

South Petherton Community Survey

How do you find out about what's going on? (tick any that apply)

Other (please tell us)

church notices, parish magazine.

Church Parish Magazine

Council Meetings

do not have internet

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For events David Hall website / Next door some facebook. Noticeboards - very hit and miss. Not sure where to go for parish council information.

Local notices ie. outside the pub, normally by actually seeing the event not having been aware it would be happening.

local venue websites

nextdoor.com

parish church magazine

Parish council meetings

Parish Mag, St Peter and St Pauls Church, David Hall, Natterjacks Cafe, Local Shops, Village Noticeboards

Parish Magazine

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posters in shop windows

posters in shop windows

Posters in shop windows; Church parish magazine

School

Shop window posters

shop windows

U3A

Wife

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What improvements could be made to keep you informed about local news? (tick any that apply)

Other (please tell us)

A community hub

A more recognised, central and dedicated notice board

a system so that is, say, church gives date for harvest supper, it automatically travels through all the other information channels, would a digital noticeboard be offensive?

Along with links in leaflets

Community Liaison.

Co-ordination could be improved you have to look in too many places to get the full picture

Email a list of events/activities with links on a routine basis

I am satisfied with the information I receive already

Improved parish council minutes with actions directed to individuals and follow up actions if not completed.

local newspaper

many older people do not use social media

More centralised information centre

More posters etc around the village

Not Everyone uses Online - Please continue with 'Old Methods' - i.e. Paper

Once a year, meet the council informal evening.

Parish Noticeboards are badly neglected; groups need access to update posters etc.

Putting things on the Parish Council Notice Boards

Quite happy with what there is....each person has to make a bit of an effort themselves if they are interested...

Relevant information 'posted' on multiple sites.

Some kind of newsletter or main board in the village. Keeping it up to date regularly is the main thing. We used to access all events in the local newspaper.

some of the library events are only advertised on their site rather than the local facebook Community Chat @ facebook Info.page.

The hub that we were promised before HOLM moved in!

There seems to be an assumption that everyone is on facebook so I often miss out on information as I am not. Please make sure that anything put on facebook is ALSO published as a poster

This is not an issue

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Which of these facilities do children and young people use inside and outside the Parish? (tick any that apply)

Also use libraries in Crewkerne and sometimes Yeovil. Also playground in neighbouring villages.

Can't comment as no family here but I do read stories to pre-schoolers in the library

do not know as we have no children

does Blake hall count as our village hall?

Don't know as have no children

Don't know as I don't have children

Don't have children

dont know

don't know as our children are old and live elsewhere

Dont know dont have any children living here

DON'T KNOW DON'T HAVE CHILDREN

Don't really know as we do not know any young families

have no kids

I do not have grandchildren in or near S Petherton so cannot answer Qu 6.

I don't know. I don't have children.

I have no children here so how would I know?

I have no idea

Many are both inside and outside the parish - e.g. we don't usually go to Petherton Library because we're not around when it's open; and we use all the local parks!

My child is 16 used to do ballet and brownies we used to die the library and park.

N/a

N/A

No idea

No idea, I don't know any local children

No knowkedge of

Not applicable

Not Applicable

Not really aware without having children living in this parish.

Our grandchildren visit and use the playground

Outdoor pool at Chilthorne Domer, swimming lessons at Crewkerne,

Scouts, Guides, etc

Sports - football/tennis inside Parish

Sports clubs (cricket within parish, rugby outside)

sports for children

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St Peter and St Pauls Church.

Swimming - outside

This section is NA due to my age

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We cannot answer any of these questions

when my grandchildren visit

Why are the options above so limited?

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Would the children and young people use any of the following facilities if they were to be provided in the parish? (tick any that apply)

	Other (please specify)
N /A	
A Gym	
Again, when visiting	
Any and all! Climbing wall/equipment, trampolines indoor or outdoor, outdoor activity trail (like an outdoor soft play with stations for climbing, bouncing, music, construction, etc) The park at West End View could do with renovating / repainting over graffiti / new equipment	
Babies and toddler group; Brownies	
Better park facilities eg cafe, toilets	
Book clubs, creative clubs (ie art, textiles....)	
can't comment	
community cafe for mixed generations	
community care for mixed generations	
Don't know	
Don't know	
Don't know	
Don't know as I don't have children	
Don't have children do can't comment	
dont know	
dont know	
don't know as our children have grown up and live elsewhere	
DON'T KNOW DON'T HAVE CHILDREN	
Gym/Fitness centre	
I don't know. I don't have children.	
I have no idea	
I think we need more face to face groups as children don't tend to talk to each other but need these skills. Getting them to go may be an issue	
Mental health and wellbeing support	

N/a

Nature walk on regular basis with knowledgeable leader

No idea

No idea

No knowledge if

Not Applicable

Performance classes and recreation activities

Possibly a kick boxing or martial arts type thing

see above

They don't use most of the amenities provided at the moment.

We have not used any

Who would decide what would be offered?

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**Is there anything that prevents children/young people from engaging in activities more generally?
(tick any that apply)**

Other (please tell us)

Activities that are too sports led. Need more music and art

Anti social behaviour at the rec

Apathy!

can't comment

Community Hub for games, exercise etc

Concerns regarding staffing and how behaviour is monitored

Currently parental illness meaning longer travel or loud indoor areas or anywhere with poor access is difficult

Dear- they prefer social media

Dog fouling

Don't know

Don't know

Don't know as I don't have children

dont know

dont know

don't know

DON'T KNOW DON'T HAVE CHILDREN

I don't know. I don't have children.

Issue with youth gangs in the village making it unsafe for children to use the rec.

Lack of adult volunteers

Lack of facilities

Maintenance of sites and keeping them clear of litter

Mental health

My son is disabled so find it hard to access a lot of thing's

N/a

N/A

No idea

Poor Parenting, Not interested in their own children.

Poorly maintained public areas and litter

Quality/value of the experience provided.

Rough kids

safety, fighting etc on rec, sometimes dealers.

seeabove

Skate park not available

Some aren't interested? Issues in winter months to feel safe getting to places?

Teenagers struggling in poor/complex needs' households and being judged/not accepted by some well-off household

The iPhone 🙄

These are my grandchildren who do not live in the village

Unable to attend due to ages of brother and sisters not able to attend

ls.

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Alongside the Library and Parish Council office, which needs would you like to see provided for in a new Community Hub/Centre? (Tick all that apply)

Other (please specify)

A Post office please. What about a gym, we have to go to Yeovil at this time

Accessible archive for local history group

All excellent Ideas, but danger of too many things jostling in one place

All the above are worthy of being included but would depend on enough volunteers to run them.

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Any additional children's clubs/activities are always welcome

Any or all of the above for which there is a proven need NOT a political fad at the time

Area to hire for functions on ground floor level with access to green outdoor space. Development of sports facilities. Consider location in the recreation area. Good parking.

As many of the above as possible!

Assisting people to use the web site

Bank, P.O.,

Book groups, creative clubs, zones to set up and work in there so you can have others around but get on with work (ie would need power points, seats, table), mini cafe area so you can get coffee while working.

Cafe, Notice boards.

Citizen Advice Bureau

Comfortable seating for informal meetings/socialising. Drinks machine. Toilets.

community kitchen and toilets, the community toilets are often locked even during their 'open' hours advertised on the door

Credit Union

Don't necessarily have to provide services in people have a way of easily accessing them elsewhere

Drop in tea/coffee where people can meet other people

Exhibition area for the use of local clubs and societies as well as local artefacts. I

extra church hall space, the parish church doesn't have a church hall, the nurture yurt will fill some needs, but not all.

fitness classes - some that are advertised are not funning. I attend the qui gong at the above church and hope this continues.

Gym/Fitness Centre

I don't think that the Methodist Church Hall is appropriate for the Hub

I would like to run a carers group from there with supper for the cares for at the same time, perhaps respite days for the cared for, other whole village activities eg singing groups. also considering the integrated health system, having first steps to access to health support and information.

I'd like to see good quality meeting rooms that I could hire to run courses with decent acoustics and warm

Is there a proven need for any of these? If so, yes, but not necessarily at the Methodist Church

Meet the neighbours / residents cafe style

notice boards

Parish Clerks Office

Post office

post office

Post office!

post office/hub banking services (as run in other places and set up by Post Office)

Post Office?

somewhere to find out about benefits and services available and making phone calls for people who have difficulty eg meter readings

support for struggling households; one-stop advice/support confidential space

The 'wish list' could be endless? Would space and finance become available?

There are currently no facilities for people with special needs. There used to be a tennis club but that has closed due to removal of funding.

Volunteering group/disabled groups support

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Should the Hub expand the existing foodshare scheme in the village to include any of the following?

Other (please specify)

A Library of Things for Loaning

Access to locally grown/produced food produce e.g. regular market

Ask the previous suggestions are good but it is unlikely that the centre would be big enough to house them all.

Community vegetable garden

cookery lessons for all people - no specific group.

did not know we had a "Foodshare"

Don't know

Don't know enough about these to give an opinion.

Food bank should offer support to help people address finances ie benefit sanctions unaffordable repayments can be reassessed so they can be k no pre sustainable. Stops abuse of facilities

I didn't know that there was a foodshare scheme

I odn't know what the need is for above, but all sounds great ideas

I think all those are valid if the need is there

I think the hub should be library education first and if there is loads of room for food services in separate space then it could be looked at.

I would let those in need say what is required

Keep funding the reach project

Maybe link the food provision services with allotment holders and other kind garden owners who put spare produce outside

Meals on wheels service for the elderly

more availability to swap food

no

NO

none

None

Not aware there was one

NOTE: such facilities should not damage / endanger shops in SP
Use excess foods from local gardens and allotments
where is the existing foodshare scheme in the village?

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What do you think is the best way to fund services provided through a new Hub/Centre? (Tick all that apply)

Other (please specify)

A 'parish tax' or charity that allows us to support SP rather than Somerset CC swallowing up more council tax to use as they choose

A mix of grant and user funding

A mix of ways.

Alongside users

and by other users

And user's contributions

any way possible

Broad range of income sources required to offset risk of funding being withdrawn

Business sponsorship

By Users

By users

Combination of pay when use, grant funding if available, council tax if available

Community grants should be able to cover it.

Continue small charge for library membership, club memberships etc.

Donations from users or set fees depending on use (ie no fees for food bank!)

Events held in the community hub specifically to raise money for the hub.

Everyone pays

Fund raising events

fund raising events.

Fundraising

Fundraising events/sales. Hire out of space

General Taxation

General Taxation targeting the richest people

giving as memorials from bequests and wills, like people having their names on park benches...

Hall hire. Re Council Tax (precept): any increase to fund the Hub will need to be clearly badged and highlighted as such, and should probably be for the basics/essentials, with other funding sources used to provide more specific/niche services

Hire charges

Hire of meeting room

I am happy to pay more council tax for well managed projects

I would be against council tax funding for a hub at the Methodist Church, but not if it were a new multipurpose community hall.

If you had a Post office which is much needed this would raise funds

legacies

Need for some Hub uses to be revenue generating

Not sure

Public contributions

Raising funds by running events in the Hub

Should be self financed.

Space rental

Subscriptions where applicable - eg Gym

User contributions

User run fundraising activities

Users & service provider organisations

Users contribute as well, not only

Users could pay if applicable eg for adult classes

Users pay contribution

Users Should Contribute as well

South Petherton Community Survey

If you have concerns about the local traffic, please tick the top three issues in the Parish which currently affect you? (tick up to 3 that apply)

Other (please tell us)

A303 noise

Agricultural vehicles are a big problem - seem to go over the limit and regularly fling manglewursels onto the pavement as they corner around St James St. I wouldn't want to be hit by one

Cars parking in narrow Hele Lane next to churchyard

Cut back overgrowth on pavements eg. Whitehall.

Cycling is not well catered for

Diversion of A303 traffic down Fosse Way in Yeabridge. Residents cannot drive east along Fosse Way on a warm Friday afternoon: oncoming A303 traffic makes this impossible.

drivers come down Knapp Hill and drive out into the road without checking there is nothing coming the other way. if the no parking by the library was extended round the corner to Prigg Lane then people would see the oncoming traffic - who but the way have right of way!

Easier crossing for those of us walking between the South of the A303 and South Petherton. Also good pavements/ public footpaths along the route.

Enforcement of current regulations (speed, parking)

heavy farm tractors going through the village during harvest time - big respect for what they do, but possibly not suitable route for this kind of traffic? Is it a shortcut or there is no other way?

Hedges trimmed where they overgrow pavements to avoid stepping onto road

Huge tractors sometimes tearing through the village at all hours

Huge tractors tearing through the village, often carrying similar crops (esp sugar beet) in both directions

I feel there should be a one way system around South Petherton main area - Silver Street, Prigg Lane, St James Street.

Improved access/pavements for the disabled

Incomplete speed signs throughout the village.

knapp hill round about visibility and congestion in the village centre below pub

Lack of continuous pavement for pedestrians

Lack of functioning EV chargepoints

Lack of public parking means that there is no answer other than to walk

Lack of traffic enforcement in areas outside of centre ie recreation ground road is often heaving with cars and parked on grass so children cannot leave homes safely

Mainly just the need for a pavement along Hayes End for walk to school

Make a one way circuit up St James's St, down Silver St, Slough prigg Lane. Thus will allow parking to be increased all along one side of St James's St doubling parking spaces and save journeys for walkers, cyclists and vehicles. Speed bumps would also ensure that speeds are kept to a minimum. Free parking also without restrictions.

Make a one way system

ME the center one way traffic

Need a one way system in st james st

Need traffic/safety mirrors at junctions with poor visibility. For e.g. access to Stoodham - vehicles exiting this side road are at risk from oncoming traffic in Silver street that cannot be seen.

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Pavements at the top of North Street are so bad that the elderly are forced to walk in the road beside Coke Memorial causing an extra hazard for them and drivers

pavements particularly the painted pavement opposite the Coop - dangerous - drivers ignore it

People parking in disabled spaces without a blue badge. People parking across dropped curbs. Parking on the paths. Not enough dropped curbs.

Please, please can Hayes End be made limited time parking - say 2 hours. It is the main way into the village and school parking (all Day) by the mini roundabout causes a bottle neck plus other residents leave cars outside of their houses which do not help with lorries and vans trying to get past.

Poor state of some roads and pavements.

possible improvement in mobile scooter use

Regular monitoring of traffic speed outside South Petherton using mobile speed indicator and police speed camera, better signage for residential area, weight limit

restrictions on large tractors and trailers

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Road safety for horse riders

Road Safety for Horse Riders

South Petherton seems to have its own driving and parking rules! Anything goes! I think some of this is due to the elderly population who are driving and have mobility needs and so park everywhere. Also Harvey's Road roundabout hedge is an accident waiting to happen!

Speed of the tractors in the village

Speed of Tractors and Mess Left by Farmers on Roads

St James' Street should be one-way.

State of the ford on Hele Lane - have seen numerous people slip & cyclists come off their bikes going through there + the speed at which people approach it

Suitable pavement for wheelchair users

The level of farm traffic (mostly large tractors with trailers) is dangerously high. They speed through the village, I am surprised (and thankful) there haven't been any pedestrians hurt or killed as of yet.

The section of lightgate road without pavement always seems dodgy to me, particularly during school run time. I'm not sure of the fix - but being the main road through the village for both traffic and pedestrians it seems like an accident waiting to happen. The speed of traffic in the villiage is dreadful with signs clearly ignored. I'm aware of a car stopped opposite the school to let a child cross for a car to overtake and nearly hit the child (that day the crossing patrol person wasn't available).

There is too much traffic for village centre and there really needs to be a one way system in place

Traffic at Lightgate/Knapp Hill roundabout often doesn't stop and drives too fast. Pedestrian visibility is very poor.

Traffic calming/dedicated and marked pedestrian walkway as in Merriott

Traffic jams and intrusion on private drives when South Street is parked up by parents taking/fetching children to Junior School

Traffic should be brought into the village along Bridge Way or South Street as very dangerous for the children at Junior School

VITAL - SPEED OF TRAFFIC

Volume of traffic 'entering/leaving/passing through' the village.

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How is the cost of living crisis affecting your household? (tick any that apply)

Other (please tell us more)

Gas and electric costs!

Retired, on fixed income. OK - at present. Ask again in a year, answers may be radically different.

The cost of basic food items has increased significantly

We are on oil central heating with low insulation and old double glazing. Solar panels help to balance out the cost

we eat simply and grow our own vegetables and fruit

Worried about losing my job in a local shop as custom dries up

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How could community groups (parish council, community hub, etc) help? (tick any that apply)

A working group of private landlords who support local residents with affordable properties to rent.

As in what grants are specifically available for those living in south somerset.

CAP money course is fantastic and similar should be offered here to everyone but a club for children to start learning from an early age before they get into financial difficulties would be most beneficial

Do not personally need help although many do

Easier access to village agent

Financial education

Having a Village Citizens Advice would be great.

Help with using online which seems to be 'de regeur'

I have ticked a credit union, but I don't really know what that is! I am sure I'm not the only one.

Make Phone Calls

Signposting and advice are not the money that people need.

Stop spending money on fags & alcohol. If you can't afford children don't have so many & then expect everyone else to pay for them.

Subsidised Cafe / Restaurant

Support for small business / sole traders / start ups (Nothing in South Somerset, plenty in Bristol where I was before).

The food Bank and warm space ideas are great, they don't affect me but would help others I'm sure

The problem/solution is not at the local level. It needs to be addressed directly by Westminster.

These don't help me but are very relevant

Training cooking skills & making more for less. Promote quality local produce

Use social media more effectively. Post links to PC meetings on social media to ensure people know what's going on and what help is available

What is a financial credit Union? Has this idea been initiated by Central Government?

Why replicate services when they already exist within the social security system! Replication = more cost

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What would help you to take part in more activities? (tick any that apply)

Other (please tell us)

A community swimming pool

A competent and accessible Surgery

Better maintenance of local public footpaths

better selection of evening activities in SP - yoga/pilates (general keep fit) - for those that work full time.

I am not old but all of the above are blockers to access groups as does general lethargy post Covid and fear of going alone and a shortage of respite

I suffer from mental health issues. Which prevent me from socialising. Massive trust issues.. I have been to church a few times but get anxious. I do enjoy church

NOT A RETIRED OR OLDER PERSON

Not sure

Older people unwilling to go out to evening activities

There are many local footpaths in the parish but as I get older I find I am restricted to the one near where I live as by the time I get to a more interesting area it's too far to walk home. It would be good if there were a pull in space near where footpaths intersect with roads where possible. It may encourage more walking!

There is masses for people to do here, but does seem to be a mix of things only older people do. I don't meet a mix of ages in the village. I would like to connect with others my age instead of those 70+, Also I think teens get a raw deal here - why don't they participate more in village activities? Just a thought

use the community hub for additional activities like a Gym

Venues that are hearing aid friendly

We need Village agents to enable older/disabled people to live their lives as fully as possible.

Would be great to have public transport in and out during the evening

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What would improve access to the care you need? (tick any that apply)

Other (please tell us)

Advocacy and support to find home care, and solve household issues for vulnerable adult and families. Knowledgeable, accessible support for volunteers.

Availability of a named GP for consultation on purposes and hospital visits etc.

Easier access to village agent

family named GP who knows you

General Taxation to Improve all the Above

people with serious illnesses such as cancer. Accessing a first appointment is so difficult. Easier to give up. I've had such bad service from the GP

help with phone calls

Home visits for those without transport

I am unable to see a NHS dentist

I have been unable to find an NHS dentist anywhere in Somerset since moving here. Very disappointed

I suffer from a long term idiopathic condition and need to speak to the SAME doctor when I call, which never happens. I just get a random 'clinician' so these days don't bother and rely on Google for advice

It is generally easy to obtain information but very difficult to obtain action

It is generally easy to obtain information but very difficult to obtain action (52+ week wait to see a consultant!)

I've needed to use the NHS more in the last eighteen months than in my entire life and I have found the GP service excellent in all areas of communication and response.

Many things are dealt with by our excellent local pharmacy

My GP is in Ilminster - there is no useable public transport to and from South Petherton

Seeing an actual GP

Some of it may be perception. I struggle so much to get through on the phone that I've stopped trying.

Surgery has become almost a 'no go' area post covid. Not a patient friendly accessible place

The GP surgery needs a complete overhaul. It has not worked for years. If you are dying in South Petherton you are on your own.

There never seems to be a doctor available - no consistency and I haven't had a named doctor for some time now
We changed surgery due to lack of GP's. More preventive measures would be helpful as would dental care.
Who actually runs our NHS Trust? How much money is wasted on administration?

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Are you concerned about any of the following aspects of community safety? (tick any that apply)

Other (please tell us)

(Some) Dog walkers are anti-social. Dogs keep messing on my driveway that I walk through. They mess outside the shop I work in and owners pretend they don't notice.

20mph limit in the village should be monitored and fines imposed.k

Anti-social behaviour of various tern groups wandering the village at times

As previously commented on.

Damage to Scouts hut etc, crazy driving around rush hour and school pick up times

Designated 'first responder' facility and contact number to assist in a medical emergency.

Dog fouling

emergency access due to inconsiderate parking by neighbours

always everyone else who has to get out of the way. My wife hit our car getting out of the way of a tractor and trailer in North Street - which should be a 20 zone like the rest of the village. In most cases it is a single carriage lane.

Huge tractors and trailers frequently and at all hours speeding through the village, drivers often using mobile phones while they drive

Huge tractors often driven aggressively and at speed through the village - surely there are other routes?

if the parish get to big

Keep the stream clear

Lack of parking causing safety issues

Parking monitoring by schools and recreation areas

Police should attend immediately when Nottingham Knockers are reported.

Poor visibility of on-coming traffic at roundabout on entering village at Hayes End/ Lightgate Road

sewage going into the stream behind the Coop

The persistent low-level drug dealing and vandalism at the Rec and nearby streets.

Thoughtless parking means larger emergency vehicles cannot get down.

Too many parked cars

Tractors and Large Farm Machinery

Tractors are a part of rural life but they often go too fast; Street lights not working; vehicles often go straight through the Knapp Hill roundabout without slowing or looking

Tractors with trailers need to slow down.

Uncollected dog poo

Yeovil Hospital is inadequate now that the population has outgrown it due to too much development in the County

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If you consider community safety is an issue in the Parish, how could this be improved? (tick any that apply)

Other (please tell us)

1. Speed cameras along Hayes End and South Street, with follow up for offenders. More frequent visits from Parking Enforcement Officers, at random times.

A PCSO that is engaged with the community

A real ban on illegal parking eg opposite the Co-op. Double yellow lines in the obvious parts of Cole's Lane. A campaign to discourage parents from bringing pupils to school by car.

anyone can get fire safety advice with a home visit to their house from the fire service

Better pedestrian routes

Can't be sure with these, I live in the next parish but use the facilities and drive through.

Design

General Taxation to Improve Services

Illegal parking in St James St is a continuing issue making it unsafe for pedestrians

lighting as some paths are barely light and given concerns for speeding this is a potential risk. I observed a disability scooter on the road without lighting and given the speed of vehicles this was definitely a hazard.

Limited traffic calming on Lightgate/Hayes End

More activities/events that would unite rich and poor, young and older people in the village.

More considerate parking on narrow lanes to allow access for emergency vehicles

More equality in community

More police on the beat

More visible police presence at random times

Our own rapid repsonder

police foot patrols

Police on Street

Possibly a one way system but have not thought this through!

Re routing tractors with trailers so that there are fewer going through the village.

Re-routing tractors away from the village centre.

restricted parking on Hayes end , cars and lorries and vans have difficulty passing cars that are left on the road for many hours. This is particularly bad between the mini roundabout (end of Coles Lane) and the school gate. Why cannot the whole of Hayes End (the main road into the village) be restricted parking say 1 or 2 hours?

restricted parking on Hayes End to 1 or 2 Hours particularly by Junior School and mini roundabout

seeing more police on the beat and who actually know the local area

Skatepark is desperately needed. We will be the only parish without one soon.

Some form of support for people who suffer damage to property or health through antisocial behaviour or crime.

'Speed Watch' Group to monitor speed of vehicles with camera

the widening of the pavement and would perhaps remove some of the dangers of crossing from Hayes end road to Knapp hill

Village vehicle speed checks should be conducted. Many vehicles drive at est. 40 not 20 mph through the village - this is a serious risk to shoppers/residents.

We need a pavement along lightgate road to walk the children to school and a way of crossing from light gate lane to roundwell st

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What kind of workspace do you think would be most useful to provide in the Parish? (Tick any that apply)

Other (please specify)

Affordable Clothing

All of the above pointless unless the lack of parking is addressed

Any or all of the above!

Anything to attract local employment

Apprenticeship schemes. Training/mentoring schemes provided by retired people

Choice limited to Holm and cafe

Don't Know

Fill up the empty shops

how many estate agents does a small village need! The council should seek to get a broad range of retail outlets to service more people in the village and their interests and needs.

I don't know what the level of demand is, so can't really answer

It would be nice to have a cafe that does lunches - not ridiculously expensive fancy stuff, just good wholesome food at sensible prices.

Must we have a Tattoo Parlour here - especially if it is to be in the Main Square

Not sure

Post office

post office

Post Office. Retain ATM.

something we could be proud of, that would bring change to those who struggle

Somewhere for a decent coffee

Take away food services outside of a pub setting

The mobile bank should be restored.k

We run our business from home, retail space is available and not filled, difficult to do so.

Why/How should SPPC 'support' new business ventures?

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If anyone in your household works from home what would help improve this experience? (Tick any that apply)

Other (please specify)

A post office would be useful

Better mobile phone coverage (in Yeabridge) & a post office

better mobile phone coverage!

Broadband works well these days!

Cheaper Broadband

dont work from home

Improved mobile phone coverage/signal

Much much better mobile phone signal please

N/A

N/A

N/A

N/A

N/A

Not Applicable

Not applicable

Post office...

recently retired...

Use the building in the community hub as a Post office. We have to take parcels to Martock since the closure of our Post office

Why/How should SPPC 'support' new business ventures?

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Which of the following Business issues should be a priority to be provided through the proposed Community Hub? (Tick any which apply)

Other (please specify)

Areas of land for manufacturing/Light Industries

Cheaper rent for business

Encouraging communication and a relationship with the village

Not sure

Perhaps access to printing facilities

see Q24 we need a Post office urgently!!

space for local businesses to rent part time for events, classes, meetings

Why/How should SPPC 'support' new business ventures?

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If you are in support of a community owned renewable energy facility, which of these would you like to see developed locally?

Other (please specify)

1. A solar farm or wind turbines could be put alongside the A303 on land which is too close/noisy for residential use. 2. We need a community composting scheme producing energy from green waste for LOCAL use.

All sound good but would have to be explored before a decision made

Community solar on business/education/similar premises (or the church roof?)

Discount on solar battery storage

Don't know

Hydroelectricity at old mill site by the A303 bridge over the Parrett

I don't know much about the difference - would need more info to make an informed decision.

I'd need more detail on the options but am overall in favour of this.

Local Energy Club www.energylocal.org.uk and www.sskom.energy

No solar farms, it will waste the rich agricultural land in this area. Are Biodigesters necessary when in reality, the maize grown for them creates a situation where less food is grown locally?

no to heat networks

No to Solar Farms or wind turbines

None of the above.

Not aware of any scheme

Not heat networks or community oil scheme

Solar and wind

Solar panel grants for private homes, any renewable schemes are good

South Petherton Community Survey

What are your top concerns in the community? (Please tick up to three boxes)

Other (please specify)

A good, regular bus service to Ilminster

All the above to a greater or lesser degree, but real need for the community to thrive and grow and develop - not to be preserved in aspic

Blocked Gullies not being jetted in Over Stratton leading to flooding.

Disabled car parking

division b/w rich and poor

Do NOT want regular produce market - No Way

Dog barking in neighbours garden 24/7

Fly tipping

General clean up of pavements, etc to make SP bright and inviting

General Litter

Heavy farming machinery being moved at ridiculous hours of the night

Heavy population growth and house price rise, increasing interest in the area by city dwellers to media publicity of the area.

I am reluctant to visit the village in the mornings to shop because there is often no parking spaces left and I have to drive around the village looking for somewhere to park. I have noticed that the car park by the co-op seems to be 1/3 occupied by cars that are permanently parked (they are covered in snow or frost from being there overnight) it is good that there is fee parking but I think people are discouraged from using the village by lack of reliable parking spaces.

I have no special concerns

Keeping shops etc in the village; encouraging community cohesion (avoiding a disconnect between the 'old/original' part of the village and those living in the newer estates such as St Michaels Gdns

Lack of available space for small businesses to use especially as the space designated at Lopen Head was not used as it should have been in the original planning application.

Lack of a post office

Lack of Bus link to Ilminster and Taunton

Lack of dog mess bins

Lack of Homes for Single People Starting Out

lack of low cost housing for first time buyers

lack of parking

Lack of pavements and safe road crossing at lightgate

Lack of Post Office

Lack of public parking

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lack of public parking and bus service to Yeovil should be more than one per two hours

Lack of public parking.

lack of rent and affordable housing for people leaving home

Light pollution e.g. the hospital car park lighting is badly designed - they should have caps so the light only shines down on to the car park rather than up and out unnecessarily. The Persimmon housing estate also has bright lights that remain on all night rather than turning off with the rest of the village at midnight.

Litter dumped on outskirts by vans etc; Blake Hall misused as a cheap booze club rather than a village hall

Many of the overgrown footpaths are owner resp.and would benefit from being informed about this. Other: vehicles parking on paths

More reliable/accessible health services. Particularly GP access. Encouragement to shop in the village. Greater feeling of 'community' in the village.

Navigating through on-street parking is increasingly challenging

Need for more dog bins

New to SP so still learning what is available currently.

NHS dentistry

No Bus service to Martock for Medical Centre / Dentist

Nothing really. We moved here a year ago and find it a very safe, pleasant village.

over development

Over night street lighting. After midnight the village goes black. Quite dangerous for some.

Overgrown hedges blocking road/vision at top of Knapp Hill - it's really dangerous & the hedge there is ridiculously thick

Parked cars

Parking

Parking

Parking

Parking & road works always by the school, causes lots of issues with traffic

Parking enforcement

Poorly maintained roads, especially pavements!

Renewable energy, promoting wildlife

Road Maintenance eg maintaining the width of Yeabridge Lane and dealing with the perpetual puddle on the Fosse Way by Mowlands Orchard.

Speed of traffic

Stop allowing properties to be bought for use as holiday lets / air B&Bs, as this pushes up house prices and makes them unaffordable for local people

Too much development leading to over crowding and poor mental health. Not enough wild out door space for people to relax in.

Too much new housing proposed for facilities

Tractors speeding through the village!

Traffic and large tractors driving up and down the main street, often with large items (sugar beet) falling off and causing danger to pedestrians.

traffic congestion, lack of off road parking, narrow or non existent footpaths besides many village roads.

Traffic volume

Unsafe pavements

Valuable farm land being developed

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Are there sufficient activities/opportunities in the parish?

Other (please specify)

A village market?

Access and inclusion need further support

Arts. I run a short story night, but lots of apathy from people (ie loads of people say they are scared to go out at night)

As previously stated more exercise esp. dance type classess.

craft and gardening clubs

Film screenings and regular produce market

film screenings, lunch clubs, regular produce market, craft/gardening clubs

film screenings, regular produce market

Indoor sports/ multi use games area/ outdoor gym/ regular produce market/ craft & gardening clubs

live classical music/ lunch clubs/ regular produce market/ craft and gardening clubs

live music, film screenings, indoor sports, regular produce market, craft/gardening clubs

live music/ film screenings/ regular produce market

live music/ outdoor arts events/ film screenings/ outdoor gym, adventure trail/ lunch clubs/ regular produce markets/ craft and gardening clubs

lunch clubs, regular produce market, craft *& gardening clubs

Lunch clubs, regular produce market, craft and gardening clubs

lunch clubs, regular produce market, gardening/craft clubs

Meditation

More indoor sports and outdoor gym, adventure trail.

My ideal would be a swimming pool but I know that is unrealistic

Need regular produce market and craft/gardening clubs.

No Daytime theatre or musical performances

outdoor arts events, outdoor gym/adventure trail, lunch clubs, craft and gardening clubs

Outdoor arts events, regular produce market

outdoor arts events/ regular produce market/ craft and gardening clubs

Outdoor gym, regular produce market, craft

regular produce market

Regular produce market

Regular produce market

Regular produce market

regular produce market

regular produce market, craft/gardening clubs

Regular produce market/ craft & gardening clubs

There are none for people with special needs

There is not much for anyone middle aged or younger. A lot is aimed at the older communities and the waiting lists take ages-I applied for the art group 6years ago and still haven't been given Asia except

We need more than one pub. It dominates the culture.

What does 'sufficient' mean?

South Petherton Community Survey

Finally, is there a priority issue for you which we haven't covered above?

Responses

1. Wider pavements or railings where narrow, eg Napp Hill where traffic skims the kerb.
2. No pavement Hayes End Road from Napp Hill mini roundabout to Silver Street - vehicles accelerate for 303 ahead despite speed signs.

A coherent and joined up plan between all local NHS services (and with the charity/voluntary sector) that supports local residents physical and mental health. With easy and speedy access to support and treatment.

A community health walk scheme would be nice, maybe once a month, to get to know the footpaths and local area better.

A community hub is a great idea

a regular bus service to Ilminster would be helpful!

Absence of Post Office - essential service for a village like South Petherton

Applications for new house building in the parish, we don't have the school or medical resources..

Are all Parish Councils involved in this survey?

A priority issue for me is stopping Globalisation of governments. Maintaining democracy is crucial. Is the goal of Central Government devolving responsibilities down to local communities?

As a dog owner I feel that there should be more "poo" bins as there are frequently times that I will walk over 3 miles without passing one. One near the Drs surgery was recently re-located which I think has helped but there could be 2 or 3 more within the village.

Places where well used paths meet roadways would seem to be the easiest for emptying and handiest for use.

as a non-drive i would really appreciate a bus service from South Petherton which takes in Ilminster, Crewkerne and Martock.

As a small business owner I'd like to know how to access support. I'm setting up new events in the village, but how do I engage them? How do I reach out to people who might be interested>

As far as I feel, South Petherton offers residents a good deal and have an active and supportive parish council with a good offer.

The issue is affordable housing for local people as more housing is bought by those outside the community due to media portrayals of the area. Not sure what you can do about that!

As in No 28, the village could really benefit from a general clean up of pavements, fixing cracked pavements, jet spray areas, etc. to make SP bright and inviting to the locals and visitors - make SP an example to others

As the village population grows, the community spirit is shrinking. Why? This question should be addressed at every opportunity.

Availability / awareness of mother & baby/toddler groups, and activities for pre-school age children.

Nursery provision.

Better control of traffic blocking the roads whilst delivering/collecting children from school in Hayes Lane, Coles Lane and South Street.

Building on green belt land

Bus services and ongoing connections to train stations. These need to be co ordinated. The revised timetable for the 81 could mean longer waits for ongoing transport from Yeovil. I would like to see bus access to other areas from SP. If one does not have access to your own transport then travel is very limited.

Can we have a Post Office

Closure of S Petherton post office!

Combining the local schools into a single unit, better transition, cheaper costs and a better school overall.

declaration of climate & biodiversity emergency by parish council & action plan

Discrimination between rich people with health issues

And poor people with health issues

I see unfairness in helping those with mental illness. This village is a very lonely place if your not of a certain class.

Ditch cleaning to prevent flooding

E scooters are becoming dangerous the way the teenagers race around. This needs a big clamp down.

ensuring the waterways in the village are free from pollution; encouraging a younger demographic to the village; a community swimming pool (like the one next to the Coop car park); a weekly community newsletter with upcoming events delivered to all households; free parish magazine delivered to all households (pay if you can)

For the allocation of government/parish funding to be shared equally between the village and outlying areas, such as Over Stratton, Watergore, compton Durville.

For the settlements outside South Petherton that come under South Petherton parish, to be given the same consideration and priority as the village itself. Parish council members seem to be dismissive when the needs of these areas seek support and have legitimate cause to request funds. Fairness in the allocation of funding should be closely monitored and not be focused solely on South Petherton village.

Help with grants etc for equipment like lifts, stair lifts etc etc. Transport and help to access the doctor's surgery from around the village

Home insulation support/grants

i am a pensioner with no car and feeling more and more confined to the village. We need transport to Yeovil or elsewhere for bank, post office, dentist, optician and hospital appointments. we need our bus service not to be cut.

I feel there should be a one-way road system in South Petherton - Silver Street, Prigg Lane and St James Street

I strongly oppose the adoption of the Methodist Church and hall as a community hub. Those ageing, poorly-maintained buildings will be a perennial money sink, particularly given their listed status. This idea is a vanity project I would like to see less new housing being approved, especially if it is being built on green spaces.

I would only like to add that our village has been plagued by youths behaving in a threatening manor for sometime and dealing drugs from our rec. This hugely effects the children following up the ranks. They either choose similar behaviour or become to scared to go out. In this day and age if you don't have CCTV-you have nothing. The rec has to many places to hide and exits to leave from giving gangs the advantage of moving around and disappearing very quickly. I think CCTV/vis needed and it needs to be placed in the areas they think/know your can't see. Our children need to be safe to play and be children. County lines are here and it's very real.

I would suggest using smaller buses as they're often quite empty and they're difficult to manoeuvre through the narrow village streets.

It might be useful for health and leisure reasons to provide exercise equipment for adults in the recreation ground.

Lack of a Post Office

Lack of certain essential services in the village eg. dentist, solicitor, post office, banking services - these would not only be convenient but avoid increasingly travel to other towns.

Lack of disability access to some of the shops a cafes

lack of off road parking for small businesses, schools, church events, and community activities results in the roads becoming congested with roadside parking making drivers park inconsiderately or dangerously. Many restricted footpaths or non existent footpaths create conflict between drivers and pedestrians.

Lack of Post Office and Bank

Lack of Post Office and Bank

making people driving into the village see traffic coming out of the village BEFORE they just pull out round the corner by the library...this is an accident waiting to happen. Also households need to be made to cut back all hedges so they do not make the paths narrow or impede the view that drivers get on some of the bad corners in the village.

More care and thought put into range of village retail spaces. More needed to supply people not on high income.
More co operation between church groups

More help for poor families and the elderly. NHS Dentistry needs urgent attention in this area. Some of the roads around the village are in very bad condition. The more the community is drawn together the better for everyone.

More measures to reduce vehicle speed on our residential roads

More Police on the Beat

My main concerns are to do with health care and the provision of health services in the village.

National health services are being underfunded & run into the ground. I'm afraid this will become widespread & reach the point of no return if the government are allowed to continue using the NHS as a cash cow & a whipping boy.

Need a better bus service that links Ilminster, South Petherton and Yeovil. Ilminster has more facilities and transport links to other towns. Just going to and from Yeovil isn't enough.

New school required because of pressure on spaces in both.

New street lights are giving off a lot of light pollution

No

No

No

no

No

No

No

no

No but the proposed community hub is an excellent idea

No more roadworks on Hayes End !!

No, we are happy to live here and only feel that a few small improvements that you have suggested would improve that.

no. BUT BETTER PARKING IN THE VILLAGE IS ESSENTIAL IN ORDER FOR PEOPLE TO ENJOY ALL THE FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES.

Not a priority but...more attention from council for the general upkeep and maintenance of roadsides, drains, pathways and roads. Overgrown hedges, weeds taking over pavements and road signs either filthy or overgrown need more attention all year round.

Not to build more housing. The village infrastructure cannot cope. We don't want to lose our green spaces. We certainly don't want to become linked villages like the suburbs of London.

A village begins to lose its identity. No one knows their neighbours and the sense of community disappears. The Dr's surgery has lost its way. We no longer know our Dr. With too many patients due to too many new housing developments. It's why we moved here 20 years ago.

Schools are struggling with space. Again due to too many new housing developments.

All roads need to be resurfaced... not just the main one.

We are coming into the worst time of year for the road system. Let's hope we have the gritters!

Nowhere in this survey have you mentioned any of the churches in the village. Are you talking to them? The parish church is keen to help and is already involved in several initiatives.

It would be great to re-start the toddler group - but the parents can't do it alone.

Only the complete lack of/ withdrawal of any facility for young adults with special needs.

Parking in front of my home without being fined would be nice! Parking is a nightmare and has got worse in the 4 years I have been here

Parking needs serious attention.

Parking, parking, parking esp for residents who live in the centre of SP. The future impact on mobility and property value is a constant worry. Lack of provision also stunts business growth.

Pavements...need renewing and made wider in places, also installed where they do not exist. Size of tractors and trailers on the roads.

Personal Concerns written in the 'other' sections. SP is promoted as being a highly desirable place to live/relocate to Can we please keep it this way.

Please extend or build a purpose-built village hall to include Library and Hub on the recreational grounds. Great parking space there and buses could include on their routes as they did for the hospital

Please help us get a post office again

Please no mobile phone masts as they are a danger to health

Possibly more conservation type activities and groups (I'm aware there are some but I'm unsure how diverse and accessible they are for people).

Post Office and Bank closure - hard for businesses that rely even partly on cash sales to use banking facilities now.

Progress the Community Hub

Protect our young people from County lines drugs network. This can impact families, neighbourhoods and whole communities.

Provision of a community garden to grow fruit and vegetables for those in need in the village and have a place to visit and meet new people. Allotments already exist but a shared space might also work

Provision of Post Office and Banking Services

Provision of post office

Transport facilities to Crewkerne and Ilminster

81 Bus service to Yeovil returned to hourly timetable

Public service transport regularly to Ilminster and Crewkerne from South Petherton

re-instatement of post office services

Retaining the historic character of the town. Any new housing development or community energy scheme needs to blend with the old, not hide, dwarf or minimise it.

road/street markings are not being regularly maintained. It needs to be systematically organised.

Sadly is a library relevant these days . If a central hub was found although I thought one was being sorted with the bank redevelopment then maybe so

Safe pavement space for walkers. Given the increase in speed and reduced sound from electric cars there is a need for adequate level and well maintained pavements. Many elderly people have to walk on the road to get into the village.

Safe walking routes to school. In the 30 years we have been living here, nothing has been done to improve safety for pedestrians on Lightgate Road - a route many children take to and from school

Seating areas/benches around village. Would it be possible to open a Small Injuries Unit at the hospital?

Small regular buses to connect local villages and towns, eg Crewkerne so people without a car can apply for jobs in the local area. I've met too many youngsters who are completely stuck in SP. They've been offered jobs in Crewkerne, Ilminster, but have to turn it down as no regular bus service. Older people need to get to banks, post offices, clothes shops and can't.

South Petherton needs a really good village hall, as other local villages have. Blake Hall needs complete refurbishment. Methodist Church ditto if to be used as a hub.

SPPC seem to forget that at least 10% of the parish live in hamlets south of the A303.

Start up post office again

State of the pavement on Compton Road, very narrow and full of leaves and mud

Stop more building there is not enough infrastructure already.

Supporting existing businesses to preempt closures

Surprised that the loss of the Post Office was not specifically mentioned - with no banks it is an important way of accessing financial as well as postal services.

Community cohesion - anything that will draw the community together and encourage participation in community life from all groups/parts of the village is worth looking into.

The 81 bus service is NEEDED to be running at 7:11am. That particular bus if full from stoke sub Hamdon onwards, lots of people start work/school at 8am and that particular bus is essential.

THE BAD CONDITION OF SOME OF OUR PAVEMENTs. Some of the dropped pavements are unsuitable and badly constructed. As a mobility scooter user I considered some of the above to be dangerous.

The constant traffic noise from A303

Poor Bus links to Taunton

The cost of school uniform is a problem for some families. I know that some of the schools take outgrown uniform to sell or give to struggling families, but not all of of them. Why don't we have a really good secondhand uniform shop covering all the schools in our lovely new community hub?

The Hub should be in a modern village hall such as they have in Kingsbury and the Sevingtons

The lack of public transport is terrible. New Cross, Lambrooks, Shepton... more and better public transport is needed

The tractors have got much bigger and are driven at speed on the lanes which is dangerous to all other road users - pedestrians, horse riders, cyclists, drivers etc.

The mini roundabout at the top of Knapp Hill which is dangerous for all users. Instead of 'make do' solutions for a Hub, why not build a purpose built village hall on the Rec, maybe incorporating the pavilion.

Why was the survey not circulated to all households in the village?

I would question how smart are Smart Communities as in my opinion the design of the questionnaire is very poor.

The organisations that do put on social activities seem to do very little to nothing to help single people to meet others. For example, when there's a quiz night, they say "enter a team of four" - not helpful if you don't know anyone. They could say, if you're single and would like to join in, let us know and we'll put you into a team.

The traffic coming across at the top of Knapp Hill is presently too fast and generally ignores the busy junction. It is therefore dangerous for pedestrians to attempt to cross the road. I would seriously request that a formal pedestrian crossing is installed.

There is far too much traffic for the village these days with the increase in businesses and new homes. Now more than ever the council really do need to consider making St James Street one way, down through Silver Street and back around Prigg Lane. We witness numerous near misses every day, countless road rage incidents and have witnessed the wall to the car park knocked down at least twice in the past year

There is no safe access between Watergore/Over Stratton and South Petherton. The Harp road suffers with people speeding day and night and no one can cross safely over into the village.

This is a nice initiative, thank you. There are many new people who have moved to SP in the last 2yrs. Social gatherings for coffees, drinks, meals in the morning, afternoon and evening could be attractive.

Tighter control over new developments to prevent the charm and history of the area being negatively impacted.

to make sure we continue to have the library in the village, a vital resource. it will be good to have a post office again - hopefully

Traffic calming with chicanes in Lightgate Road.

Improved road junction Lightgate Road/Silver Street to ensure (1) traffic coming from hospital direction turns left into Lightgate Road less fast (2) very large vehicles coming uphill from village centre have space to turn right without further destruction of the earth bank on the corner &/or the private wall at the end of the drive belonging to no.23 & 2 other properties.

Traffic coming off the A303 at speed so close to children walking to school. Huge lorries & numerous other vehicles coming off the A303 along Hayes End by mistake and turning in Chapel Field Estate, recking peoples gardens and the appearance to the entrance to the village in the process. Surely something can be done about this.

Ver few rubbish and dog poo bins

Viability of village centre shops and businesses is very important and parking is an issue. Should the parking regulations be reviewed, is 2 hours no return in 1 hour still appropriate? And should regulations be enforced more effectively? And should the new 20mph speed limit be enforced?

We live on North St and the lower end opposite Hoopers Field to Barcroft lane is not maintained - hedges not cut back and water leak not fixed despite calls. Due to speed of tractors and traffic there will be an accident

what about a post office.

most of road drains full to top, causes flooding. regular clearance before it floods.

having more inclusive community.. very much rich and poor community - then and us feel. Things people of all backgrounds can do equally together.

When will residents of the Parish be consulted on the need for a permanent library facility?

When will the skatepark happen? Its been getting worked on for over 10 years.

Would be great to encourage more local everyday shops so there is less need to drive for this

would like to see more of indoor sports (pilates etc_, team sports provision, regular produce market, craft & gardening clubs

Yes! The pavements at the top of North Street at the back of No. 7 Coach Court. I was in correspondence with the Parish Council in October 2021. It was agreed that the pavements were in very poor disrepair. I highlighted that the elderly are walking in the road because of the potential danger for them of walking in these pavements, fearing a trip or fall. I have still been chasing, in fact recently, but no replies!!!!

This is an accident waiting to happen!! Is it a case of waiting for a terrible incident, a sueing case started, for the Council to actually maintain these pavements? Now, THAT WOULD COST THE COUNCIL MORE IN LEGAL AND COMPENSATION COSTS THAN FIXING THIS PROBLEM BEFORE THIS INEVITABLE EVENT HAPPENS!!!

Yes. Top of Cole's Lane very difficult to see vehicles due to hedgerow.