

ACTION PLAN



CHAALDOON HERRING

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Introduction

The project to produce a Parish Plan for Chaldon Herring was initiated at a public meeting in January 2004, where it was agreed that a plan was needed because

- The Parish wants to inform and influence the decisions of statutory bodies, organisations and individuals.
- The Parish Council sees a need for a set of development guidelines which define a community policy for the future
- The Parish Council wants to identify through extensive consultation the issues that concern to residents, and build an action plan to address them.
- It will set out an achievable vision for the Parish, both now and for the future.
- The Parish will have a working document to maintain awareness of environmental and social concerns which will be monitored on a regular basis

The Parish Council has adopted the plan. The plan was then submitted to both the Purbeck Community Partnership and to Purbeck District Council for assessment. This process was guided by set protocols and recommendations were put forward and agreed upon. It was agreed by these bodies that the plan reflected the many aspirations of the community, drawn out through extensive consultation to determine local needs. The Parish Plan Steering Committee was commended for the considerable time and effort they had given to undertaking the work.

The process

Initial ideas were sought at the two open meetings. The first meeting was held in January 2004 and the question asked by the Parish Council was “*What would make Chaldon Herring a better place to live?*” A list of topics was compiled, and the decision was taken to produce a plan. A second meeting was held in April 2004 to elect members of the steering group which is to develop the plan, and to gather further suggestions. Ros Cartwright of Purbeck District Council, and Simon Thompson of Dorset Community Action have supported us from these early stages onwards.

The steering committee used the suggestions gathered to compile a comprehensive survey, covering the following topics:

Household	Road Safety	Sport and Recreation
Education	Health and Well being	Environment
Employment	Problems in the community	Community Action
Travelling and Public Transport	Community Information	Likes and Dislikes
Parking		

A draft survey was sent to local organisations and service providers for their comments, and the District Council housing and transport departments were also consulted. Local volunteers are also asked to comment.

The survey was distributed personally to everyone over the age of 16 in the Parish in September 2004 (or posted to some second home owners) by members of the committee. Assistance was offered with completing the survey, and some people took this up. Envelopes

were provided for completed surveys to preserve anonymity, and they were collected if required. A raffle ticket was included with each copy to encourage completion.

The initial results were recorded on a computer for ease of analysis, and copies were sent to the Parish Council and volunteers representing both permanent residents and second home owners for initial comments. Those service providers that expressed an interest were also sent a copy. Comments and results were analysed by the steering committee and the draft plan produced, with suggested actions. The draft was reviewed initially by the Parish Council, Ros Cartwright, Simon Thompson, the same volunteers and by an independent housing consultant. At various stages in the process we have also consulted with the steering committee producing the West Lulworth plan.

A second version of the plan was presented to the parish at an open meeting where all present were invited to comment - invitations to the meeting were delivered to each household. Two additional subjects have arisen since the survey was distributed – proposed changes to the local schools and problems with mud slides – and information was made available on both these subjects. Comments made at the meeting have been incorporated into this version.

At the same time as the survey was distributed, a competition was launched asking all those under 16 to give us “*Five things I’d change around here!*”. The entries were judged by the steering committee, and the suggestions will be incorporated into the plan. All entries were displayed at the open meeting.



Overview of Chaldon Herring

Chaldon Herring is a rural community, encompassing East Chaldon, West Chaldon, Tadnol and neighbouring farms. It is situated 2 miles from the coast, and 10 miles east of Dorchester, on the western boundary of the Purbeck district. The surrounding land is mainly farmland, but in some areas borders heathland. The parish covers 1253 hectares and there are 65 dwellings, principally situated in East Chaldon where the village hall, church and public house are also located. In all the adult population of the Parish is 136.

The parish is split by the A352, with East and West Chaldon situated to the south of the road, and Tadnol to the north. East and West Chaldon are joined by a small road, which also connects with Winfrith Newburgh and West Lulworth.

In addition to farming, there is a coach company currently based in the parish but shortly to be closed, and the villages attract a certain amount of tourism being close to the Jurassic coast and popular with walkers. There is one major landowner – The Weld Estate – who lease or manage the majority of farms, and let some houses in the Parish. The principal employers in the villages are the farms and the public house, but many people commute from the area to

work – mainly in Dorchester, Weymouth or Poole. A high proportion of the dwellings are second homes or holiday lets. The parish is in a conservation area, part of an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and on the Dorset Coastal Path. There are no shops in the parish, but there are village post offices at Winfrith Newburgh and West Lulworth, and petrol stations at Winfrith and Owermoigne.

The parish is one of the sites along the Dorset coast from which oil can be retrieved from off-shore reserves, and some experimental drilling did take place in 1996-1997. At the time it was not considered viable to continue with extraction but this remains a possibility in the future.

The church, public house and village hall are all central to the Parish social life and work together to sustain a small but active community.

History



Today's parish of Chaldon Herring was formed in 1446, when Chaldon Herring and Chaldon Boys (East and West Chaldon) were united into one parish, Tadnol being added considerably later. From 1446 the land passed from the Herring family, via the Russells, the Marquis of Worcester and the Duke of Beaufort to the Weld family, where much of it remains to this day. The most striking historical feature of the parish are the Five Marys, a series of Bronze Age barrows on the ridge to the north of East Chaldon. Chaldon is also remarkable for its most famous resident – the writer Theodore Powys, and in the early twentieth century it attracted many of the 'blossbury set', becoming the setting for several books, the most famous of which is probably 'Mr. Weston's Good Wine' by Powys. Like most of the Dorset coastal villages, Chaldon has its tales of smuggling and pirating, and there are stories (but no evidence) of secret passages from the Sailors Return to the church.



Change

Chaldon Herring has seen many changes in the last 30 years or so. Some of our longer term residents remember ...

... The villages were composed mainly of long-term local people, living in rented accommodation – council or Weld estate owned. We were mainly employed locally, on the farm, in the Manor house, the pub or driving buses – we even had a postwoman! There were more children, and teenagers lived at home when they left school, working in Dorchester or nearby. There were fewer cars and lower average incomes.

There was a bus service to Dorchester on Wednesdays and Saturdays, and to Weymouth on Thursdays. Webbs provided a taxi service. Very few people used cars daily.

The population was stable, fewer women worked and most people in the village knew everyone. The hall was used far more for a local social life, but the church attendance was always low. The pub has had many tenants and was extended and reopened in 1986.

There have been two housing developments. In 1986 there was much local protest and building the Chydyok road bungalows, and in 1987 four more homes were built in Fords Barn. Four out of eight council homes have been sold. There have been further barn conversions and bungalows built in and around East Chaldon, but no development at West Chaldon. Some farm cottages at Tadnol were sold privately when the prison farm was sold.

Today there is a higher proportion of incomers, with higher incomes and both partners working. There is greater car ownership and people commute further to work. The hall has less use and fewer people know each other, and there are far more second homes. The bus service is improved. Mechanisation has meant fewer farm workers are employed which has led to the release of tied cottages and the number of local workers has decreased considerably

Summary

The principal conclusion drawn from the survey is that the parish is not looking for radical change, but is open to a small amount of necessary development, provided it is in keeping with the existing buildings. In this the parish is in agreement with the PDC definition of a conservation area in seeking to preserve or enhance the character of the area. There is a slight inclination towards in-filling for this development, as opposed to widening the bounds of the villages.

Many of the smaller residences are second homes or holiday lets, and there is a view held that this has led to young families being forced to move away. None of the residents expressed a need for alternative accommodation now, but there is a perceived need for additional accommodation for farm workers. As a result of these points, and because the survey shows that the people of Chaldon Herring are open to a certain amount of new development, the Parish Council have commissioned Purbeck District Council to undertake a housing needs survey.

There are a number of small issues raised (many of which are due to a lack of information rather than requiring action to be taken), and the steering committee recommends that the Parish Council takes on responsibility for resolving these issues, and reports back to the community regularly on progress.

It is possible that there may be a problem funding some items where self-funding is required. The parish is small and already makes tremendous efforts to provide financial support to the church and the village hall, and further effort will be difficult to sustain. It will be necessary therefore to seek external funding to implement any changes that result from this plan. (Several residents expressed the opinion that perhaps funding could be sought from the added revenue now available as a result of the additional tax received from second homes).

Finally the permanent residents and owners of second homes are united in putting a high value on the peaceful rural character of the parish, and are determined that this should continue to be a predominant characteristic. As one survey reply comments .. *“Find out what makes Chaldon special, and preserve that”*.

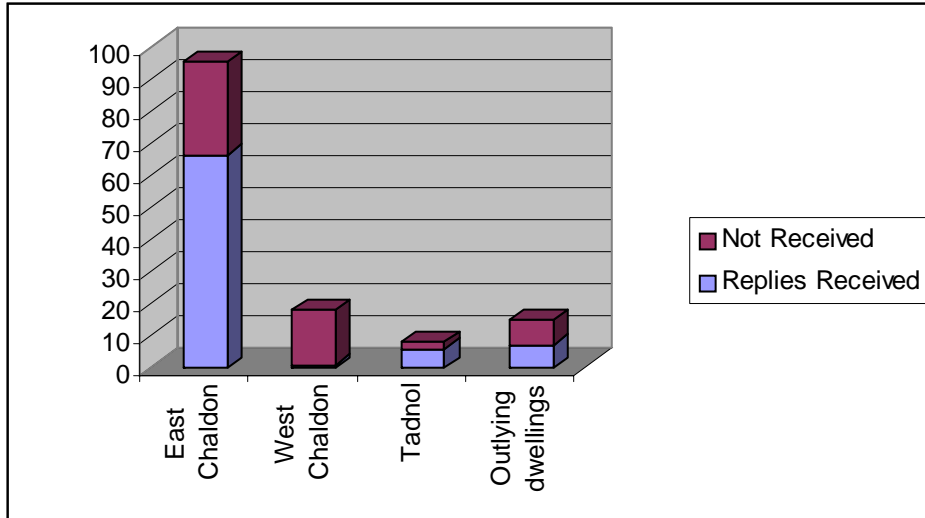
Format of Plan

This document will use the same topics as covered by the survey. For each subject the results of the survey will be summarised, and any actions that arise from the survey will be identified. These actions will be collated to form an action plan at the end of the document, and will include the Parish Development Guidelines.

The action plan is split into two sections, the first showing information required, and the second listing where action is required. The actions will be listed in order of priority. The plan will list the concerns of parishioners and will suggest ways to resolve these issues. The development guidelines give a community policy on development. Both the action plan and the development guidelines are aimed at giving the local perspective, which the parish expects others to consult when taking decisions which affect the Parish

Table 1 shows the distribution of the population, and where the returned surveys came from. Overall approximately 60% of the surveys were returned.

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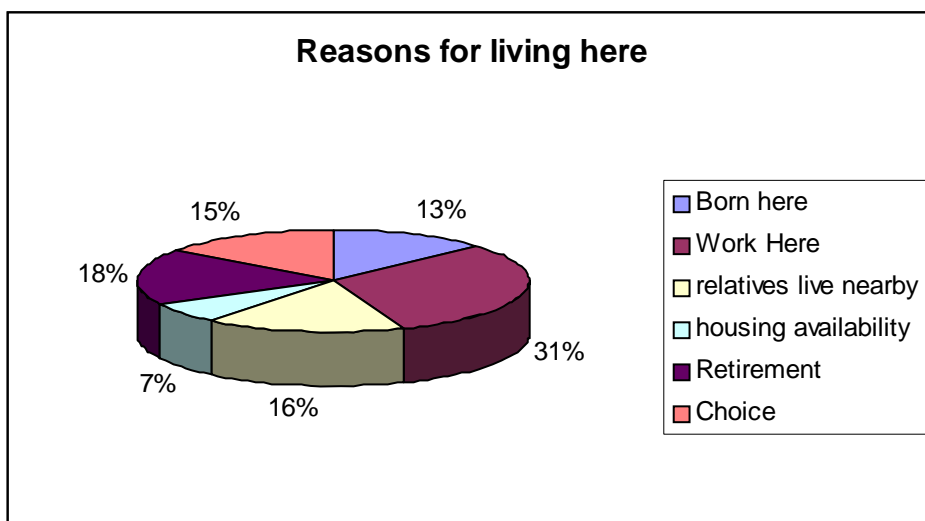


Household

Of the replies received, 73% were from permanent residents. Of these more than half lived in houses with one other person, only 5 people live alone, and 6 people have houses with 5 or more people living there.

Table 2 shows the reasons why people live here – note that this table reflects only the replies from the permanent residents.

Table 2



Mapping the reasons for living here against the length of residency, the data splits in two ways. For those resident less than 10 years, the most popular reasons are *by choice*(26%), *retiring here* (22%) and *working nearby* (17%). For those resident for 10 years or more, the most popular reasons are *working nearby* (40%), and *retirement* (21%). Overall more than 30% of residents live here because they work locally.

Of the surveys returned, there are none indicating a need for alternative housing. Further investigations show that although there are 16 applicants on the District housing register who have requested housing in Chaldon Herring, only one appears to have a demonstrable local connection. This may be either because there is no need, or that people in housing need with a local connection see no point in putting the Parish down as an area of choice because there is no accommodation available for them.

It is understood through anecdotal evidence that residents occupying farm cottages are or will be occupying accommodation that is required for farm workers once they retire. In this case it is expected that accommodation will be required in a nearby area which provides more local services, such as Wool. It is therefore essential that discussion takes place with those who are or will find themselves in this position to find what form of housing will best meet their needs whilst maintaining as far as possible their connection with the parish. Examples of ways to meet their needs include:

- Working with housing enablers to provide accommodation as close to the village as possible
- Considering whether an arrangement could be made with a nearby town to ring fence some accommodation in a scheme for residents of the village
- Look at a small scheme in the village for say 2 properties as long as some form of transport can be maintained to get residents to facilities

As an initial action, the Parish Council has commissioned a housing needs survey to be carried out by Purbeck District Council. Associated subjects such as the type of housing, location and funding will all need to be considered pending the outcome of the housing survey.

Proposed Action – Housing Needs survey to be conducted

Education

Only 10 people with children replied so few conclusions can be drawn, however some concern was expressed over lack of childcare, breakfast/after school clubs and holiday play schemes.

Adult education - 15 people expressed interest in training in computer skills with other assorted interests expressed.

Proposed Action - Investigate availability of adult IT courses, and possibility of sourcing one locally.

Information – obtain literature on adult education opportunities and publicise.

The Joint Governing Bodies of Winfrith and West Lulworth First Schools are in the process of exploring a number of options for the future of the schools. One topic under consideration is the federation of the two schools, another is splitting the schools by age. No firm decisions have yet been taken, and parents of current pupils have been part of the initial consultation. A Consultation Document will be published in early April, setting out the details of the

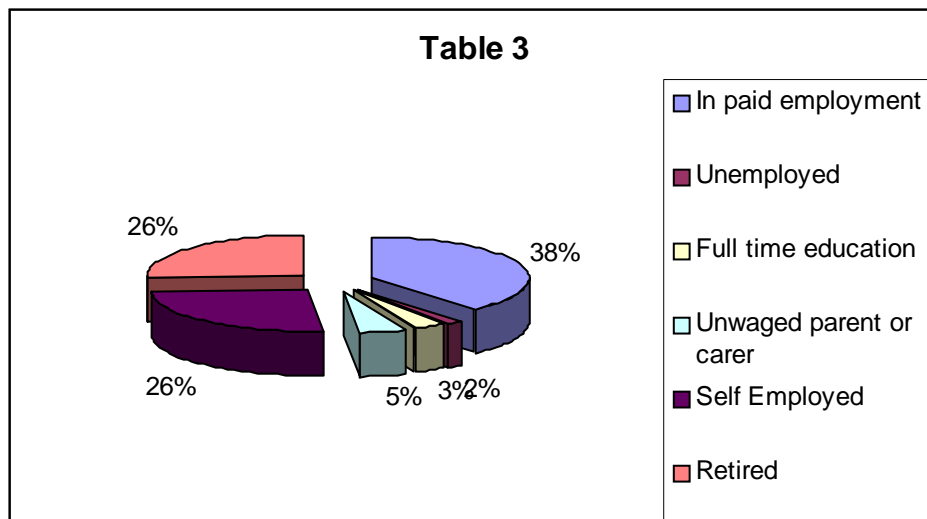
proposals and options, which will be widely distributed. A six week period of consultation will follow and an open Public Meeting will be called during that time. The Governors believe that Federation is the best way forward for both schools, both to ensure the security of the sites and to improve the delivery of education for the children.

Proposed Action – Parish Council to keep aware of proposed changes, and ensure all affected have ample opportunity to discuss.

Employment

The analysis in this section have been restricted to permanent residents.

Table 3 shows the employment status of the permanent residents. Contrary to popular belief, the percentage of retired residents is only 26%, as opposed to the total earning population of 64% (comparable to the national average of 60.6%). The three main areas of employment are Agriculture, Retail/ Service and Tourism/Catering., and the greatest barrier to employment is considered to be a lack of affordable childcare.



There are 10 local employers, some identifying a lack of applicants for jobs, and 15 residents felt that local job advertising would be useful.

Proposed action – Form an action team to identify means of providing local job advertising opportunities

If an opportunity arises to provide a new source of local employment, 50% of replies indicated an interest in a farm shop, and 30% expressed interest in tea rooms, and rural crafts.

Design – include this sentiment in a parish council development guidelines

Travelling and Public Transport

This section has also been restricted to permanent residents only.

There were wide ranging comments regarding the provision of public transport. Of those that travel to work, 37% travel less than 5 miles by car, with only 5 people close enough to walk to work and 3 using a local bus. Only 6 people out of 46 travelling to work would consider car sharing.

7 people would be interested in helping provide voluntary transport.

Information – obtain advertising material from local voluntary transport organisers and distribute/display

Of those that use public transport, the chief concerns expressed were with timetables and reliability. Those that did not use public transport gave their main reasons as being issues with timetables and routes. The most frequently expressed remarks were...

More direct routes required

Buses need to get to Dorchester or Weymouth in time to start work by 8.30.

More frequent buses

Buses and trains need to tie up

Evening buses

Proposed action – inform local transport planners and providers of results of survey, and elicit response.

Information – investigate revised train timetable and see if bus tie-up has improved.

Parking

The most mentioned areas where parking is felt to be a problem are on the village green at East Chaldon, and by the church, followed by Chydok road. However most of the people do not consider parking to be a problem. From verbal feedback received, it is evident that any parking problem that exist are seasonal due to the influx of walkers during the warmer summer months.

It was felt by some that the church and the hall would be better used if there was parking available nearby.

Proposed action – An action team to investigate the possibility of displaying a sign to the walkers car parks (at the east of the parish, and at the Sailors Return public house).

A comment was raised at the open meeting that parking could become a greater problem if infill development takes place at some time in the future.

Design – Include some statement to ensure that adequate parking provided for all new developments

Road Safety

70% of people do not consider the roads to be dangerous, and 60% believe that speeding is not a problem. However of those that do perceive a problem the road between East Chaldon

and Winfrith, and the crossroad at the A352 were highlighted as being of greatest concern. At the open meeting it was suggested that we request the Speed Indicator Device be used to determine if there is a problem with speed. Another suggestion was to enforce the heavy vehicle restriction on the road going over the hill by the Five Marys burial mounds.

Proposed action – Investigate the use of SID

Proposed action – Investigate how heavy vehicle restrictions can be enforced

Proposed action – Parish council ensure proposed speed signs are put in place by end 2005

Of those that expressed an opinion, 86% were against the idea of street lighting! Concern was expressed at the open meeting about the number of security lights on late at night causing light pollution.

Design – Adopt a dark skies policy

Health and Well-being

The questions in this section, and the figures received have been sent to the surgery at Wool for their views. The general view is that the service provided by the Wool surgery is good, and other services such as the local hospital, occupational therapists etc were also praised. Wool surgery do not feel that they need to take any action as a result of this survey. They have provided a copy of their leaflet describing the services they can provide.

Information – obtain further copies of the leaflet, and distribute copies e.g. in village hall, Sailors Return and noticeboards.

A committee has also been formed representing patients of the Wool surgery, and a Senior forum also exists.

Information – identify local representatives of these committees and advertise

There were some difficulties with obtaining local dental services.

Information – Identify local dentist currently taking on NHS patients

Judging by the responses received, residents of Chaldon Herring enjoy excellent health, with 82% having no health problems. We are also well informed as to where to seek medical help should we require it. The only area where notable doubt was expressed were loneliness and drugs misuse.

Information – identify source of information and help, and advertise.

Proposed Action – Parish Council to investigate the Reading Group Service offered by the local library as possible activity to combat loneliness

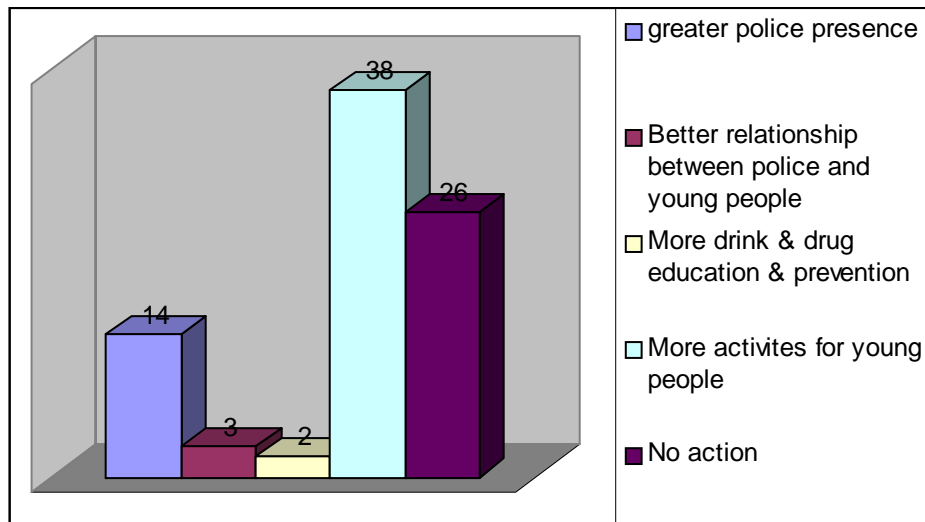
Problems in the Community

The significant problems identified here were Dog Fouling and Litter

Proposed Action – Parish Council to investigate costs of providing dog bins, liaise with PDC about emptying them

Proposed Action – An action team to investigate the number and location of existing waste bins, and identify areas where litter is a problem

Table 4 shows the areas that the community sees the most need to resolve any perceived issues ...



Interestingly, there were only 8 surveys received from the under 25s, representing only 6% of the population. Of these 8, 5 highlighted a need for more activities for young people. The majority of responses indicating a need for more activities for young people comes from older age brackets, and it is probable that the intention is to encourage young people to stay in the parish rather than move away, and to encourage young people to move in to the parish.

Design – Maintain existing levels of affordable housing stock

At the open meeting it was suggested that home-owners that are only in the parish at weekends, or who let their properties for holidays are causing a problem by leaving their rubbish out when they leave. Bin bags are not proof from wild animals and rubbish is often scattered overnight. Subsequent to the survey being produced, PDC have indicated their intention to introduce the use of Wheelie bins to be collected fortnightly. This leads to an additional concern that the bins will be left outside these properties

Proposed action – Letters to be sent out requesting that rubbish only be put out on the day of collection.

Community Information

The survey results for this section give a clear indication of priorities, with the two most needed items being a bus shelter and recycling facilities.

The parish council have already made attempts to find a suitable location for a bus shelter but have so far failed to find appropriate land that can be made available.

Proposed action – Parish council to make further efforts to identify a suitable location for a bus shelter

Purbeck District Council initially approached the parish with a view to locating a mini-recycling centre in East Chaldon. The parish council met with their representative in the summer of 2004 and a site was agreed. Subsequently PDC have stated that from October 2005

Wheelie bins will be collected fortnightly for household waste, and in the intervening weeks recycled waste will be collected.

Proposed action - Parish council to monitor new waste collection arrangements and raise any concerns with PDC

The next items on the list were a children's play area and visits by a mobile fish and chip van.

Proposed action – An action team to investigate the feasibility of a play area, taking into consideration the number of children in the parish, and the number of children that visit the parish. Also investigate possibility of getting outside funding.

Proposed action – An action team to contact existing mobile chip shop with a view to getting the parish included in a regular run, and consult the Sailors Return about the possibility of a takeaway service as provided at the Castle at West Lulworth

This section also confirmed that some of the existing facilities are still valued and needed namely the pub, the village hall and the mobile library. Other areas that had some interest were a mobile shop, a tearoom and teenage facilities.

Sport and Recreation

People in the parish take part in a wide variety of sporting and recreational activities, and make use of many local facilities both close to hand and further afield. Interest was expressed in cricket, dancing, indoor bowling, badminton, croquet, running club, exercise classes and tennis. There are many sport and leisure facilities in the area, but Chaldon Herring does not have a big enough resident population to support a sporting facility. Also, the village hall is unsuitable for most sporting activities, as it has limited space, heating and facilities.

Information – An action team to identify which of these are available locally and publicise

Environment

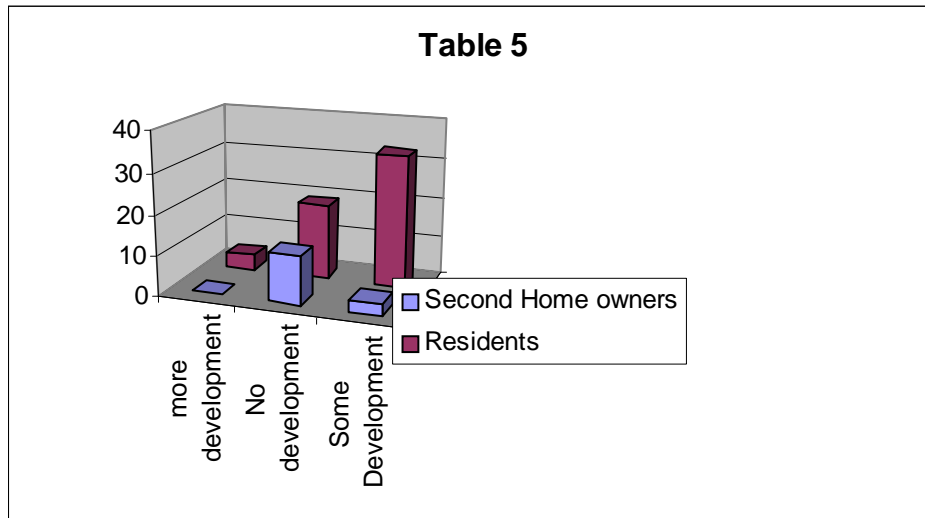
Since the survey was issued there have been problems in East Chaldon with mud flowing onto the roads from surrounding farmland. Some residents expressed concern, and a meeting was held with representatives of the Weld estate, the parish council and concerned villagers. At this meeting several likely actions that could help were mentioned.

Proposed action – An action team set up to provide follow up to determine if any of the suggestions have been taken up, and if there are plans for further action. Team to monitor going forward.

The survey shows a strong support for mobile phone coverage. At the open meeting there were 4 votes against and 16 votes for the mast. It was suggested that digital radio and TV be included.

Proposed action – An action team to contact service providers with a view to locating a mobile phone mast in the parish

Table 5 show the feeling regarding expansion in the parish. These figures have been broken down to show the responses from residents and those from second home owners. There is a notable difference here, showing that the second home owners are in favour of no development, but the residents are more open to some development. Overall there are more in favour of some development than not. The question of infilling or widening of the settlement bounds was overall 35/25 slightly in favour of infilling.



Design - parish council to produce a statement of policy to reflect these preferences, which will be used when planning applications are to be considered.

There was considerable interest expressed in listed buildings, and also a lack of public knowledge about which buildings are listed.

Information – parish council to display list of listed buildings

Community Action

54% of people would like the parish council to represent their views. 17% selected the district council, and 15% the local MP. The local church was the choice of 10%, with just 4% opting for the county council. These results reflect a need for local representation to deal with local issues and will hopefully mean there will be local support for the action plans and action teams resulting from this plan.

The three most common ways of finding out what is happening in the parish are by word of mouth, reading the Parish Magazine and viewing local noticeboards.

There were some suggestions that a local newsletter covering local jobs, free classified ads, news from the parish council etc. might be worth considering, however this would require a financial and time commitment, and might then rival the Parish Magazine. As the Parish Magazine covers Winfrith, and East & West Lulworth as well as Chaldon Herring, it is not always a suitable means of communication for Parish information.

Proposed action – Parish Council to consider a regular newsdrop for each household

In line with the survey results, the results of the survey will be initially announced at a public meeting, and a copy of the plan will be delivered to each resident, and displayed on the noticeboards. (The parish magazine will be used for progress updates but is not appropriate for the publication of the results, as it covers Winfrith and Lulworth parishes)

Likes and Dislikes

The returned questionnaires had many positive comments about our community, and when asked what they liked best 36% valued it being quiet and peaceful, with 23% that is was friendly and caring. Other appreciated facets of the parish were the rural life, the small communities and the unspoilt countryside.

Design – Parish Council policy statement to reflect the characteristics valued by the residents

There were many personal dislikes – only one was common to several people, and that was that there are too many holiday homes. When asked what they disliked about the community, the most frequent response was “nothing , I am very happy here”.

Overall, 54% are very satisfied with the community, 35% are fairly satisfied, 8% are mildly dissatisfied, and 3% are very dissatisfied.

The under 16s

The competition for children was to show us “Five things I’d change around here!”, and the entries give us an insight into what the children would like to see. The results clearly show that the most desired is a play area with swings, room for sport and for bikes. A bench and some flowers were also popular items. Other suggestions included clearing up dog mess and litter, a bus shelter, more fetes, a day on the green to exchange local produce, fruit tree on the green, youth club at the hall, people to look after the countryside and speed signs with children on them.

Proposed Action – Parish Council to consider planting wild flowers

NOTE: Dog bins, Litter bins, play area and bus shelter considered elsewhere

Action Plan

The action plan is divided into 2 sections. The first section covers topics that the people of Chaldon Herring want information about. The steering committee provided information on all subjects at the open meeting held in March. If any further information is required members of the committee should be contacted. The second section covers actions that the steering committee proposes the Parish Council take to resolve issues raised as a result of this project. The actions are listed in priority order, with the first being the highest priority.

Information		
Aim	Action taken	Date Complete
Obtain literature on Adult Education opportunities and publicise	Literature from Weymouth college provided, together with adult education opportunities and details of finance available	March 18 th 2005
Obtain advertising material from local voluntary transport organisers and distribute/display	Contact details displayed	March 18 th 2005
Investigate revised train timetable and see if bus tie-up has improved	Revised train and bus timetables supplied and displayed – no obvious links available to get to Dorchester, Poole or Weymouth before 9.00 am.	March 18 th 2005
Obtain further copies of the Wool Surgery leaflet, and distribute copies	Leaflets displayed	March 18 th 2005
Identify local representatives of the Wool surgery and Senior forums	List of representatives displayed	March 18 th 2005
Locate information on drug abuse	Dorset drug and alcohol advisory service leaflets displayed	March 18 th 2005
Locate information on dealing with loneliness	Contact details for Helop & Share now available 9 phone 01929 555182 for more information	August 31 st 2005
Identify local sports and recreation facilities	Contacts identified for all local sports and recreation activities, and displayed at open meeting. Many also listed in Parish Magazine	March 18 th 2005
Display list of listed buildings	List supplied by PDC and displayed at open meeting	March 18 th 2005
Provide details of local dentist currently accepting NHS patients	Contact displayed at open meeting	March 18 th 2005

Chaldon Herring Plan for Action

Action				
Owner	Priority High/ Medium/ Low	Status as at 01/09/05	Aim	Action
Parish Council	High	In Progress	Provide a bus shelter	A potential site for a bus shelter has been identified, and discussions are currently underway regarding permissions, and design of shelter. Parish Council to progress.
Andy Lloyd. & Parish Council	High	In Progress	To prove if there is a definite need of affordable housing in Chaldon Herring. If so, to take actions to provide said housing.	The Rural Housing Enabler (Andy Lloyd) has already been asked to run a Housing Needs survey. He is hoping to combine this with Winfrith and they have indicated that they are open to this suggestion. Parish Council to monitor progress with the survey, and adopt suitable actions depending on the conclusions of the survey.
Parish Council	High	Complete	Provide dog bins	The Parish Council has purchased a bin, and arrangements are in place with PDC to empty it.
Parish Council	High	Not Started	Resolve the perceived problem with litter	To monitor the litter in and around the villages. If there is a clear problem (not associated with rubbish left by weekenders) then investigate re-siting the existing litter bins, and/or providing further bins.
PDC	High	In Progress	Provide recycling facilities	A site for a mini-recycling centre in East Chaldon was identified, a rep. From PDC visited and arrangements were to be put in hand to clear the site. This was put on hold pending the PDC kerbside recycling initiative due to start in October this year. Parish Council to monitor new system and raise any issues that occur.
Parish Council	Medium	Not Started	Limit the problems caused by visitors to the Parish parking in the roads.	There are 2 walkers' carparks available in East Chaldon, but these are under used. Parish Council to investigate the cost of providing signs to the walkers' carparks. (Note that the signs must not be so intrusive as to be detrimental to the village scene)
Parish Council & PCC	Medium	In Progress	Get improved reception for mobile phones, and digital TV and radio.	The PCC have already discussed the possibility of locating a mobile mast on the church at East Chaldon. Parish Council to meet with the PCC to discuss how this can be progressed. If not possible, then alternative solutions to be investigated.

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DCC	Medium	In Progress	Display speed limits	The Parish Council have already arranged for speed limit signs to be erected. The location of the signs has been agreed. To monitor progress and aim for the action to complete by the end of 2005.
Parish Council & DCC	Low	Not Started	To enforce weight restrictions on road over Five Marys hill	Parish Council to contact DCC to investigate ways in which this can be enforced.
Parish Council	Low	Not Started	To ascertain if the perceived problem with speeding through East Chaldon exists	Contact DCC to enquire if SID can be set up in the village to investigate the speed of drivers. Going forward Parish Council to take ownership of any problems highlighted as a result of this action.
Parish Council	Low	Not Started	Identify adult IT training, and the possibility of sourcing a course locally	Identify IT courses being held locally. If none already available investigate the possibility of a course being run locally.
Parish Council	Low	In Progress	Provide a play area in East Chaldon	A possible location for a play area has been identified. Parish Council needs to look at ... feasibility of locating a play area on the identified site, the number of children likely to make use of a play area, the possibility of getting outside funding for a play area. It would be beneficial to appoint an action team to take this item forward.
Parish Council	Low	Not Started	Identify a means of advertising local job opportunities	Contact local employers to ask if they would consider advertising job opportunities locally. If so then investigate the number of ways this could be taken forward (eg local website, noticeboards, newsdrop).
Parish Council	Low	Not Started	Mud slides - to provide follow up to determine if any of the suggestions have been taken up, and if there are plans for further action.	Parish Council to identify a representative to follow up suggestions made at the local meeting, and to monitor changes made to resolve the problem. Parish council to monitor the problem and take ownership if it is still an issue next autumn.
Parish Council	Low	Not Started	To bring to the attention of local transport providers the issues raised in the survey.	Document the issues raised and send to local transport providers for comment. If appropriate publicise the replies received

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Parish Council	Low	Not Started	Contact mobile fish and chip van and Sailors Return re takeaway menu	The management at the Sailors Return were contacted about the possibility of providing a take-away service. They are considering the suggestion. Should it not prove possible, then the mobile fish and chip suppliers to be contacted and asked if Chaldon can be included in their route.
Parish Council	Low	Not Started	Provide a means of communicating parish information	The Parish council are already planning to relocate the noticeboard at the end of Chydok Road, if possible positioning it with the proposed bus shelter. In addition to this a trial newsdrop to be produced and distributed to each household, and feedback gathered informally.
Parish Council	Low	Not Started	Plant wild flowers within Parish boundaries	Parish council to identify local volunteers to take this forward, possibly involving local children (whose idea this is).
Parish Council	Low	Not Started	Ensure that Chaldon Herring residents have ample opportunity to comment on any proposals affecting Winfrith school.	Parish Council to make certain they receive all proposals, and to ensure that there is ample opportunity for everyone to take part in the consultation process. Item to be added to Parish Council meeting agenda.
Parish Council	Low	Not Started	Prevent household rubbish being scattered in the lanes by wild animals.	Parish Council to discuss how much of a problem this is. If it is considered necessary, a letter to be sent to all households requesting that rubbish is only put out on the day of collection. Those households only occupied at weekends to make arrangements for rubbish to be taken away if it cannot be put out on the collection day.
	Low	Not Started	Provide a local activity to aid those vulnerable to loneliness	Investigate the reading group service offered by the library service
	Low	Not Started	To resolve parking issues at church and hall	To be identified

Parish Development Guidelines

The three villages and outlying dwellings that make up the parish of Chaldon Herring are in an attractive setting. Its residents value the peaceful qualities of their environment, but at the same time they see that there are some changes that must be made if the villages are to continue to evolve as living active communities. Being located close to the Dorset coastline, the parish attracts those looking for a holiday home and is a popular destination for walkers and other tourists. Social and economic forces have resulted in new pressures on small communities. These Parish Development Guidelines have been produced in response to these issues. Its aim is to manage change, whether it be new development, or small scale additions and alterations. It will not stop development from happening but it seeks to influence how new development fits into the village.

The Parish Development Guidelines describe the qualities and characteristics that local people value and set out guidance for all new development based on that character. As it is part of the Parish Plan, it is intended that planners, developers and anyone contemplating a development in the parish should take note of its recommendations.

The parish and its surroundings are considered under the following headings, with recommendations highlighted for each.

Natural Environment
Social and Employment

Buildings and Spaces
Traffic

Natural Environment

The parish of Chaldon Herring is in the main surrounded by farmland, which is a principal factor defining the local environment. Tadnol also borders heathland that is managed by the Dorset Wildlife Trust. There are occasional copses dotted around the farmland and the general outlook is of rolling hills. There is also a small stream running from West Chaldon through East Chaldon. Most of the land around East and West Chaldon is owned by the Weld Estate.

There are much-valued landscape views looking out from most points of the villages – future development should be sympathetic to preserving the landscape views in and around the villages, using methods such as maintaining established trees and installing only underground cables.

Existing woodland, verges and hedgerows should be protected in accordance to the principles defined in the Community Strategy for Dorset (2004). New planting, especially of native species should be encouraged.

The verges to the road north of East Chaldon towards Five Marys are of particular interest being the site of wild orchids. Management of these verges should be sympathetic to the existence of the species found there.

Buildings and Spaces

The parish has a considerable mix of buildings, ranging from small thatched cottages to the manor house at East Chaldon, with a mix of barn conversions, terraced farm cottages, bungalows, detached and semi-detached houses. In general, recent development has been in character with the original dwellings.

The residents have expressed a requirement that each village shall retain its compact identity, and that any new development should be infill development, which will respect the shape and size of the villages and avoid ribbon development.

Any future developments should be of small scale and in sympathy with the traditional architecture within the parish. Where possible local walling materials should be used, window frames should be wooden, with thatch, clay tiles or slate being preferred for roofing.

Bearing in mind the increased mobility of the population, any developments should include adequate parking, allowing parking for one car for each bedroom in a single property.

Key to the character of Chaldon Herring is the balance between buildings and open space, and this balance should be preserved in any new development, by maintaining open grassed areas, protecting grassed verges and the use of creative landscaping to maintain a sense of space.

Residents have expressed the wish for a dark skies policy to be adopted.

Social and Employment

Overall the people of Chaldon Herring are open to some further development. It is essential that the need for affordable housing should be accurately assessed in order for appropriate development to be encouraged.

Apart from agriculture and the Sailors Return, there are few employment opportunities within Chaldon Herring and most of the working population have to travel outside the parish. Employment could be created by converting unused premises for technology or small craft industries, but there are no suitable areas within the parish for industrial usage.

If a need for affordable housing can be demonstrated a small development in partnership with a housing association would encourage low cost accommodation for local people.

Any additions or alterations to premises should not reduce the existing affordable housing stock.

The creation of small craft industries, converting premises for technology business should not be discouraged. Horticulture and farm shops are also to be encouraged.

Traffic

By their nature country lanes are not suited to modern traffic. In particular visitors parking on the roads can cause problems for drivers of agricultural machines. Residents are also concerned by the speed of traffic through the villages.

Any new development should include adequate parking for its residents.

The impact of new developments on traffic and parking in the village should be taken into account at the planning stage.

The introduction of any industries or businesses should take into account any likely increase in traffic.