

Tuddenham St Martin Village Review



5th April 2016

At Tuddenham St Martin Village Hall

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Tuddenham St Martin (a brief background)

Population (approx): 355 (Census 2011)

Population split by gender: Male 48.2%, Female 51.8% (2011)

Village assets: Village hall, parish church, public house, sports facilities, businesses

Date held: Tuesday 5th April 2016

Venue: Tuddenham St Martin Village Hall

Time: 7pm – 9.15pm

Weather: Fine and pleasant

No of people attending: 45 (23 Male, 22 Female)

Percentage of population attending: 12.7%

On arrival people were asked for a few basic details about themselves to give general statistics about the participants in the Consultation. This helps with identifying whether groups of people or areas were less well represented and whether other methods of consultation might be needed as a follow up to this event.

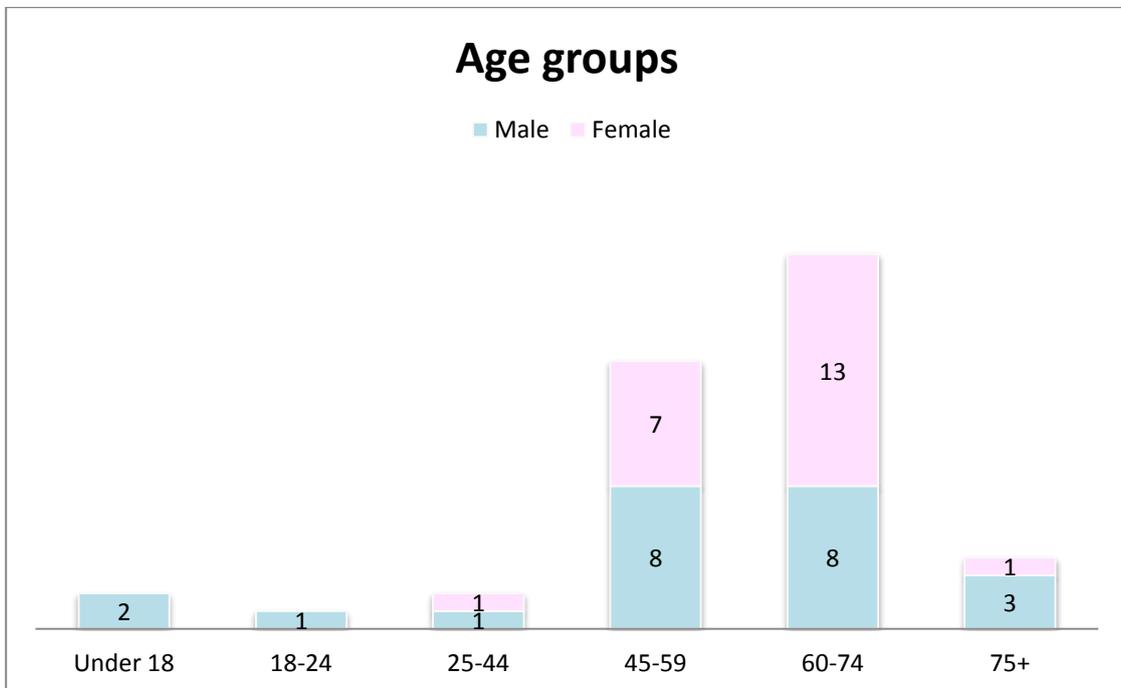


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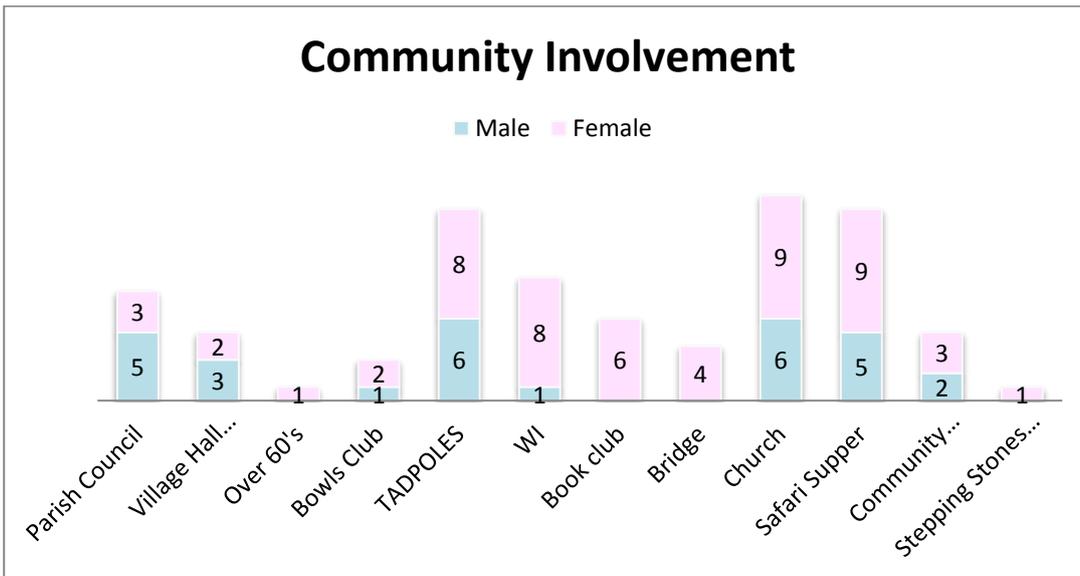
How long have you lived in and around Tuddenham St Martin?



Age of Participants

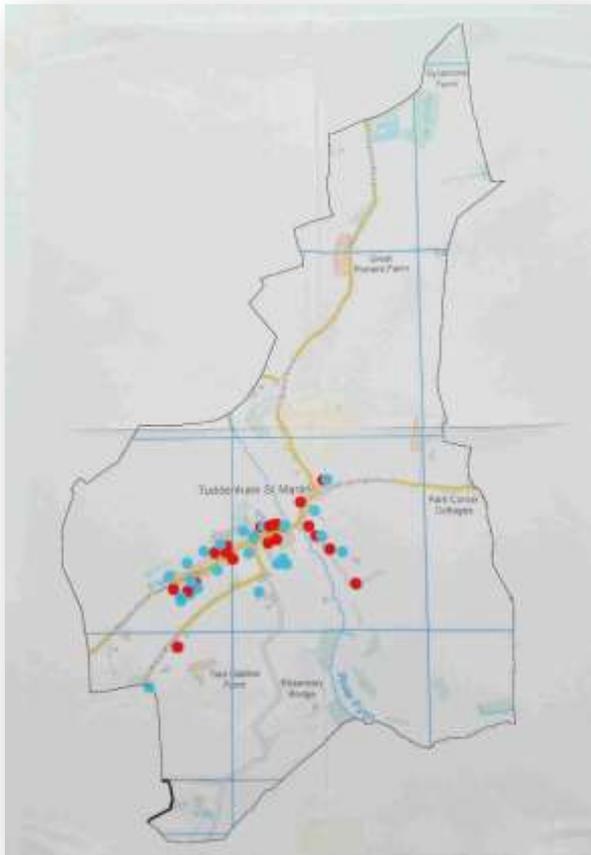


Community Involvement of those who attended



Looking at this graph it would appear that many of the participants are active members of the community.

Map showing the geographical location of participants.



Looking at the spread of red and blue dots there was a good attendance from people in the main part of the village itself but few from the more rural parts of the parish.

Concerns and thoughts about issues

We then conducted a “needs analysis” using 5 large topic sheets on which everyone was encouraged to leave comments about any good points, concerns and aspirations and which people felt needed some sort of action. If there was a comment on there already that they agreed with they didn’t need to write it again they could put a tick against it. The sheets also had a section for people to record good points.

When people had finished writing their comments they were given 3 red dots and asked to put a dot against the issues they felt were the most important to them i.e. to vote for them. The issues identified as being important and any issues related to them were then discussed by groups on the night and an Action Plan produced to take forward the actions each group agreed on.

Comments on the 5 Topic Sheets

Traffic, Transport & Highways

Comment	People who agreed	Votes
Traffic		
Speed & Volume		20
Too much, too fast (x6)	3	
Traffic volume, pollution, danger spots, (?)		
Cars Speed in along Tuddenham Road in 30 mph area – must have traffic calming solutions		
Speed and volume in Westerfield Lane		
Westerfield Lane – speeding & volume		
Westerfield lane narrow by the village hall and signs needed to indicate road narrowing and also have a priority system		
Speed – accidents at top of hill on way out to Ipswich suggests people are speeding		
A lot of traffic cuts through to Woodbridge via Tuddenham/Westerfield trying to avoid Ipswich centre etc		
Tuddenham Road has a dangerous corner by Tuddenham house and there are frequent accidents. More signs needed to slow vehicles down		
2 accidents at the top of hill in 4 days!	1	3
More signs to warn people to slow down. Many accidents on sharp bend at top of hill		
Dangerous at top of hill on main road on entering village	2	
No footpath to village hall		
Poor visibility turning out of village hall		
Too much discourtesy		
Rude drivers		
Can’t get out of drive safely		

We need an action plan which addresses the issue of a rural community being treated as a major traffic thoroughfare to & from Ipswich		
No viable public transport		

Possible solutions		
Parking spaces provided off The Street		
Traffic speed indicators to be installed on roads into village – if necessary part funded by the Parish council/precept		
Community Speedwatch needs to be increased		
Where are the extra Speedwatch volunteers in the village?		
More speed calming		
Speed bumps		
More signage		
Police Speedwatch in the village		
Traffic calming required		
Traffic calming e.g. rumble strips entering the village	1	
40 mph limit between Ipswich boundary and village on Main Road.		
Clopton Road – 30 mph should be from Witnesham Lane		

Highways		
Highways, potholes, parking, pavements, hedges & verges	3	
Roads poorly maintained		
Maintenance is poor. The double bend where the main road enters the village has been missing warning chevrons since an accident a year ago resulting in 2 RTAs over Easter		
Pot holes Westerfield Lane & litter	1	
Big potholes, road markings poor		
Need a lot of work done		
Water running down street at Granaries – drains needs repair and cleaning		
Failure to maintain drainage channels (grips) in verges – dangerous for cyclists		1
Erosion of verges in street centre as vehicles “squeeze” through narrow spaces		
Street lighting quality & quantity		
New streetlight on The Street looks wrong in a conservation area (light it gives off is too “white”, i.e. LED)		
Drains in road need sorting		

Cycling		
Bike lane. Speeding between 30 mph signs Old Glebe House – rat run		
Cycle path – here to Ipswich. Green initiative – health & obesity	2	4
Need cycle path to Ipswich to encourage exercise & improve safety		2

Footpaths		
Pavements never maintained		
Gardens encroaching onto footpaths, also overgrown hedges		1
Hedging – village end of Westerfield Lane need cutting back especially as no pavement		
For pedestrians dangerous at bend by Tanglewood – pavement so narrow danger from passing vehicles		
Blind spot on The Street		
Top of hill out of village		
Some hedges impinge on footpath		
Lack of pavement along Westerfield Lane		
Footpath from village to Ipswich (on Westerfield Rd & Henley Rd)		

Parking		
No when cars or lorries are parked on the road over bridge obscuring view out of Fynn Lane and private drives		
The Street – passing parked cars		
Parked cars on pavements mean people have to walk in road		
Cars parked on pavement obstructing pedestrians (+sometimes gateways)		2
Lack of parking area creates cars being parked on the main Tuddenham Road in the village centre		5
Poor parking		
Parking bays might help i.e. marked spots		
Too many cars, not enough spaces. It's ruining the village	1	1
Can't use footpath on mobility scooter on street paths because of obstacles (cars/wing mirrors)	1	1
Parking – bad on The Street		

Transport		3
Bus route poor. You have to have a car to get anywhere		1
Have to be able to drive to live in village		
Bus service no enough so unable to use if wanted to		
The bus service is a shadow of its former self. Timings are very poor.		
Transport – at the moment as I am able to drive		
Yes if you have a car – Westerfield Lane if immobile cannot get to bus stop		
Transport – only if I use a car		
Poor rural transport		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Village network to co-ordinate trips to schools/shops/doctors etc. (use Facebook or Twitter??) To minimise car journeys Help those without cars 		
There is poor frequency of bus services to Ipswich		1
No transport system to help people who don't drive get to hospital/Drs without long bus journey with changes and poor timing/availability		2

Village Services

Comment	People who agreed	Votes
Children's play area		
New playground, where? Why? Here (at village hall)		1
Children's playground - dog fouling and being allowed onto this area. This needs attention!		
Relocate village green/playing field to back of village hall -playing field could then go to housing	1	1
Playing field under used because of its siting		
Relocate – create village green & playing field to rear of village hall	2	
Put housing on playing field and relocate playing field	1	1
Playing field need closing and get one behind village hall		
Tennis court		
We need a way to encourage/involve people with children in the village to voice what their local needs might be re the playground		2

Village Hall & Business		
Village hall needs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playing field • More parking • Tennis court • Something for teens 		3
Nice village hall		
Village hall could be used for various functions (not advertised)		
Pub and café good		
More employment needed		

Community		
Nice & small (village?)		
Good community		
Village has a good community spirit		

Communication		
Village communication virtually non-existent!		
“Tattler” needs to be re-branded & re-launched (before tonight!!)		3
Absence of communication to encourage new residents to get involved/express what they would like in the village		
“Tatler”? newsletter		
Some form of passing news on is required – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newsletter? • Website? 		1
Village Facebook & twitter		
Village email or blog		

Development & Environment

Comment	People who agreed	Votes
Housing & development		
We are a village and should not be absorbed into Ipswich by development	3	10
Because of its proximity to Ipswich Tuddenham is under threat from plans to develop housing estates on the northern edge of the town. To retain the unique character of the village and of the Fynn Valley it is vital to limit development. There may be very limited scope for some infill within the village. A small number of houses for elderly residents to downsize would be helpful. There is a risk of the village becoming a dormitory/village for the retired! It needs people of all ages to increase its vitality.		
No properties for Council tenants to downsize to in the village		
Only infill housing or small scale needed		
Housing development should be in keeping with village size		
Mix of houses/homes needed, too many large dwellings		4
Housing – no large scale development. Not towards Ipswich		
What about Northern Fringe, won't this flood area with 20k properties?		
Housing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop brownfield sites within Ipswich before expanding into greenfield sites • Consulting rural groups before further urban sprawl happens • Stop further building in greenfield areas south of Tuddenham • Develop brownfield sites in Ipswich 		3
Housing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage development of right sort of housing – no more exec homes • Not towards Ipswich • Extra public parking areas on any future developments 		
Only sustainable development with associated services – provided by CIL or S106 Or apply Grampian conditions		1
Any new housing would be unsustainable and lack of infrastructure would make this unviable		1
Roads not sufficient to support large development	2	
Affordable housing for local people; thought that was what last development was (?) but price not affordable. Moved out of village with young family – moved back when they grew up		1
Infilling – fine – building in large gardens, but not to expand beyond the village envelope		3
Any new housing must have adequate parking...if not cars will be parked anywhere		
Most people have large gardens		
Keep fields around village but allow some development		
Character of village is down to size and community spirit	1	
If Tuddenham grew it would spoil character		1

Other development & Conservation Area		
Develop quota of small businesses in village		
Village needs a shop!		
Painting houses blue/yellow etc. in the conservation area		
Conservation area: too many plastic doors, windows, poor design of front walls, false slate etc. i.e. gradual erosion of character.		
Appearance of houses along Street realising character of village becoming lost. Conservation Area rules must be strengthened		1
Satellite dishes should be removed		

Environment		
It is crucial that the Fynn Valley SSSI etc. is protected from the encroachment of development & road schemes		
Walking difficult no paths & cars parking on paths		1
Air pollution (Rail – docks & vehicles)		
Larger brown bins would help	1	
Access to countryside – provide suitable space for people to park if wanting to access Fynn Valley		
Birds – Tuddenham very important site for swifts, house martins, and sparrows – home improvemnets must take account of them		
Would be nice to have some allotments		1
Allotments could be re-introduced on part of playing field		

Economy & Utilities

Comment	People who agreed	Votes
Economy		
Village needs a shop!	2	1
Community shop		
Only businesses – coffee shop & pub/eating place	1	
Nowhere for industrial units to go		
More job creation, not houses. Small rural businesses		
Support network – provided by volunteers		1

Utilities		
Drains not cleared out regularly – water running in main street	4	
Sewage works – more traffic in Fynn Lane		
Gas & Electric		
Gas (would like it?)		
Gas to village would be a big bonus		2
No gas in village		
Electric wires/poles look a mess down The Street		

Broadband & Mobile phones		
Poor broadband		
Fast broadband not available		
Poor broadband coverage still (Fynn Lane area)		
Broadband now good – Clopton Road		
Mobile phones		
Mobile phone coverage poor		
Poor mobile reception along Street		
Mobile phone coverage – no 4G		1

General services

Comment	People who agreed	Votes
Neighbourhood Watch & Other		
General services – disappearing fast under pressure Voluntary sector can't cope currently		
Neighbourhood watch		
No neighbourhood watch		
No neighbourhood watch because nobody has volunteered to be co-ordinator		

Health		
Identify ONE health provider (surgery) for Tuddenham residents		
Everybody has to travel to services which is a problem for non-car owners, buses not available		
No local health facilities – go to Ipswich or Grundisburgh. No dentists etc.		
Have to go out of village, problem if not a car owner		

Schools		
Schools – either Ipswich or Grundisburgh. High schools – Ipswich or Woodbridge		
Identify ONE main school (should be Northgate) and surgery and health provider	1	
All schoolchildren need to be driven to school		
Children go to all different schools	1	

Explanatory notes:

People who agreed – When people agreed with a comment they could put a tick, so the number shown is the number of ticks against each comment.

Votes – this is the number of red dots against a topic (people were given 3 red dots and asked to put a dot against the 3 issues that were most important to them, so in effect voting for them).

The numbers may not be entirely accurate, red dots sometimes get detached and some ticks were beside the post it notes which were then moved or fell off leaving any ticks behind on the sheet.

Comments sent via email:

1. We would prefer if the land surrounding the row of cottages along main road family X and us were left as arable land. However, we are aware of the need for more housing in Ipswich; just prefer it to be extension of Kesgrave towards Foxhall Road than on our doorstep.

2. The Chapel is a great enhancement to the village, however due to its popularity, traffic has increased and in the last few months, we have witnessed a number of near misses when people pull out of the car park and turn onto the hill. This is also not helped by the parked cars opposite. On one occasion I witnessed someone nearly get knocked over which shook them up. Would there be any benefit of making Westerfield Lane one way? This would make accessing and exiting The Chapel safer and also alleviate the problems of driving blind round the tight bend at the bottom of the hill by The Chapel.

Other main concern has to be the speed when traffic goes through the village and the number of parked cars on the hill, especially when some park on the kerb which means you have to walk in the road and anyone with a pushchair or in a wheelchair would struggle to safely reach their destination.

However all told we are truly blessed to live in such a wonderful village. We are so lucky to find Tuddenham and be surrounded by such warm and lovely neighbours.

I think it's worth mentioning that when the group was talking about housing development - we did mean in proportion to the size of our village (currently about 160 houses). I'd say a maximum of 20- 30 houses. Anything more would be disproportionate.

We would like to see new build single plots instead of multiple build plots, which Suffolk Coastal seem to prefer. Can't think of a solution regarding parking, nor speeding, unless the police are happy to get involved. Hope you have a good meeting.

We'd be opposed to the idea of large scale residential development, especially since there is already a problem with parking.

Our refuse bins could have 30 put on them to further remind people of the speed limit. (I saw similar in Bealings)

Main issues on the night

- Housing & development
- Highways, traffic & transport

We split into 3 groups to look at housing & development, traffic & highways issues and various other issues. From those discussions, the Action Plan at the end of this report has been compiled ready to be further developed by the Parish Council.

Resources for your next steps

General help:

County Councillor:

Vacant at present

District Councillor:

Robert Whiting – 07714 598155 robert.whiting@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk

Local Officer SCC:

Alison Wheatland – 01473 264403 alison.wheatland@suffolk.gov.uk

Community Development Officer SCDC:

Gillian Benjamin – 01394 444321 gillian.benjamin@eastsuffolk.gov.uk

Community Action Suffolk:

www.communityactionsuffolk.org.uk

Rural Housing Enabler

Sunila Osborne – 01473 345344 sunila.osborne@communityactionsuffolk.org.uk

General Community Development:

Claire Taylor-Haigh (Community Field Officer – Suffolk Coastal & Waveney) – 01502 558350 Mobile: 07500 038883 c.taylor-haigh@communityactionsuffolk.org.uk

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What is the issue?	Action to be taken	Priority	Lead organisation & Partners	Resources required	Update/progress report due by when?
Road maintenance					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potholes in road (e.g. Westerfield Rd) • Repairs of poor standard • Attitude of road maintenance crews • Condition of pavements (particularly because of cars parking on pavements) • Hedges/brambles overhanging pavements so people have to walk in road • Encroachment – front gardens/planting encroaching onto pavement, narrowing paths • Drainage and clearance of gullies – main road from Tuddenham to 	<p>Make list of all highways-related issues and request meeting with SCC Highways to discuss.</p> <p>Maybe some things that residents/parish council could take a more active role in (e.g. issuing notices about overhanging branches)</p> <p>Parish Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to repeat communication to residents about landowners responsibilities and courtesy to others (cutting back hedges, parking across driveways, parking on pavements) • promoting pride in village and community spirit 		PC, SCC Highways		

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<p>Ipswich has a lot of surface water when it rains. SCC policy to clear drainage gullies annually but this hasn't been done</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White lines in road, chevrons need re-painting – safety issue • Frustration with lack of response from SCC when issues reported <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Online reporting system difficult to use 					
Parking					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long standing issue – not sufficient off road parking so people need to park on road • People parking on pavements 	<p>As above:</p> <p>Parish Council to repeat communication to residents about landowners responsibilities and courtesy to others (cutting back hedges, parking across</p>		PC, SCC Highways		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ blocks pavements, particularly for people with pushchairs and mobility scooters ○ affects condition of pavement ○ blocks access to driveways <p>People don't use parking available at village hall – no lighting, previous issues with cars being broken into</p>	<p>driveways, parking on pavements) – promoting pride in village and community spirit</p> <p>Explore opportunities for posts/bollards to prevent people parking on pavements</p>				
Traffic					
HGV's coming through village on unsuitable roads (often directed by sat navs)	Explore opportunity for 'Not suitable for HGVs' or 'don't follow sat nav' signage		PC, SCC Highways		
Speeding	<p>Look into the possibilities to reduce speed e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Traffic calming at entrance to village ● Extend 40 mph limit ● Extend 30 mph limit out of 		PC, Speedwatch, SCC Highways, Police	More Speedwatch volunteers Funding Sub – committee volunteers	

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	<p>Ipswich to take in the railway bridge and "T" junction (where Tuddenham Rd becomes Main Rd)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed warning signs – blackspot/corner speed • Meeting with Highways • Sub committee of PC to address speeding • Existing sign faded and obscured 				
Highways & Traffic flow including northern ring road feasibility study	Write to SCC Highways to extend survey area for traffic monitoring to determine traffic count		PC, SCC Highways		
Lack of lights and pavements	Look at how to make walking in the village safer especially in the winter/dark Look into whether more lights in strategic places would help with walking		PC,	Possible funding issues	
Cycle path to link village to Ipswich. At the moment it's not very safe to walk or cycle.	Would it be possible to link the existing footpaths to get a traffic free route?		PC	Funding	
Conservation area					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarity wanted over what is and isn't permitted (e.g. UPVC windows, 	SCDC Development Control?		PC, SCDC Planning		

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satellite dishes, extensions etc.) and how this is enforced					
ESA Conservation area & sites, includes water meadows	No action Recent SWT survey of Fynn Valley				
Development					
Need more housing – variety of houses inc suitable for downsizing & to include parking	Survey of village residents to determine need by residents	High	PC, SCDC, CAS		
Do not want development towards Ipswich which may result in village being included in Northern fringe	Report by SCDC to be shared with SCDC departments (especially Planning re site allocations) & SCC		PC, SCDC, SCC		
Air pollution	Establish baseline of air quality to determine current levels and predict the impact of development on air quality		PC, SCDC Environmental Health		
Drainage & water For example - Pavement near the Pub often has water running over it.	Action plan report to Anglian Water – with other supporting evidence and request for a meeting to look at the problems		PC, Anglian Water		

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What is the issue?	Action to be taken	Priority	Lead organisation & Partners	Resources required	Update/progress report due by when?
Leisure and Youth					
There are no facilities or clubs for younger people in the village	Do some sort of survey to find out How many young people there are What are their views and needs				
Playing field is isolated and difficult to get to	Look into possible solutions: See if it's possible to move the playing field – find out whether you can sell the field to buy a better site Look at improvements to present access Signage – people don't know it's there at the moment Move it to the village hall or perhaps opposite the pub?		PC, SCDC	Possibly funding	
More “all-age” facilities on the playing field	Path for adults to walk round Seating area Tennis court				
Other					
How are postcodes allocated?	This especially affects deliveries Would like a postcode review of the village		PC, Royal Mail		