope someone will seize the opportunity and start to draw the village together |
| 74+        | <b>Movie Night:</b> Could we start Movie Nights like they do in Bishopstone?   |



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| 74+                        | <b>Monthly Lunch Club:</b> (inclusive of all ages) at Pub or village hall [or Community Hub?].   |
| 68                         | <b>Use them or lose them:</b> The bus service & pub need to be better used, and more awareness of the Sports Centre amenities might encourage more people to participate.  |
| <b>PARTING THOUGHTS...</b> |  |
|                            | <p><b>Diversity, demand and initiative</b> are the basis of a varied &amp; active community. The alternatives are a dormitory village, a retirement-home village, or an expat/golf club society:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <i>Diversity</i> requires a wide social mix to stimulate a broad range of interests &amp; activities – not all of which may be welcome to everybody. <b>Affordable housing</b>, local <b>work opportunities</b>, [a good school] and high speed <b>broadband</b> are needed to bring in young families – rather than just wealthy professionals and the retired, buying up gentrified village houses (the first private helicopter has already been landing in Broad Chalke).</li> <li>b. <i>Demand</i> will be generated by a diverse social mix wanting an equally diverse range of niche interests and <b>activities</b> – something for everybody at all levels and ages. Some activities and events could perhaps be based on the <b>pub</b> – if only as a meeting point – to help support it.</li> <li>c. <i>Initiative</i> is needed from the gallant few who are prepared to set up and run a new activity, although a thriving community spirit could well encourage more people to attempt such ventures.</li> </ol> |
|                            | <p><b>The urbanisation of Broad Chalke</b> began with the MUGA floodlighting and then the move of the school (and corresponding residential growth) – both much larger buildings than the valley really needed. Consequently the rural nature of Broad Chalke has now changed significantly. We would resist strongly <b>further development</b> that added significantly to the population of whatever level of housing and also feel that home business working of local converted barns (e.g. Fifield Bavant) give ample facilities for <b>local businesses</b>. Other decline of such business over the years is a general market matter as opposed to a local Broad Chalke issue – and attempts to ‘buck’ that trend will be difficult or impossible to achieve – nor should they succeed as they would continue the unwelcome trend to urbanisation.</p>   |