

Results from Parish Plan consultation held at Witcham Pea Shoot 12th July 2006

Who took part:

56 people (30 men & 26 women).

46 residents, 10 non-residents (approx 6 of whom lived within 7 miles)

Age range

0-8 = 8

9-15 = 15

16-25 = 3

26-35 = 4

36-50 = 10

51-65 = 12

66+ = 4

Views

Generally positive feedback. Most people are happy living in Witcham and view it as clean and well kept.

Village green received the most amount of positive feedback, particularly from the young people (mentioning the playground and the football goals).

Then the fact of living in the countryside with pleasant views and places to ride horses.

Pub was also pointed out.

Areas for improvement

People's main concern was the speeding traffic when entering the village from Witcham Toll. Residents were also concerned about the possibility of future housing development and losing the "small village" atmosphere.

Also mentioned often were the local droves, and the need for them to be kept accessible for walkers (e.g. control of weeds/paths too bumpy).

Street parking was highlighted as a hazard (people parking on the corner of junctions, e.g. the library van!)

Still concerns over the junction at Witcham Toll: improvements made aren't sufficient, speed cameras suggested. Accident figures would be welcome.

A go kart track and skate park were both suggested as were a youth football and cricket team. The footballers seemed generally happy with the current facilities (a fence was suggested to catch stray balls).

Recycling bins were requested, away from housing, to complement the kerbside collections (for plastics, foil and tetra packs).

The problems with changing facilities for the cricket team were highlighted.

Our 1 consultee over 80 mentioned the need for reliable public transport and an afternoon group for the elderly in the village hall.

A shop was mentioned (but most realised it was unrealistic to reinstate one).