

Monks Kirby Parish



Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire

Analysis

June 2021

The Parish of Monks Kirby has commenced the preparation of their Neighbourhood Plan.

An important part of this inclusive process is, of course, obtaining the views and aspirations of the community. Key to this has been the development and dissemination of a community questionnaire.

The questionnaire contains 40 questions and is based on important themes established following initial consultation work by the team leading the Monks Kirby Neighbourhood Plan.

The questionnaire took place during April and May of 2021. It was available to complete electronically and as a paper version. The level of response from the community was good, there being 79 responses. This represents a return from over 20% of the adult population, (382 aged 16 plus).

Given that some households choose to respond collectively rather than as individuals; it is also pertinent to consider the number of responses in relation to the number of households in the Neighbourhood Plan area. The number of responses represents the equivalent of up to 43% of the 181 occupied households.

This demonstrates a good level of commitment to the Neighbourhood Plan by the community and, in turn, adds strength to the validity of the collected views expressed.



Environment & Heritage

Q1 What do you like about Monks Kirby parish?

Open countryside reaching close to the village centre	98.73%
Peace and tranquillity	93.67%
No major through roads	92.41%
Village character	91.14%
Separation from other surrounding villages by fields and countryside	88.61%
Greenbelt	86.08%
Conservation area	84.81%
Working farms in and around the villages	84.81%
Our listed buildings, High proportion of character buildings	79.75%
Our ancient church	79.75%
Local facilities – pub/restaurant, village hall, church	77.22%
Access to major road networks, railways and airport	56.96%
School	53.16%
Building styles	51.90%
Locally available employment	16.46%

Responses make clear that the liked aspects of Monks Kirby parish relate to its rural setting, ambiance and character. For example, 98% value open countryside reaching close to the village and 93% like the peace and tranquillity.

Just 16% like the availability of local employment.

A full list of comments appears in the appendix. Respondents express their appreciation of the rural location, views, the small size of the village and recreational facilities.

Q2 What do you **not like** about the parish or wish to see improved?

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There is concern about traffic, its speed and volume, associated condition of roads and parking issues.

There is a strong desire to resist anything that could spoil Monks Kirby, which is clearly loved by many respondents.

Q3 Are there other facilities you would like to see in the parish?

A full list of comments appears in the appendix.

Many respondents do not wish to see anything change in the parish, expressing that they like it just as it is.

There is a strong desire for a shop/post office, although there is some acknowledgement that this may be difficult to sustain economically. An improved bus service is also sought.

There is a desire for better community facilities and more social events. There is also a wish to improve the condition of and access to natural areas in the parish.

Q4 To what extent do any of the following cause you concern within Monks Kirby parish? Please rate from 1 (not at all concerned) to 5 (very concerned)

	1	2	3	4	5
Fly tipping	2.56% 2	5.13% 4	6.41% 5	14.10% 11	71.79% 56
Unlawful development	12.99% 10	7.79% 6	6.49% 5	9.09% 7	63.64% 49
Abuse of greenbelt	11.54% 9	14.10% 11	8.97% 7	14.10% 11	51.28% 40
Dog fouling	12.99% 10	12.99% 10	19.48% 15	24.68% 19	29.87% 23
Traffic speed	10.13% 8	18.99% 15	22.78% 18	18.99% 15	29.11% 23
Environmental protection	14.29% 11	18.18% 14	19.48% 15	22.08% 17	25.97% 20
Litter	16.88% 13	20.78% 16	28.57% 22	12.99% 10	20.78% 16
Burglary	10.67% 8	18.67% 14	25.33% 19	24.00% 18	21.33% 16
Drainage	12.99% 10	15.58% 12	27.27% 21	28.57% 22	15.58% 12
Noise pollution	36.36% 28	20.78% 16	16.88% 13	12.99% 10	12.99% 10
Air pollution	37.66% 29	31.17% 24	15.58% 12	6.49% 5	9.09% 7
Water quality	51.28% 40	12.82% 10	15.38% 12	14.10% 11	6.41% 5

Of real concern are fly tipping (85% concerned or very concerned), unlawful development (72%) and abuse of greenbelt (65%). Each other option is not of great concern to respondents – noise air and water pollution in particular being of relatively small concern to most.

Q5 How important are the following potential initiatives for Monks Kirby parish? Please rate from 1 (not at all important) to 5 (very important)

	1	2	3	4	5
Protection of wildlife areas, including verges	5.06% 4	1.27% 1	13.92% 11	17.72% 14	62.03% 49
Planting new woods (reforestation)	2.53% 2	3.80% 3	16.46% 13	22.78% 18	54.43% 43
Maintaining public transport services	3.80% 3	7.59% 6	17.72% 14	26.58% 21	44.30% 35
All new developments to use renewable energy (e.g. solar panels, geothermal heating)	11.39% 9	8.86% 7	25.32% 20	17.72% 14	36.71% 29
Investigate ways to reduce reliance on domestic oil	26.58% 21	10.13% 8	25.32% 20	18.99% 15	18.99% 15
Provision of cycle ways	25.97% 20	14.29% 11	25.97% 20	16.88% 13	16.88% 13

The protection of wildlife areas is strongly supported (79% important/very important), as is reforestation (77%). This reinforces the views expressed in response to other questions that the rural setting of the parish and the proximity of homes to the countryside are of particular importance to respondents.

There is positive support for maintaining public transport services and also for all new developments being required to use renewable energy.

There is no overall support for investigation of ways to reduce reliance on domestic oil or the provision of cycle ways.

Q6 Do you have any other comments about environment and heritage?

The full list of thoughtful comments appears in the appendix.

The protection and development of wildlife and historic buildings such as the church is important to a number of respondents. There is also concern about unauthorised development being allowed as well as an erudite defence of compost heaps.

Housing

Q7 What type of development would you like to see in the village and parish. Please rate each from 1 (strongly against) to 5 (strongly support)

	1	2	3	4	5
Limited in-fill to meet local needs, including extensions	6.76% 5	5.41% 4	25.68% 19	18.92% 14	43.24% 32
Affordable Housing	26.39% 19	13.89% 10	23.61% 17	18.06% 13	18.06% 13
Small developments	43.24% 32	8.11% 6	18.92% 14	10.81% 8	18.92% 14
Development within the parish green belt area	74.32% 55	6.76% 5	8.11% 6	2.70% 2	8.11% 6

Only limited in-fill to meet local needs, including extensions received positive support (62% support/strongly support).

There is some support for affordable housing but small developments and especially development within the greenbelt area are opposed.

Q8 What type of housing do you think the parish needs? Please rate each from 1 (strongly against) to 5 (strongly support)

	1	2	3	4	5
Homes for young people	23.29% 17	10.96% 8	21.92% 16	21.92% 16	21.92% 16
Small family homes (2-3 beds)	16.22% 12	13.51% 10	25.68% 19	22.97% 17	21.62% 16
Homes for elderly people	28.77% 21	13.70% 10	32.88% 24	12.33% 9	12.33% 9
Homes for single people (1 bed)	41.10% 30	12.33% 9	24.66% 18	13.70% 10	8.22% 6
Homes for people with disabilities	25.68% 19	13.51% 10	40.54% 30	12.16% 9	8.11% 6
Large family homes (4+ beds)	40.54% 30	17.57% 13	27.03% 20	12.16% 9	2.70% 2

There is no overall support for any of the options presented in question 8. Homes for young people and small family homes receive the greatest support, possibly suggesting the need to help those without.

Homes for elderly people, single people, disabled people and large family homes are not generally supported.

Q9 What style of housing would you like in any new development? Please rate each from 1 (strongly against) to 5 (strongly support)

	1	2	3	4	5
Consistent with conservation area including appropriate style and materials	6.76% 5	2.70% 2	5.41% 4	9.46% 7	75.68% 56
Eco friendly	8.22% 6	2.74% 2	20.55% 15	19.18% 14	49.32% 36
Large garden	15.07% 11	10.96% 8	56.16% 41	9.59% 7	8.22% 6
Modern style and materials	45.21% 33	15.07% 11	27.40% 20	4.11% 3	8.22% 6
Small garden	16.44% 12	13.70% 10	53.42% 39	8.22% 6	8.22% 6

There is strong support for any new development to be consistent with the conservation area (85% support/strongly support). There is also support for eco-friendly housing (68%).

No other option receives overall support, with modern style and materials being most strongly opposed.

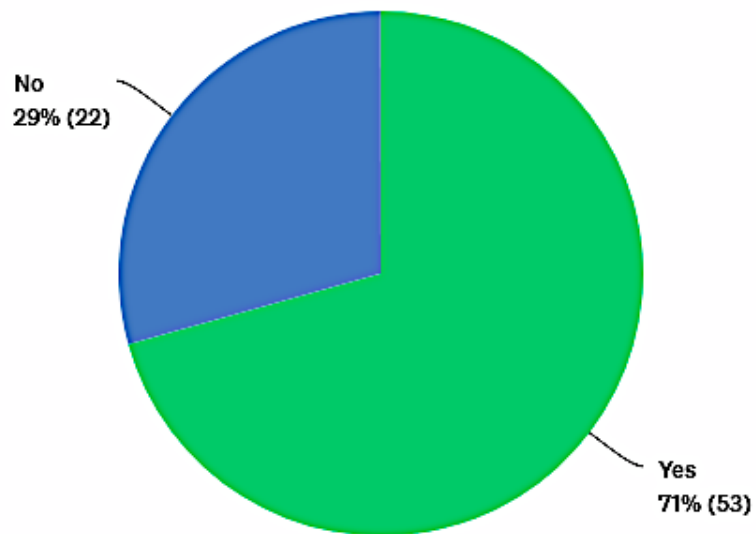
Q10 Should this housing include the following? Please rate each from 1 (strongly against) to 5 (strongly support)

	1	2	3	4	5
Owner occupied	9.46% 7	1.35% 1	25.68% 19	16.22% 12	47.30% 35
Affordable housing	24.32% 18	8.11% 6	27.03% 20	9.46% 7	31.08% 23
Shared ownership	28.17% 20	11.27% 8	36.62% 26	9.86% 7	14.08% 10
Social rented	37.50% 27	11.11% 8	31.94% 23	9.72% 7	9.72% 7
Private rented	38.89% 28	16.67% 12	37.50% 27	2.78% 2	4.17% 3

Respondents support owner occupation as the tenure for any new development.

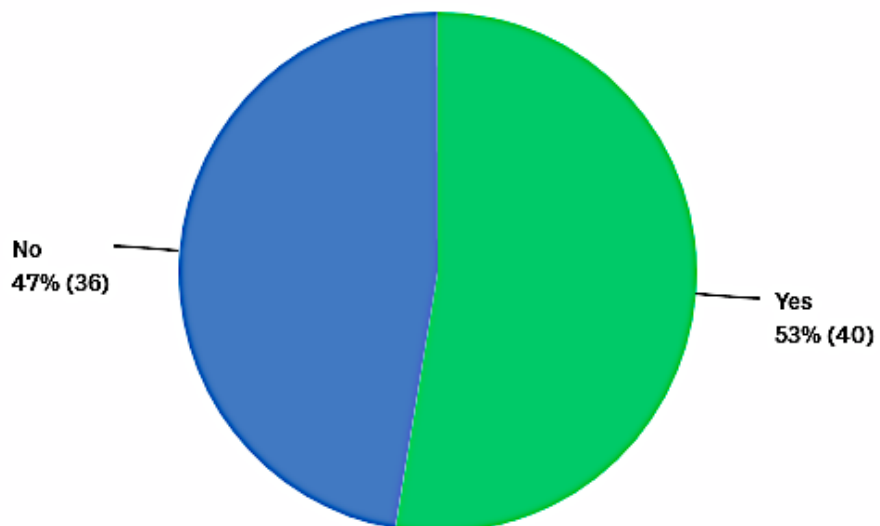
There is some support for affordable housing but shared ownership, social rented and private rented are not supported.

Q11 Would you be prepared to take part in a separate housing needs survey to assess the needs within the parish?

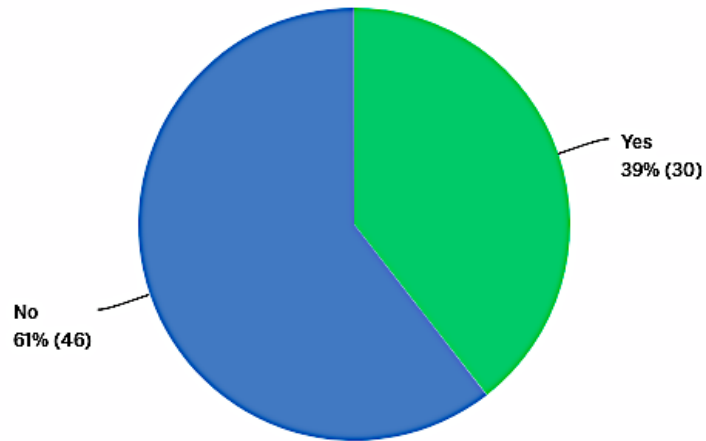


Communication & Connectivity

Q12 Is the broadband speed adequate in the parish?

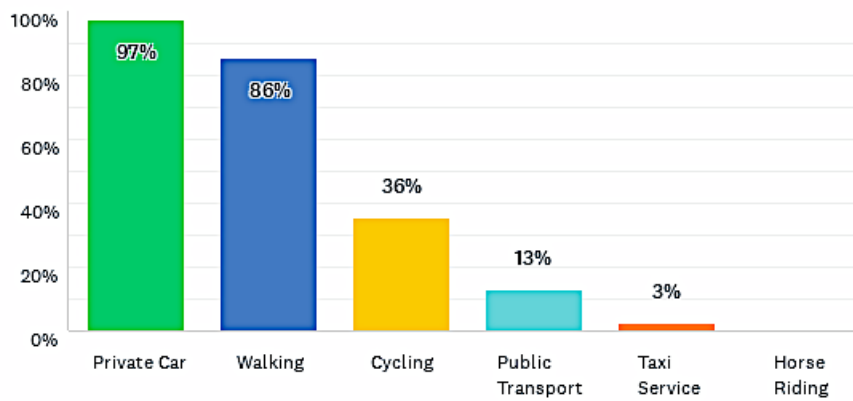


Q13 Is the mobile signal adequate in the parish?



Transport

Q14 Which of these modes of transport do you use regularly whilst in and around Monks Kirby parish?

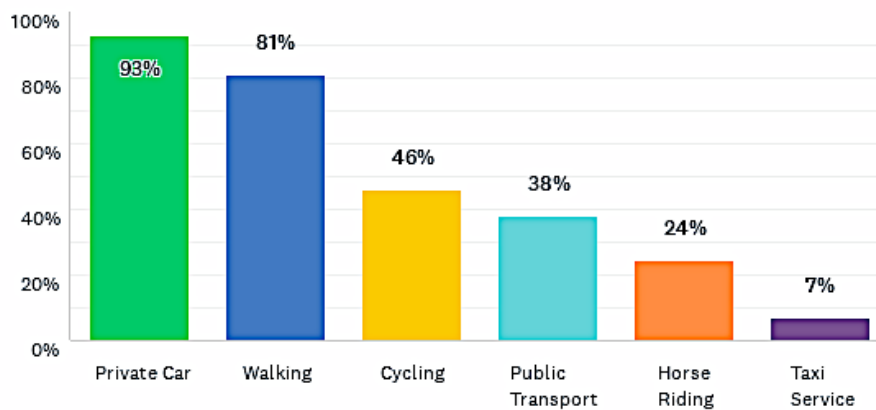


Q15 For what purpose do you use the modes of transport you have identified?

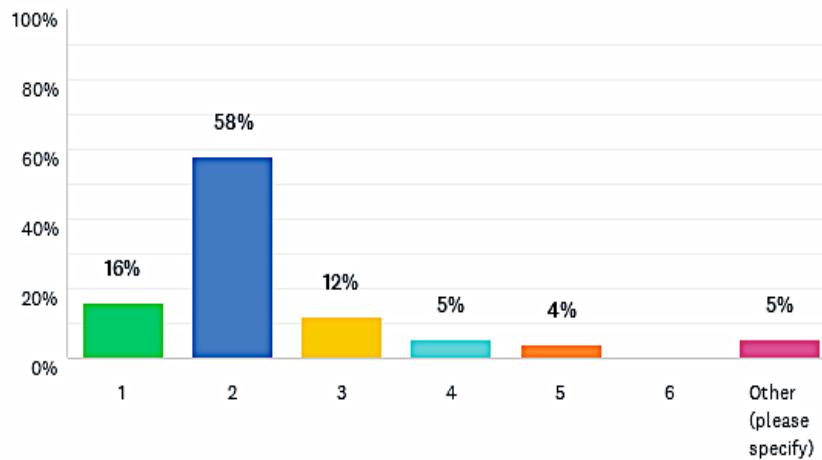
	WALKING	CYCLING	HORSE RIDING	PRIVATE CAR TAXI SERVICE	PUBLIC TRANSPORT	
Shopping	9.21% 7	3.95% 3	0.00% 0	97.37% 74	0.00% 0	3.95% 3
Travel to work	6.00% 3	2.00% 1	0.00% 0	92.00% 46	2.00% 1	4.00% 2
Leisure/social activities	72.00% 54	36.00% 27	0.00% 0	54.67% 41	0.00% 0	2.67% 2
Other purpose	40.48% 17	23.81% 10	0.00% 0	76.19% 32	2.38% 1	7.14% 3
School run	59.09% 13	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	63.64% 14	0.00% 0	9.09% 2

The private car remains respondent's dominant mode of transport for all travel purposes. Walking and cycling are important to respondents for leisure and social activities, with walking also being important for the school run.

Q16 Which of these modes of transport do you think is well served in the parish?

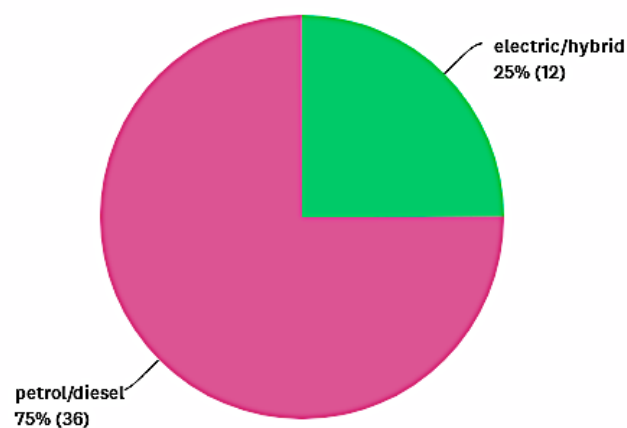


Q17 How many vehicles belong to your household?



Respondents own a total of 181 vehicles.

Q18 How many are electric or hybrid powered?



Twelve respondents say that they have electric or hybrid powered vehicles. This is already a significant number, which is highly likely to increase as sales of electric vehicles rises – with some potential implications for infrastructure within the parish.

Q19 How many can be parked within the boundary of your property?

Respondents stated that they are able to park a total of 216 vehicles within their boundary. Three respondents stated that they do not have any off street parking for their vehicles.

Q20 How important do you think the following would be to improving life in the parish? Please rate from 1 (not at all important) to 5 (very important)

	1	2	3	4	5
Maintaining condition of road surfaces	0.00% 0	1.32% 1	9.21% 7	19.74% 15	69.74% 53
Maintaining condition of pavements	0.00% 0	3.95% 3	7.89% 6	23.68% 18	64.47% 49
Placing limits on HGV vehicles	5.41% 4	8.11% 6	12.16% 9	13.51% 10	60.81% 45
Controlling the speed of vehicles	5.26% 4	11.84% 9	15.79% 12	17.11% 13	50.00% 38
Managing safety risk at junctions	3.95% 3	5.26% 4	21.05% 16	25.00% 19	44.74% 34
Improving availability of community/public transport	4.00% 3	8.00% 6	26.67% 20	20.00% 15	41.33% 31
Making the parish more walker/cycle friendly	5.33% 4	10.67% 8	25.33% 19	22.67% 17	36.00% 27
Improving disability access	5.56% 4	4.17% 3	34.72% 25	25.00% 18	30.56% 22
Provision of electric car charging points	29.17% 21	15.28% 11	22.22% 16	16.67% 12	16.67% 12

Each of the options to this question receives a positive response, with the exception of the provision of electric car charging points.

Respondents feel that maintaining the condition of roads and pavements are especially important.

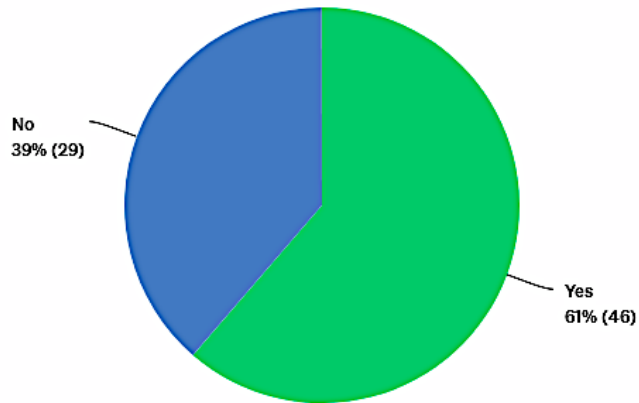
Q21 Are there any other comments that you would like to make about transport?

A full list of comments appears in the appendix.

There is concern about speeding, parking, road condition, bus service and the charging of electric vehicles for those without off-street parking.

Business & Enterprise

Q22 Would you welcome more business to the parish?



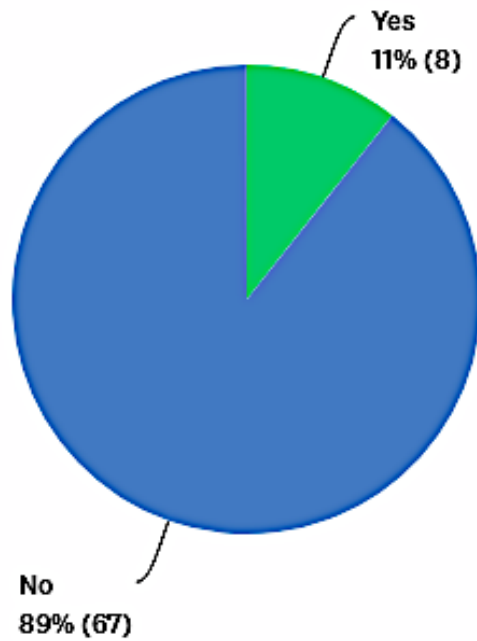
Q23 What type of business would you prefer to see?

	YES	NO
Cottage industry / Home based business	84.51% 60	15.49% 11
Agricultural business	68.18% 45	31.82% 21
Shops	65.67% 44	34.33% 23
Workshop	50.00% 32	50.00% 32
Office units	21.21% 14	78.79% 52

In a time when more people are working from home, there is strong support for cottage industry and home based business. Conversely, there is overall opposition to the provision of office units within the parish.

Specific comments expressed the desire for pubs, restaurants and a vet.

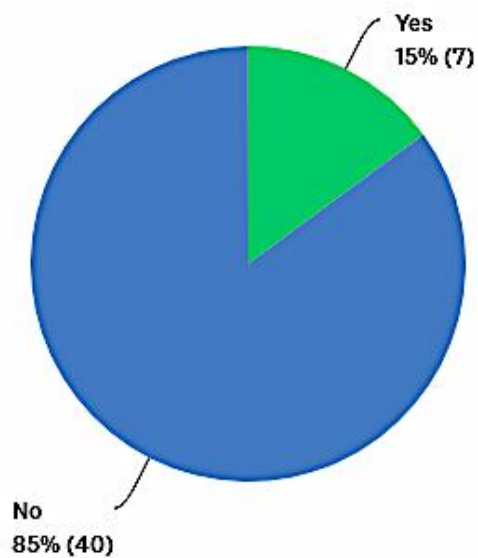
Q24 Do you operate a business within the parish?



Q25 If yes ... what type of business?

- Pub
- Food delivery
- Teaching yoga
- Freelance PA
- Work from home consultancy
- Accountancy services
- B&B
- Farm

Q26 Could future development within the parish **benefit** your business in any way?



Q27 Could future development within the parish **harm** your business in any way?

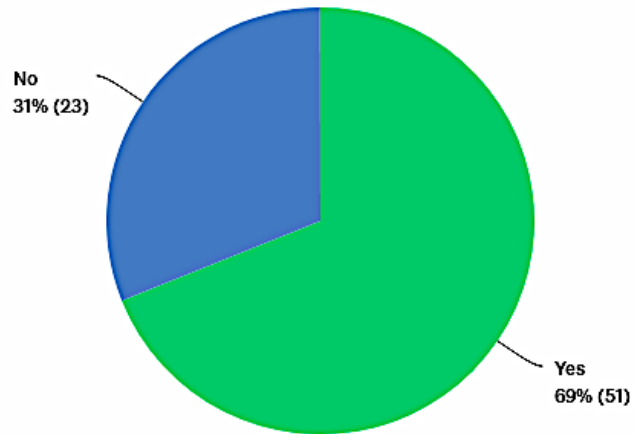


Q28 Excluding yourself, how many people do you employ (if any)?

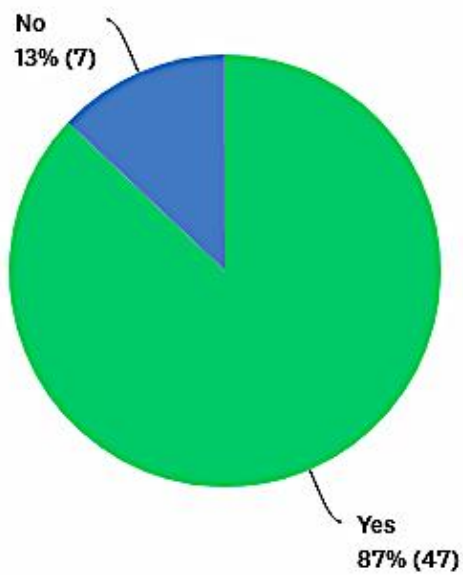
No respondent stated that they employ anyone from within the parish. One respondent stated that they employ 4 from outside the parish.

Parish Council & Local Government

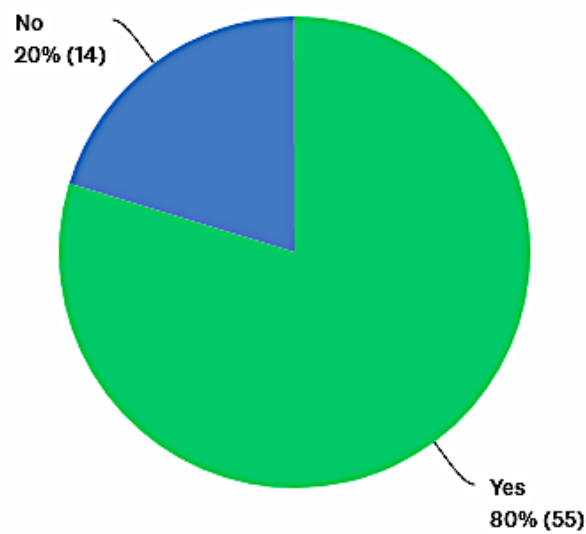
Q29 have you read the Monks Kirby Parish Plan?



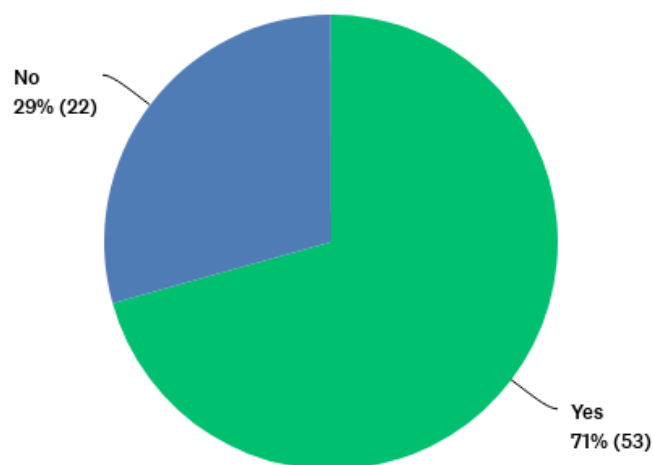
Q30 Was the Parish Plan helpful to you?



Q31 Do you feel you know about the role and scope of the Parish Council?



Q32 Have you ever viewed the Parish Council website?

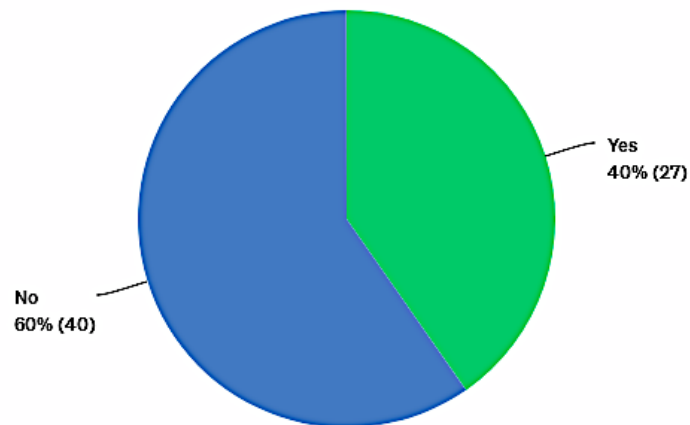


Q33 Have you any suggestions as to how the Parish Council could better engage/serve the community?

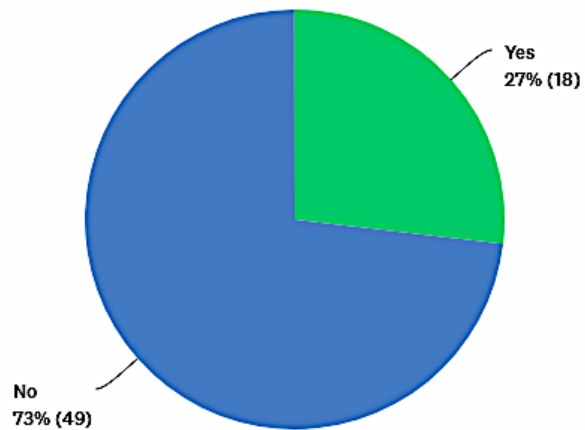
A full list of comments appears in the appendix.

Respondents that there needs to greater communication between the Parish Council and the community as a whole. Respondents feel that there could be greater innovation, listening to new ideas and fund-raising, especially for environmental projects.

Q34 Would you be interested in contributing to the Neighbourhood Plan project?



Q35 Would you be interested in other Parish Council work?



Q36 If you have answered 'yes' to either Q34 or Q35, please provide contact details

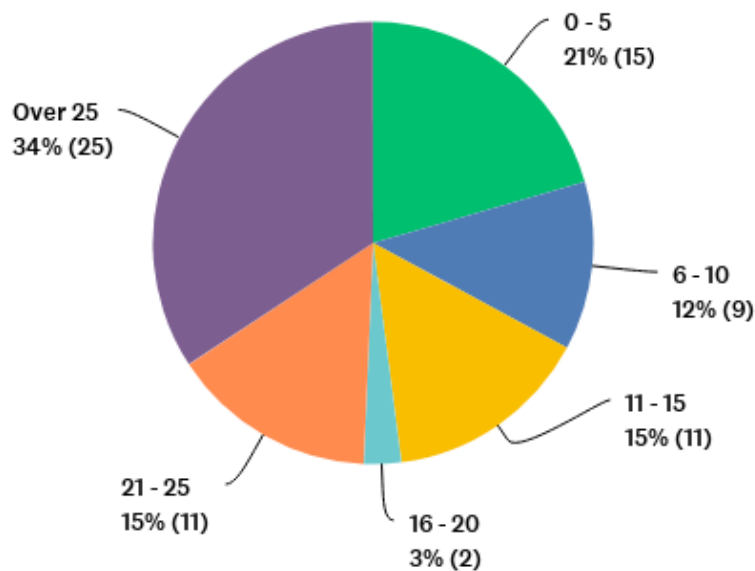
A list of contact details is included in the appendix.

Demographics

Q37 How many people of each of the age groups below, including yourself, live in your home?

Under 16	32
16 - 18	5
19 - 30	8
31 - 45	24
46 - 60	45
Above 60	61

Q38 How many years have you lived in Monks Kirby parish?



Q40 Have we forgotten anything? Please add any other comments you would like to make?

A full list of the comments is in the appendix.

Many comments focus on the need to maintain the parish as the unspoilt rural community. There is acknowledgement that affordable housing is required but a view that the parish may not be the best location for this.

There is concern about some development occurring outside of planning regulations. There is also a comment that the needs of children, specifically nursery places, should be considered.

Appendix

Q1 What do you like about Monks Kirby parish?

- Sense of community
- The village is steeped in history and is one of the very few "backwater" villages in the area. The recent new build houses have been built sympathetically but there should be no new houses built (particularly in Busby's Piece). The school traffic is already a problem in the village (it is actually dangerous with speeding traffic down narrow lanes) and the parking near the convent is also illegal opposite a junction (Stocking Meadow) due to the conversion of the Convent into housing with insufficient parking. I also feel that the school should extend the car park so that parents drive into a school drop off point/turning circle rather than parking on the road.
- Currently a fine balance and the village is the right size for country lanes/roads and amenities
- Playing field facilities, incorporating village fete facilities.
- Larger village hall for community events and lettings. Playing field.
- Would like to see the Denbigh Arms made a listed building
- I am a huge nature lover and would probably be opposed to any further development in the village if I'm honest!
- Monks Kirby is a bit of 'yesteryear' and should mainly be left as it is with no new housing estates
- School oversized for size of village infrastructure - roads inadequate for buses that only carry very few students resulting in cars blocking roads and verges of surrounding roads being constantly broken down.
- A village design statement was put in place several years ago, surprised we needed another one!
- By moving to a conservation area our hope is for pretty much all aspects of village and surrounds to be protected/preserved
- Not plagued by new housing developments.
- Playground
- The way that the countryside is visible from the very heart of the village.
- I love Monks Kirby because of its small size. New developments are always modern.... I hate that in an old village environment.
- Fish ponds and play area
- Children play facilities and walking network

Q2 What do you not like about the parish or wish to see improved?

- Nothing of note (wouldn't have moved if there were!) Mobile phone signal is perhaps the only aspect behind the times
- Not enough local pubs or restaurants
- Congestion around school times, traffic++ and buses turning in front of my house twice a day
- Traffic speed
- Fast traffic at school times.
- Fly tipping x3
- The problem with illegal fly tipping in surrounding lanes.

- Wi-Fi and broadband links improved
- A more substantial village green / space
- Main road into the village needs a pavement through to Street Ashton
- Nothing really. Better mobile phone reception. Feel it is important that the village retains its current character and not aware of any major drivers to change this
- The back lanes are in poor condition
- Road repairs required on many roads leading into the village. Potholes are particularly troublesome. Paths within the village are often unsafe due to uneven surface (on Brockhurst Lane path frequently driven over at busy times)
- Roads are very narrow for tractors
- There is no longer a shop which is a shame
- I do not feel that the Parish Council have enough "strength" to actually stop development of the village. They have so far been ineffective at opposing the traveller community building just outside the village. This is not the fault of the Parish Council, but it is a fact. I also find the noise of the "taped" bells from the Catholic Church are too loud and inappropriate. I understand there have been various complaints about this but nothing has changed. The sewerage/ drainage systems are also at capacity and any new developments would put a huge strain on the existing systems.
- Modern style of some housing; too much school traffic.
- Volume and speed of traffic mostly for school drivers do not adhere to 20 mph signs
- Lack of convenience stores
- Large double decker buses and extra wide wheeled heavy tractors damaging road surfaces and verges.
- Large and double decker buses for bringing school children. Extremely large and wide tractors that damage road surfaces and verges.
- Nothing that I can think of
- Speed limit has to be better enforced.
- Speed of cars driven by parents dropping off and picking up children at school
- School traffic
- If it ain't broke don't mend it
- Traffic to the school, speed and parking
- School traffic, people speed up to 60mph when coming into the village to drop off their children
- School traffic
- Parking on pavements, needing constant replacing of large kerbs. Potholes by Bell Lane, and poor road surfaces in Warwickshire as a whole. Pavement or mown strip, would help pedestrians as they come into the village from Street Ashton, Re-instating white lines would make it safer for pedestrians and cyclists on blind bends.
- Pot-Holes and sitting water on the roads whenever it rains
- More open parish council. For the many not just a closed group. More community feel, more inclusive
- Lack of homes for young people/ people on low incomes. Village can feel quite dead apart from around school. Some modern, ugly, oversized, pastiche "posh" homes pretending to have a rural character - no more of these please.
- More done to stop people exceeding the 20mph speed limit, especially towards the outskirts. People constantly speed past houses as they are going to or from the national speed limit roads in/out of the village.
- Excessive cyclist traffic. The boarded up building next to the bus stop is an eyesore and could be transformed. Some front gardens along Bond End resemble tips.

- Excessive cyclists passing through the village. The boarded up building next to the bus stop is an eyesore. Too many front gardens in Bond End are like dumping grounds.
- Boarded up building by bus stop. Large new houses on outskirts of village, poor internet
- Can't think of anything - I've been here 38 years and love it!
- Protection and enhancement of woodland areas more communal seating, better dog waste bins, better waste bins and more of both, more tree planting, more bulb planting, better street lighting through the main of the village
- I believe that the village community would be enhanced by a very small number of new homes built on carefully selected sites every few years. In fact this has happened over the last forty years, and each new development has been integrated into the village.
- It would be great to turn the derelict building next to the bus stop into a community shop/resource. There should also be a bin in the playground.
- Nothing, it's fine the way it is!
- Lack of car parking facilities
- Traffic issues at school time.
- State of roads and drainage system, both rainwater and sewage. Some poor quality and unmaintained footpaths and bridle paths
- Some of the people

Q3 Are there other facilities you would like to see in the parish?

- None x8
- Not really
- Shop x3
- Post office and shop
- A small shop A small General Store but I admit it would be hard to insist on one
- Maybe a small village shop
- A shop would be nice, yes we have the farm shop but their prices are rather high
- Community shop would be nice
- Affordable food stores with good opening times
- Ideally, a general store; it was good when the Denbigh Arms did this, but I do understand the issue of financial viability, Maybe we, as villagers should commit to a weekly spend? Maybe the old butcher's could be converted and run by village volunteers?
- Local shop in Monks Kirby with 5 star hygiene rating
- None that I can think of, a shop or post office is hardly likely to be practical or profitable and we have such facilities near by.
- Village shop this could be next to the village bus stop Would benefit so many in our village
- Post office
- Not really as it is hard to see how something like a permanent Post Office could be economical whilst another nearby village has one, But, could a mobile library or post office van be of interest to those with minimal transport options?
- Pubs and restaurants
- A more substantial village green / space
- A wood to walk in. More footpaths, maybe off road cycle paths.
- Milk delivery would be good

- I would like to see the travelling library return.
- Mobile library service if one is available.
- Larger village hall amenities thus enabling larger groups to be accommodated for the community and lettings.
- More social activities
- More natural meadows maybe? To encourage eco systems
- Clearing bear wood, very overgrown. Has lovely potential.
- Village shop at pub was lovely.
- I do not believe the village is big enough to sustain any further community facilities
- Better, more regular bus service into and out of Coventry.
- A bus service that serves the whole of the village not just the centre.
- Multi story car park

Q6 Do you have any other comments about environment and heritage?

- The charm of Monks Kirby lies in its heritage (St Edith's church and historic, if not necessarily listed buildings), its intimacy and its rural setting. As such the village is a rare and precious jewel in this part of Warwickshire. Great care should be taken when considering any future development in order to preserve and enhance the village for future generations to enjoy. My family and I particularly enjoy the rural views and green spaces in and around the village and the fact that these encourage a wide range of wildlife. We frequently see rabbits, squirrels, foxes, badgers, muntjack deer and buzzards. More recently we have seen red kites and evidence of otters in the area. I would like to see more trees planted in and around the village, maybe even a community orchard, as there is at Stoneleigh.
- The heritage and environment of the village is important and efforts should be made to maintain and improve where appropriate
- More flexibility for caring for trees on individual properties and generally.
- It is crucial that development is not allowed to affect the character of the village
- Residents generally take great care to keep the village a pleasant and safe place to live.
- Creating more woodland
- It would be good to have an online digital archive of local historical photographs, documents and personal recollections. I hope we can keep our church open, even if its use has to change. Some villages have collective green initiatives such as organized swapping of unwanted items to prevent them going to landfill. Maybe people could be encouraged to have a wildlife patch in their gardens and create gaps in fences for hedgehogs where possible.
- Important to keep ancient pathways (e.g.: bridle paths) available and safe for walkers/ rambblers.
- I feel the devastation caused by the oak trees being ripped out of the small pond by the sewerage works was dreadful - I do not understand how profit could be allowed to be put before wildlife. Why was the farmer allowed to do it? There were badgers, woodpeckers etc. living in that area. We are extremely lucky to live in such a traditional, rural, backwater village and it can only stay that way if no further developments take place. I also feel that since lockdown the triangle near the entrance to the Denbigh estate has become a destination for dog walkers and there are often several cars parked on the grass, causing erosion of the kerbsides and additionally there is now a lot of dog mess in the area. Some of these dog walkers are

businesses and allow their dogs to run off the leads. Posts should be installed to stop people parking on the grass.

- Both need to be vigorously preserved as the Magna Park complex and others develop and expand
- Parents delivering and collecting school children should not wait in a stationary position with engines running.
- Vehicles delivering and waiting for schoolchildren should not leave their engines running.
- Preservation and increasing the number of hedgerows. Too many large fields without hedgerows or areas to support wildlife
- Very important any environmental measures e.g. solar panels are sympathetically integrated into the local architecture
- The open spaces between Monks Kirby and Brockhurst should be maintained at all costs, the schoolchildren and residents all benefit from seeing the horses and sheep as part of a rural community. Affordable housing is all very well, but couples would need 2 cars for work, as bus service is very limiting
- Greenbelt and green spaces need to be preserved
- It would be quite nice to have the tubs on the village green planted and watered regularly. Also the village signs cleaned and repaired
- Why only renewable energy for new developments? Low carbon improvements could benefit all homes in the village – e.g. help with insulation and switching to heat pumps and solar PV. Also potential for renewable energy on community buildings: pub, school, churches. Or village could work with local farmers on community energy installation?
- The cycle ways would be great! I don't cycle but driving around blind corners in a 50mph zone, to then find a cyclist right in front of you is so incredibly dangerous.
- New build should not be allowed in village due to it being a conservation area. Given that special permission is needed for a shed in a front garden I don't how new houses can be justified
- National trust involvement for the parish to own some of the woodland areas and have community effort to maintain and benefit from it
- Important that farmers do nothing to obstruct well used foot/bridle paths throughout the parish
- I feel it is a great shame that the majority of villagers never visit or support the church or the churchyard in spite of its history.
- The wildlife we are losing more and more due to development. The towns and cities are providing housing (which also takes away from wildlife). I'd rather see countryside and wildlife than buildings. People suck, townies move into our villages and want to change things to be "more convenient", they need to stay in town then!!! My compost pile is there for a reason, no, it can't be moved to make your life better! It's been there for 40 years!!! Long live the old villages!
- Concerning that travellers have developed land near the village without permission and with further land now being sold within the village this will also be subject to purchase and unauthorised development. This will have a major negative impact on the environment and heritage should it happen.
- Maintenance of hedges and overhanging trees. Continue to look after church, churchyard, graveyards and fishponds.
- Need more old trees

Q21 Are there any other comments that you would like to make about transport?

- The Parish Council has done a great job to date of minimising the urbanisation of Monks Kirby e.g. keeping street furniture and road markings to a minimum. This should continue.
- To be clear - Electric car charging points are not needed other than in private dwellings. Public charging points are not required or appropriate in a rural setting.
- Provision of charging points may become more relevant in due course. Not being able to park within my boundary means I cannot consider electric powered vehicles.
- Replace large buses at quiet times of the day with smaller mini/hopper bus, with request stops.
- I feel the school traffic needs to be urgently addressed - the drivers are too fast and parking on the road is dangerous. The one way system the school imposed was equally dangerous - there needs to be a turning circle/extended parking within the school grounds. The parking outside the converted Convent building is illegal as cars are often parked opposite the junction to Stocking Meadow. Dog walkers are now also parking on the grass by the Denbigh estate and ruining the verges.
- Means of controlling size, numbers and speed of vehicles to and from school: we suggest speed humps or other devices.
- Bus service is adequate but a daily bus around 9.00 a.m. towards Coventry would be useful to get to the Revel Surgery in Brinklow
- With regard to electric car charging points the answer is not important assuming this refers to public charge points. More important to the village would be to have sufficient power infrastructure and support (grants) for home charge point installation to encourage electric vehicles for the community.
- Speed in the village isn't a problem. The school pick up time isn't great but admittedly difficult to manage.
- There needs to be more adherence to the 20mph speed limit during the school run as the Mums drive far too fast as not every house in the village has a footpath directly outside
- Very good, I prefer the least amount of buses as possible
- The village roads are very quiet apart from during school run - are cycle lanes really needed? Lots of new paint on roads and new roadside signs will also damage the character of the village.
- The speeds can be ridiculous in the village, mainly school users, but not only them. A pavement or path should be constructed down the Hayes, either next to the road or ask a farmer to allow access for walkers just inside one field either side of The Hayes, as it is a 60mph road it can be dangerous to walk down there at certain times
- I think it is already walker/cycle friendly.
- Improvement to street lighting would benefit those living in the village with disabilities, along with improving the pavements on the Main Street to allow wheelchairs on both sides of the road. Baring in mind electric scooters also
- The provision of bus services to Mons Kirby and surrounding villages is poor - especially as times do not work for commuting or going to schools in Coventry (the largest and nearest city)
- Pedestrian paths to Street Ashton would be helpful
- Public transport has to be accessible, if you can't walk very far you cannot use buses.
- Ideally a pavement/cycle path the length of the Hayes leading out of the village.
- Improvement in footpath and bridle path networks, gates, boundaries and routes
- More bus stops

Q33 Have you any suggestions as to how the Parish Council could better engage/serve the community?

- Probably not within scope, but could the PC initiate a fund to be used for community projects? These funds could be bolstered by other charitable funds (like the Magna Park fund) to make something really great happen. Could the PC identify more areas for tree planting in and around the village? Perhaps they could also liaise with local landowners to identify hedgerows that could be planted with trees. Would be nice to have tree-lined roads leading into the village for example. The Woodland Trust and other organisations heavily subsidise tree planting and Monks Kirby could strive to become carbon neutral.
- Personally, I feel that the Parish Council is a very closed shop, run by a very select few. As someone who has lived in the village for nearly five years, running an integral part of village life in the public house, we still feel an outsider.
- More visible and poll for opinions
- The people on the parish council need changing for some modern thinking. Mostly they have been on too long and are out of touch
- A regular news sheet
- More visibility - presenting what they do more overtly, celebrating success etc. noticeboards, public meetings.
- More open to suggestions! Welcoming new members, listening to them
- Parish council newsletter monthly to feel engaged and involved. Asking for community response in ideas and planning. Seeking new projects and engaging and involving those in the community from whatever background
- A more dynamic parish council website with an events calendar
- Be better at communicating the activities/responsibilities of the PC
- Communicate actions, activities and issues on a more regular basis using as many platforms as possible.
- Get better councillors

Q35 & Q36 List of people interested in contributing to the Neighbourhood Plan project and/or other Parish Council work.

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Q40 Have we forgotten anything? Please add any other comments you would like to make?

- There is a lot of development all around us, with large swaths of the countryside being concreted over. HS2 is getting all the media attention but there are huge developments even closer to us at Magna Park and Hinckley Island. It is these that really bring my observations and comments into focus.
- As a general comment it is really hard to answer the "what development in the village should take place?" sort of questions. That is if it not mandated regardless of suitability/alternatives. An open question whether people would like to live in Monks Kirby is likely to result in a positive answer. Whether there is real demand for local people and whether they should be accommodated in Monks Kirby or another development location is a much harder question to answer.... As a general viewpoint, we think that the current extent of the village should be "protected at all costs" and therefore development should not extend outwards of the existing village boundary or affect the historic "centre" of the village with "in-fill" that would significantly change the character IF it is next to some of the older village buildings/properties. It is highly unlikely that any new build property would not clash with such existing buildings and their overall spacing. Affordable housing by its nature tends to be small and modern in style to ensure they are affordable - is it

possible to have affordable housing that would merge into the historic existing housing/building stock?

- We see no great need/demand for development within the village. House come on the market and sell so demand/supply seems balanced. If you build houses someone will buy them but is Monks Kirby the best placed location to start new build? We would not want to see any developments in the greenbelt for two reasons. Any new developments could set future precedent (when there seems no great demand)
- Children's needs seem to get overlooked. Nursery provision has never been provided in the village
- I would like to have regular updates on what is being done regarding the traveller community building on the edge of the village. We all have to abide by planning rules and I cannot understand how they have been allowed to continue building. I am very, very concerned about this.
- What are the timescales for completion of this plan in view of recent land up for sale in the village, as this is now urgent
- "Professional dog walkers" should be discouraged from using the village for walking large groups of dogs.
- My answers make me sound very negative e.g. resistant to new planning etc. I do recognise that we need affordable housing and can see where we might put some but we have to be careful with the Denbigh land currently on the market that our parish plan doesn't provoke a big development on one or more agricultural fields. That would change the character of the village materially.
- Motorcycles are a viable form of transport, EV mostly, there are at least 5 people in the village that own/use them regularly. I only ever see one taxi going to one address in the village!
- Given that tens of thousands of properties are being constructed in Rugby (Houlton), Lutterworth and Dunchurch, I do not see why it is necessary to build in this parish at all. Plenty of affordable housing is available within a short distance. This village is popular because it is not over developed and has easily accessible countryside. If we allow it to be developed, then it not only destroys one of the few remaining desirable villages, it also takes away the reasons for people wanting to live here.
- I will submit a supplementary sheet to the Parish Clerk. This little box is inadequate for what I want to say, and the Survey Monkey does not accept my answer.
- The character of this village will change significantly if extra housing stock is introduced. More housing will mean less green space, less attention to keeping it clean and tidy and it will lose the tranquillity that makes this village special. In our opinion, further developments are unnecessary and counter productive.
- there are very few, possibly none, residential building sites within the village envelope. So unless the village envelope is extended there can be no further residential building in MK. I suggested therefore that it would be helpful if the Development Plan were to indicate where additional sites might be located.
- I believe that over the course of time a few small developments would be helpful to the growth of the village. Over the last 40 years each of the small developments has in its turn been well assimilated by the village. I see no reason why that should not continue to be the case in the future. A recent example is the Convent development of 6 homes which are now thoroughly integrated within the village.
- A very high percentage of family homes are presently occupied by empty nesters, many of them widows living alone. There is therefore a strong need for retirement homes, not necessarily affordable, to free up family homes for the next generation. Provision should be made for the possibility of self-build.

- Unless some action is taken to provide suitable accommodation for the elderly the older the age profile of the village will become. The village benefits enormously from the presence of young families. Freeing up family houses for them must be a main objective of the development plan.
- In addition it should be noted that the more small houses that are extended by the addition of extra bedrooms the greater will be the shortage of small homes.
- Please will you find a way of adding this to my questionnaire response.