

POTTO PARISH PLAN

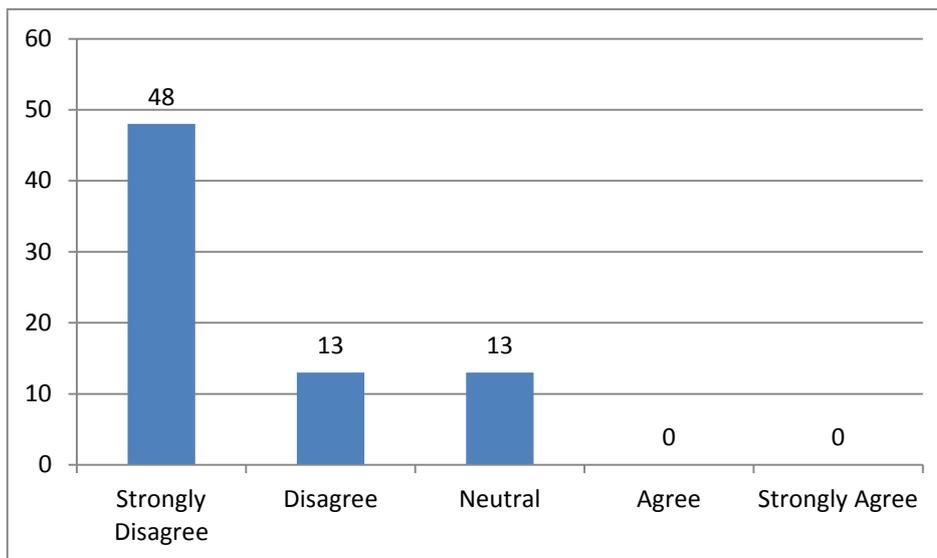


QUESTIONNAIRE MID-TERM RESULTS 2013

This document shows the results from the Potto Parish Plan mid-term questionnaire, circulated to all Potto households during January 2013. It should be considered as a supplement to the main Plan 'Results' document dated 2007. All comments are as written by the residents.

Wind powered turbines / electrical generators with mast heights around 50-60m high are becoming increasingly common in the UK.

1a. I would like to see these turbines built in Potto parish.



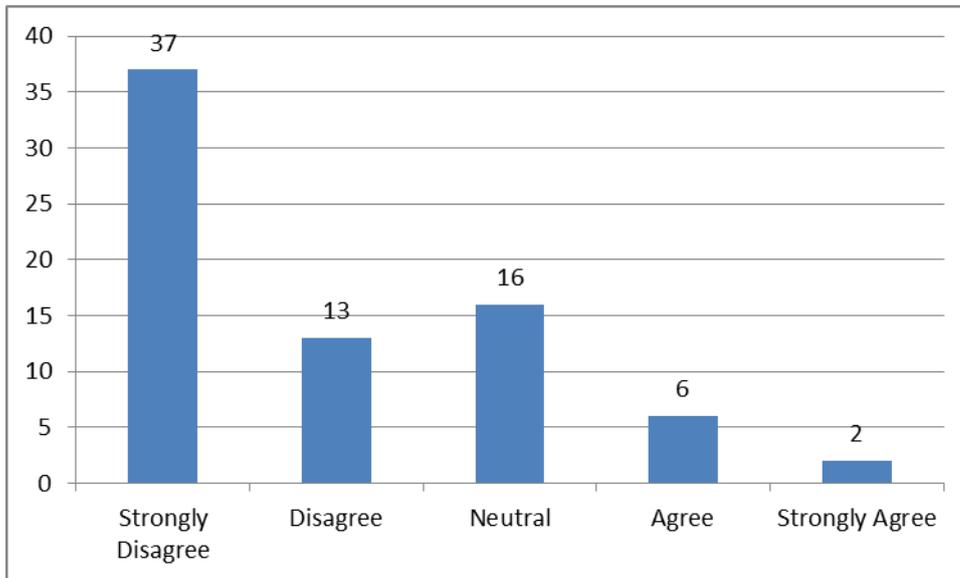
Comments for Question 1a

- wind turbines are a blot on the landscape and cause a great deal of nuisance to the immediate neighbours and are of no use whatsoever.
- Total eyesore
- The Parish is too small geographically.
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- We feel wind powered turbines are aesthetically not pleasing and feel they would devalue property in the village
- They are unsightly and a danger to birds and bats. This has been widely documented
- it depends where they are placed.
- They are only becoming increasingly common because of the massive subsidies they receive and the the huge profits they generate for their owners, at our expense since we ALL have to pay much higher energy bills in order to fund these subsidies! The most outrageous money-making scam around today! They also happen to be giant eyesores which totally disfigure our countryside (or seashore in the case of Redcar)
- As a nation I believe we do need to explore a diverse range of methods of generating energy for public consumption while at the same time retaining the very pleasant countryside we have today and we need to ensure we pass that kind of lifestyle onto the next generation. In my view the place for wind farms are off shore and not in village's,

towns etc. I still remain unconvinced as to their overall benefit in terms of actual power generated versus the trade off of having to live with such structures that I would consider to be a blot on the landscape.

- Need to be away from housing, as they can be noisy
- More recent research suggests may well be uneconomic in the longer term
- We do not consider that Potto is a suitable site for a major wind farm, however we cannot see an objection to a small turbine (10 metres say) being installed on private land well away from other properties.
- if this is what the majority of residents want – fine
- Having seen the impact on Seamer these turbines are overly intrusive and dominate the landscape and will destroy the outlook and scenic value of Potto. These things are destroying the landscape for no benefit
- SEE HOW THESE HAVE SPOILT THE COUNTRYSIDE AROUND HILTON
- large wind farms are not the solution
- I do not believe in principle that wind turbines can be justified in any way economically or environmentally. However, I should say that opening the question with the very leading statement in 1 above shows a certain amount of prejudice!
- Unless the details of the size, design and proximity to the village are established, this question cannot be answered accurately. An application for a turbine should be judged on its own individual merits. The answer to the same question once details are available may be completely the opposite to the same question when it is just a general subject/concept as stated here. We do not believe that any data recorded for this question should be used in any part of the village plan or as the basis for a planning decision as it cannot be a true reflection of the views of this Parish in this format.
- Should be subject to planning application
- Away from homes
- These devices are of dubious benefit for several reasons; there is evidence that the total carbon emissions produced during the manufacture of each turbine exceeds the carbon emission savings of that turbine. Secondly, the power generated is usually at times and in places far away from when it is needed. Comparing the costs against benefits pv solar panels are far better and much less visually objectionable.
- Been a land owner I have looked at this very seriously as a way of generating more income. However, the wind speed is no more than 4.5m/s which makes the viability of them questionable. I was however only looking at a hub height of 18m. 50m to hub turbines are more cost effective.
I would also like to say, spoiling someone's view is not an option which makes siting of turbines difficult.
- they are neither economically or environmentally of any use what so ever, and I don't think the villagers should fall for strangers bearing gifts
- I'm all for progress in terms of renewable energies, however, I think each case needs to be taken on its merits in terms of cost v benefit to the community (particularly with respect to the relative efficiency and "pay-back period" for such developments), also the visual and environmental impacts of such developments needs to be carefully and openly assessed.

1b. I would like to see wind turbines built in Potto parish only if the mast is no taller (circa 10m or so) than any adjacent buildings or trees.



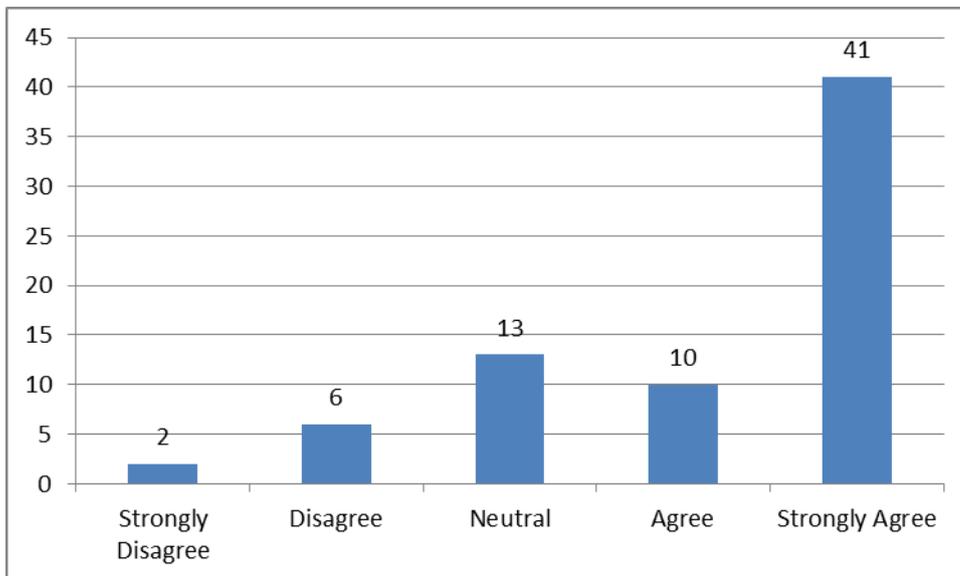
Comments for Question 1b

- as 1a
- This would make the turbines up to 40m in height which is more than a 'Private' turbine. and would require mains overhead connection in all probability.
- Wind speed surveys in Potto parish have previously shown that the wind speed is not sufficient to make these turbines viable.
- See above, it does not matter one iota what size they are, they are totally inefficient as well, and need to be backed up in any case by other energy sources as an alternative when it isn't windy enough!
- I would not like to see any wind turbine's of any description built in the village.
- Its not a question of liking (or not), each application would need to be considered on its location and damage to visual and auditory environment
- see above comment
- see above
- As above
- see above
- personal choice
- See comment in 1A above
- Ambiguous question/statement. Most buildings in Potto are well below 10mts! Whilst we agree that wind turbine development should be allowed within reason, we feel that limiting mast heights would be too constraining for any potential development. There are regulations in place that specify the minimum distance a turbine has to be from any object such as buildings or trees but also the mast height for small turbines would need to be appropriate to avoid turbulence from buildings etc. Again unless details are given for an actual application for a turbine it is not

possible to give a true answer. Therefore we believe that if data collected from this question is used in any way to influence a decision at a planning meeting/village plan we do not believe it will be an accurate reflection of individual views. PPC has a duty and responsibility to promote methods of tackling climate change by encouraging local people to increase levels of microgeneration and inspire everyone to get involved.

- I have no objection to wind turbines if they are proportionate to the immediate environment. In principal I support re-newable energy .
- as above consider under planning application detail of position, height and effect
- Similar reasoning to 1a
- as above
- See comment on 1a

1c. I would NOT like to see any wind turbines in Potto parish.



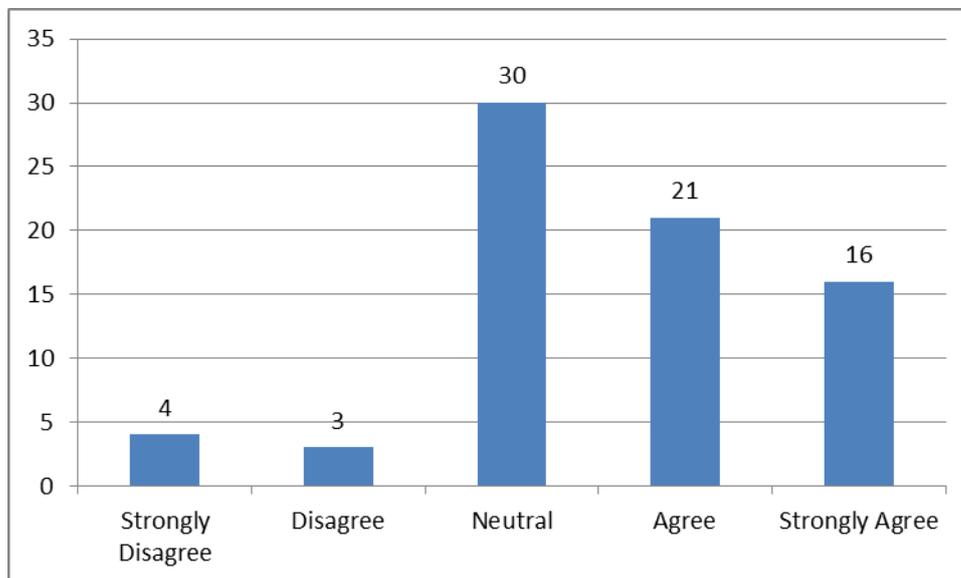
Comments for Question 1c

- see previous comment
- The visual impact would be immense.
- We would like to see ALL wind turbines scrapped!
- Please see above
- As previous
- see 1b above
- Far too small a neighbourhood for them ---unsightly.
- See above
- As above
- I admit to being fairly ignorant of the advantages of wind turbines but consider they could be an intrusion into the peace and quiet of our parish.

- Renewable energy is the future, but it must have a minimal visual impact on its surroundings
- I am not sure what my or anyone else's opinion is worth here because domestic wind turbines can be erected without planning consent being needed as "permitted development"
- The collating of 'evidence' like this on a questionnaire of something that is not even a proposal or application could be damaging not only for the credibility of Potto Parish Council to deal with each individual case on its own merits but also takes any energy, momentum and passion away from villagers when application does come in as it would be easy to assume that it has been 'covered' by PPC. Parish Plans are an excellent means of promoting action on climate change in the community but the steering group must consist of climate friendly people who are positive in their outlook in this issue as it is not going to go away. Whatever actions communities take to address climate change should be celebrated and not seen as negative.
- as above

2. Solar panels, either to generate electricity (pv type) or directly to heat water (thermal) are being fitted to properties in the UK.

2. I am happy to see these panels installed to properties in Potto parish.



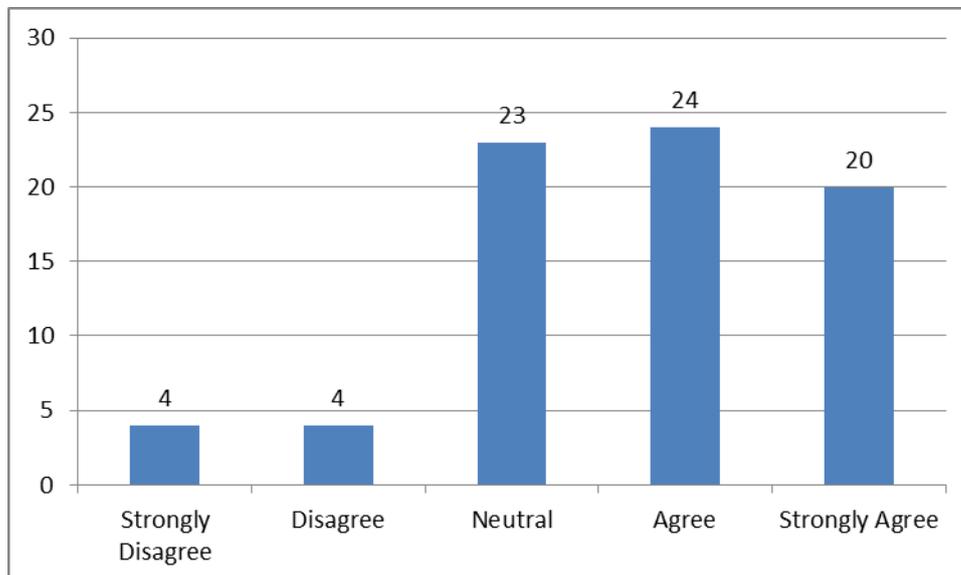
Comments for Question 2

- Subject to appropriate planning and consultation with the community
- I have already fitted them to the rear of our property
- up to individual householders
- they are not attractive but they may save money to the householders.
- Now we are talking! Pity it means having to deal with the dozens of cowboy installers roaming the market at present and eager to rip you off! (often with help from the Government...)
- As with the above these panels are not an attractive option but if sited discreetly to the rear of properties if that is always possible then they are a better option than wind turbines.
- Personal choice
- Private households do not require planning permission as long as the installation comes within the conditions of permitted development and is outside of a conservation area. There is therefore no problem as far as we can see with installing PV panels in Potto.
- If unobtrusive
- We have noticed solar panels on houses in Stokesley and they do not look unsightly
- provided they do not dominate the property or its aspect. They need to be in keeping with individuals and surrounding properties
- I understand and sympathise with the reasons for these installations but consider them very ugly and wonder if there are any regulations and Planning Permission?
- Personal choice
- Similarly these panels are "permitted development" whether I like them or not.

- I think that these are good for the environment - and therefore need to be encouraged. However, consideration needs to be given to the siting and appearance of the properties to which they are attached (if visible to the public).
- Irrelevant question/statement. Majority of buildings in Potto are domestic and therefore have permitted development rights without consent of PPC or neighbours. The Dog & Gun is the only building that will need consent as it is classed as a public building. Is this what we are supposed to be agreeing/disagreeing with? I'm sure we do not need anything in the village plan for that one possibility as it is the PPCs duty to encourage all buildings within the Parish to be more energy efficient. All new housing is now required to have renewable energy systems installed and so regardless of whether we agree with it or not, it is a future requirement.
- As before as long as they do not overwhelm the appearance of the building
- I personally think they are ugly in their present form, but if people want them I have no problem with that.
- Depends upon site / situation
- do not like them but they are an environmentally friendly way of generating electricity
- Even on the 'road side' of houses these are not unduly unsightly. In some cases they could well be of better appearance than the existing roof!
- They are spoiling properties which are face on to a road. Anything tucked away I have no problem with.
- "The precedence has already been set ,so one cannot now attempt to discriminate Solar panels are the only way the man in the street can fight the corrupt cartels of the power companies
Planning laws for commercial and non commercial buildings already exist. leave well alone"
- I wouldn't object to the fitting of such panels in principle, however, I believe each case needs to be considered on it's merits, particularly where their visual impact may be detrimental to the village character.

3. Action 22. This Plan Action was to improve the rough section of Cooper Lane going West from the Dog & Gun pub. Despite much investigation, effort and discussion this Action is still to be completed. This lane provides access to our village hall and 9 private houses and has two distinct sections. The longer East section between the Dog and Gun pub and 16 Cooper Lane is without Legal Title (i.e. it is 'ownerless' land) and the smaller West section between 16 Cooper Lane and the Village Hall is understood to be privately owned and is outside the scope of this questionnaire. NYCC have stated that the lane is too narrow to be 'adopted' as a public highway. Minimal Grant funding to assist with surface upgrading has recently been successful and therefore the majority of any costs would still need to be privately funded. Costs could be up to £75 per square metre (total around 145 sq metres or £11,000) including excavation, new foundations, drainage and a tarmac / concrete surface. The following statements / questions focus on the East section of the lane.

3a. I would like to see the surface of this lane improved.



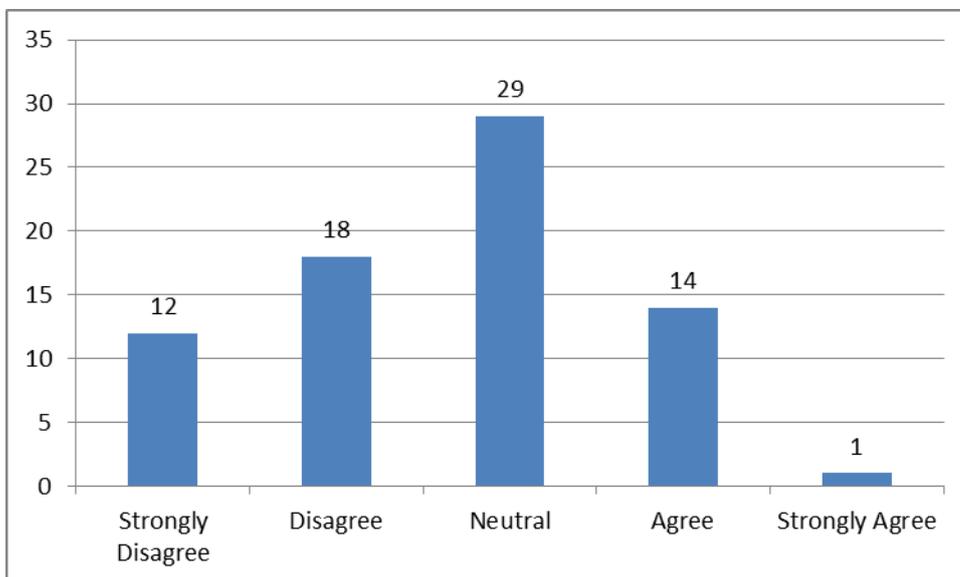
Comments for Question 3a

- Any work carried out would not be of any advantage to our property. The east section should be purchased by the owners of the properties using the road way with perhaps a small annual payment received from the Council for using the Village Hall.
- The road is now unacceptable, full of pot holes and the surface is a mud bath.

- I only use the road once or twice a year
- But not at cost to village residents who do not live on this lane!
- Yes but at no personal cost
- The lane is currently very unsightly after the renovations of the cottages on Cooper Lane. The surface is extremely bad and is full of potholes which are very unsafe to walk on also.
- This is currently muddy, uneven and dangerous
- As the owners of the 9 adjacent properties have shown little or no interest in doing anything about it over many years I can't see why we should register any interest when we only use the lane about half-a-dozen times a year, on foot!
- The access to the village hall is a disgrace and it must be unacceptable for the residents living there. It is a complete puzzle that the owner of the lane can not be located even from the information from the land registry. As this lane is a public access for the village hall which hosts public events and as a facility also supports a nursery I am amazed that the council have not adopted this access in the interests of health and safety alone. You would shudder to think if there was a serious incident involving children and vehicles who is responsible? What responsibility has the local district council taken if any on this issue.
- The owners of the nine houses on this lane should pay the full cost of any improvement as it improves access to their property.
- it is unsightly and spoils village appearance.
- Something needs to be done
- Surely this is the responsibility of its owners
- the road now has significant use and demands improvement
- Being elderly I find myself increasingly disinclined to walk to the Village Hall with the road in its present state.
- the costs are high and do not solve the problem of access to the village hall or the damage caused by others using the private lane therefore the scheme proposed only benefits 4 people some of whom do not wish to see a sealed surface for safety and other reasons unless it benefits the whole village or users do not see the benefit
- This road access is not adopted by County and therefore is the responsibility of the property owners to maintain it jointly to gain access to their homes.
It should not become a burden on the rest of the parishioners to foot the bill through the precept charges of which I would be strongly against
- This lane was originally designed as access for Village Farm and 3 cottages only, and clearly cannot cope with the increased traffic along it. Rather than wasting money on an unsuitable access road (too narrow, awkward bends, no turning area, no footpath) money would be better spent creating a new purpose-built access lane from Butcher Lane into the car park at the back of the village hall. This would alleviate the usage of the lane and minimize maintenance for the residents.
- The most significant use and contribution to the extensive damage to the Lane is by the business enterprise being carried out by the company using the Village Hall daily and the numerous trips by 4 x 4 vehicles four times per day.

- This road giving access to village hall is an important village amenity
- "I have mentioned this before, stating that it may be a private road, but it is still very much used by all members of the public. it is after all the only way to the Village Hall.
Have you tried the National Lottery? worth a try!"
- Like many other village hall users we would be prepared to help towards the cost by some form of annual payments.
- Quite happy to support the parish council
- But not at any cost and certainly not through a precept
- If this had been correctly laid the last time it was tried, it would not of cost very much more but I was lead to understand some of the residents were not prepared to contribute
- Whilst I strongly agree that the lane is desperately in need of improvement, I believe it's "back-lane" character should be maintained by careful selection of surfacing materials (rather than tarmacadam or concrete).
- "ASAP
The Village Hall is a vital aminity in our village and is used by all age groups. The access is an accident waiting to happen. Many elderly people will not venture on foot up the lane for fear of injury. I feel that the condition of this lane is an embarressment when promoting activities in The Hall"

3b. I would like to see minimal surface repairs only, e.g. top-dressing with small chippings, pothole filling etc which would also require ongoing annual maintenance. This could initially cost up to £1,000 - £2,000 with £500 each year for maintenance.



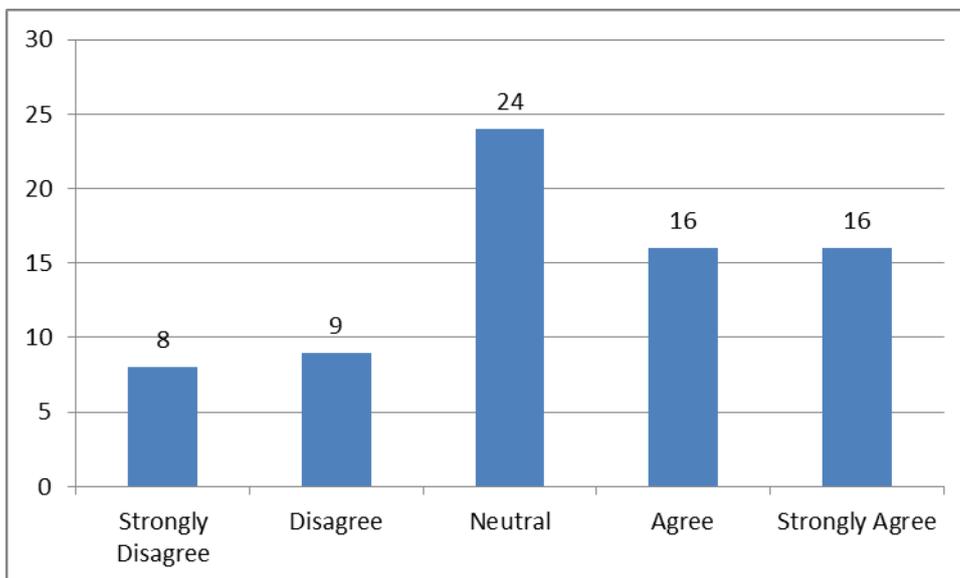
Comments for Question 3b

- Would really prefer a permanent repair as question 3c but this option is better than nothing
- See comment at 3a
- Not a long term solution
- A proper repair is preferable.
- who would be responsible for repairs?
- See above
- If it is the intention to do the job then it should be done properly to highway standards.
- long term counter productive ---too expensive to maintain.
- Depending upon resources available this would be a start.
- It is proving difficult to get agreement for any funding so to perpetuate the problem is unrealistic
- THIS CAN BE DONE FOR £500 FOR TWO LORRYLOADS AND VOLUNTARY RESIDENTS LABOUR
- the lane needs to be reduced in height first to drain water
- Again the BURDEN would be on the whole of the parish for this never ending escalating cost
- see above
- "I suggest that the lane is sprayed with a thin layer of tarmac which has small chipings rolled into it to bond them.I think the appearance would be in keeping with the village. This is a very cost effective method,I estimate the cost would be around £5000.

I would be happy to put the Parish council in touch with a trusted,competent contractor."

- I am prepared to use my labour to carry out part of this activity.
- repeat of current unsuccessful application resulting in chippings on main road and only minimal short term improvement
- Still think there ought to be Council funding for a better job than that!
- This seems to be a non-answer as in poor winters it would rapidly deteriorate.
- But not as described in the question
There are lots of alternative relatively low cost methods out there.
Look at car park at Swainby Church or the car park at Staithes which deals with heavy traffic
- I cannot see where these costings come from I personally laid the lane feeding the three properties 47/49/51 10 years ago and it has cost only £240.00 spent on it since I did suggest to the village that L.clarke and sons would have given a price to do a proper job but it was ignored.
- I believe part of the problem is the poor sub base and would therefore recommend a solution that replaced the sub base (and therefore any drainage implications) with a construction that is more suitable to it's function and one that would minimise future maintenance.
- Do not waste money, we have little enough of it. If the job is not done properly we will still be asking questions in two, three four years time

3c. I would like to see a good quality 'permanent' type repair, e.g. concrete, printed concrete or tarmac. This option should require minimal ongoing maintenance. This could initially cost circa £11,000.

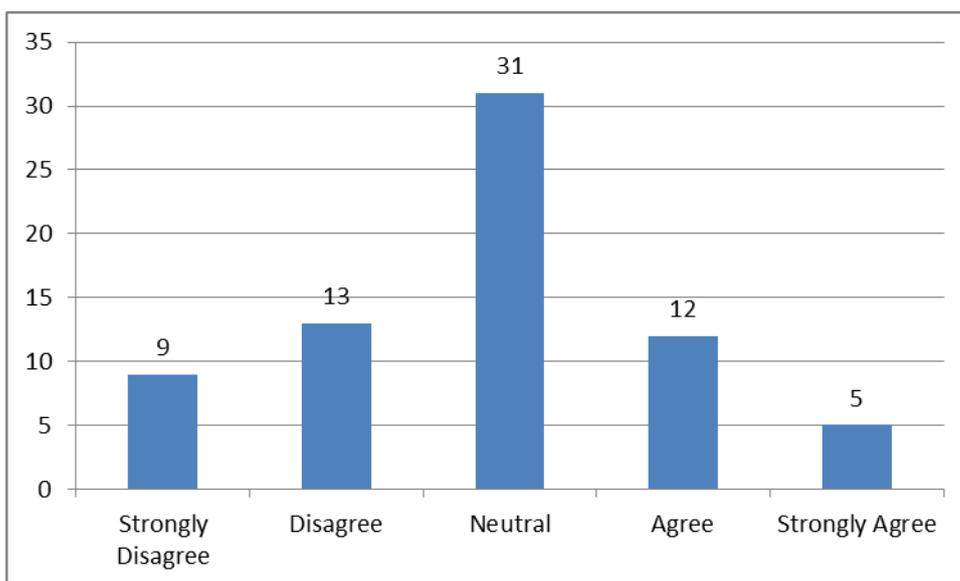


Comments for Question 3c

- Heavy use is made of the road as this is access to the Village Hall. A permanent repair is therefore much more appropriate. It's awful living with these conditions.

- This is a matter for the residents of the lane as they use the road every day or the Village Hall if they want to promote the use of the Hall
- See comment at 3a
- We feel that a more permanent solution is required due to the amount of cars that use the lane.
- This option would be more cost effective in the 'long run'
- if work is going to be carried out we would prefer something permanent.
- See above
- If that is what it is going to cost then the money will have to be raised with the support of those village residents who choose to support village fund raising events.
- This would be the ideal solution, but is subject to resources available
- As above
- see comments to 3a
- too expensive
- As above
- see comment for 3(a)
- I think the appearance would not suit the village
- I am not prepared to donate any money to this venture.
- As we have said above.
- "£11000 equates to something like £500 per household or less than £10 per month for 4 years. Can finance not be arranged to cover this?"
- as above previos comment
- See comments in 3a & 3b above. Whilst I agree with a more permanent sub base solution, I believe a finishing material more appropriate to the lane's character needs to be considered.

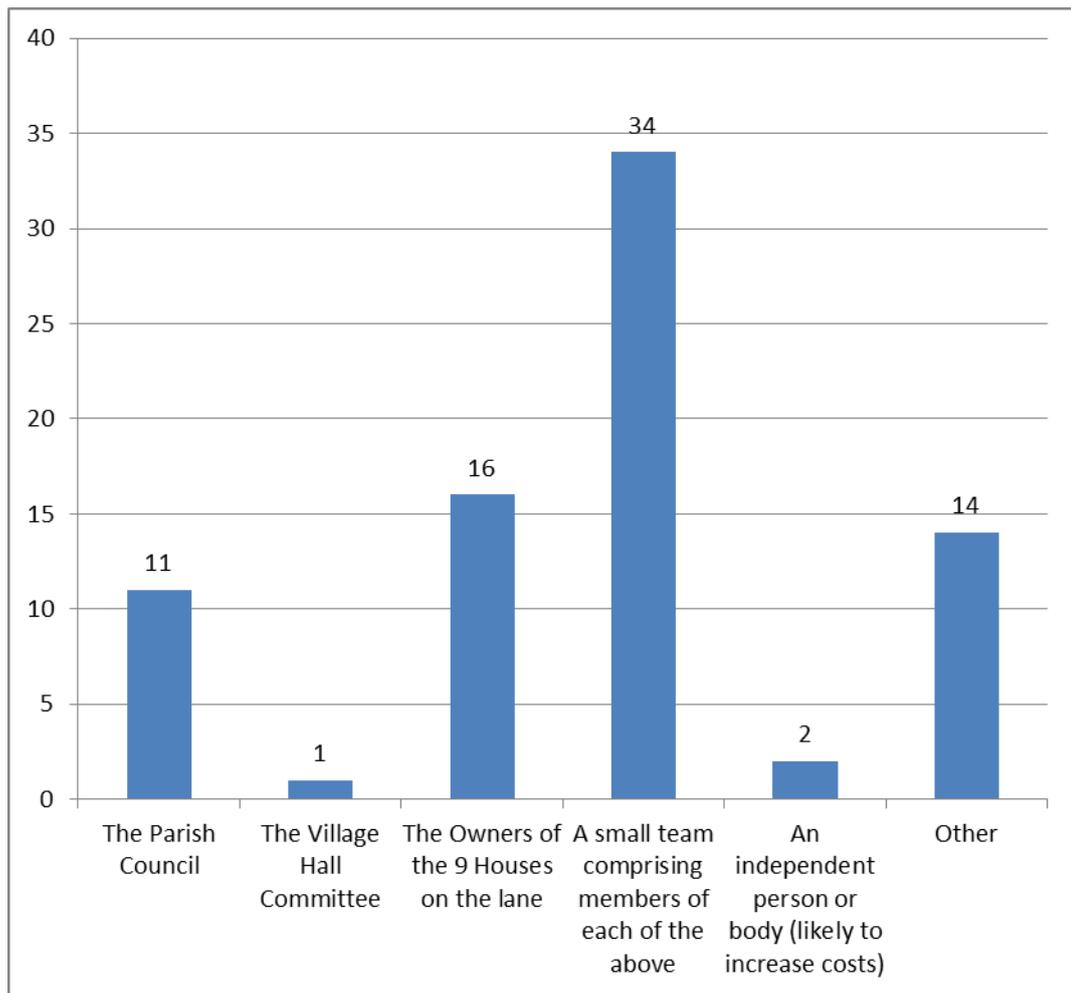
3d. I would NOT like to see any repairs to the East section of this lane unless the privately owned West section was also to be repaired to a similar standard and at the same time.



Comments for Question 3d

- It is much better that at least part of this road is repaired.
- The West end is not used by the majority of residents of Potto beyond the Village Hall so it should be up to the residents at the West End
- See comment at 3a
- Improving the entrance from the Dog and Gun will improve the overall look of the village. The fact that repairs would not go all the way to the village hall would be unfortunate, but should not hold back the improvement of the entrance.
- Whilst the ideal solution would be to have the full length repaired, it shouldn't be a 'show stopper' if only part were to be repaired
- it is a difficult question to answer because doing one section and not the other is not ideal but better than nothing. The people who will benefit more from the improvement are the owners in the west section.
- See above
- Half a job is not a job at all.
- It would be more cost efficient to do this at the same time, especially with the installation of drainage etc.
- sensible to do so.
- There is no point in upgrading only part of the lane, the full length to the Village Hall requires upgrading.
- I do not think anything can be done with this until the ownership is established on this lane
- The owner has already stated his intent to upgrade his section when finances permit and can be pressured when the East section is upgraded.
- I THINK THIS WILL FOLLOW
- pointless one without the other
- The lane is in obvious need of repair. Our drives and verge have been littered with large loose stones since it was "repaired" previously.
- Can not force investment by private owner
- It would be good to see the whole length of the lane improved, at least to the corner of the Village Hall, for obvious reasons. Hopefully, if the improvement of the east section were sanctioned, a favourable price for the remainder could be obtained and funded jointly by the adjoining owners.
- You have to start somewhere and this is just an excuse for further delay.

3e. I would like to see this whole project formally overseen / managed by

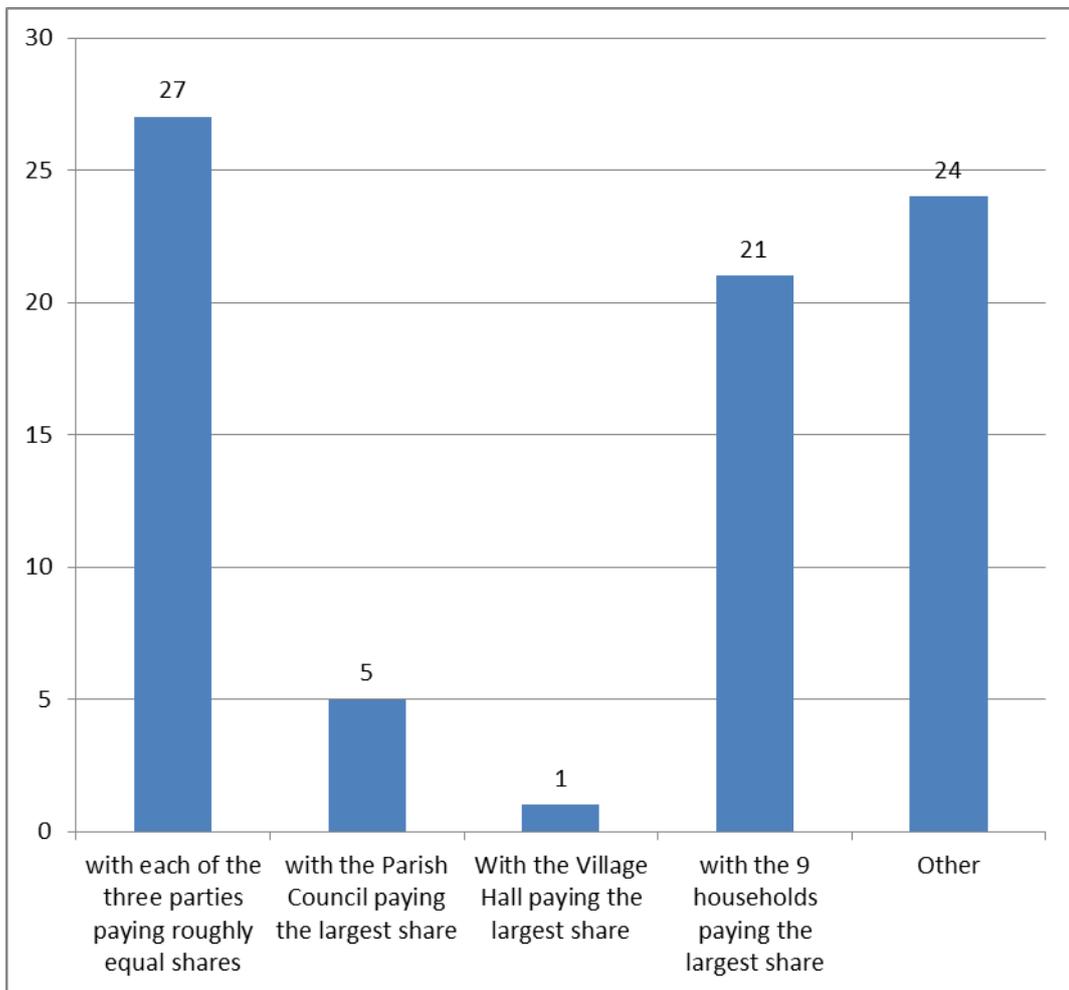


Comments for Question 3e

- As this affects the whole village and is part of the 10 year plan it is important that all are involved.
- This would appear to be the most appropriate option as it involves those most affected.
- Tim Carvell is currently running with this project
- without knowing how much an independent body would add to the cost we have to choose answer 4
- I believe the PC, Village Hall and lane Residents should set up a working party of 6 people two from each group to produce a plan/strategy as a village project with a method of funding to have this work done.
- My husband is a freelance highways engineer who wrote the new highways maintenance spec for the new maintenance contracts for NYCC and has extensive experience of civil engineering and highways construction, design and supervision. Time to the parish would be free.
- Allows for accountability and support.
- We believe the Parish Council should continue to co-ordinate and manage the works
- those with the competency and experience to over see it properly

- And paid for by the nine owners
- If repairs are to be made surely the residents are best placed to supervise it.
- "PPPSG members note:
paper response had ticks alongside option a, b and c, with an arrow and 'or' next to option d (the team comprising members from option a, b & c.)"
- The Parish council should be ultimately responsible but will need advice. There are good civil engineers in the village.
- "Cannot give project management to well meaning amateurs
Any money from residents can not be put in danger of being not spent efficiently and wisely."
- To ensure all interests are represented and decisions taken by an "elected" team.

3f. I would like to see the repair cost divided between the parish council, the village hall committee and the owners of the 9 private houses on this lane.

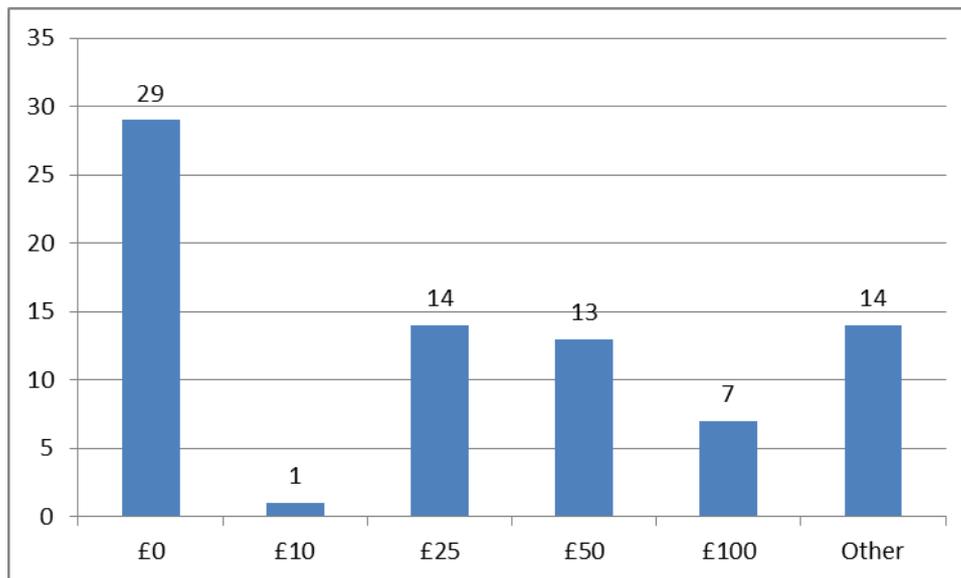


Comments for Question 3f

- The property at the far end of the lane should pay the largest share
- There is more use and therefore wear and tear from the Village Hall use and the Nursery held there than the residents use.
- The 9 households will benefit more from any improvements to the road
- I would like to obtain grant input to reduce the cost to all parties.
- See comment at 3a
- Village Hall and homeowners should pay for this - Village Hall generates income from various activities
- I would normally expect the 'users to pay'. But as I have already said that improving the entrance to the road would have a beneficial effect on the whole village, then I think sharing the costs equally is the most equitable solution.
- they will benefit the most obviously. On the same principle why not add a small sum on each ticket sold for a function at the VH to contribute to the cost of the path ? What about the nursery ?

- A properly surfaced lane would add significant value to all 9 properties. $9 \times £1000 = £9000 + £400-00$ grant leaves £1600 for the Village Hall, to come out of any number of fund-raising events (therefore paid by US, the people attending the events!)
- Before anyone can ask the villager's to support any fundraising activities villager's need to be convinced that all parties are behind the scheme and those who gain the most benefit and are willing to make their own contribution as they will get the majority of the benefit on housing prices with improved access.
- The principal beneficiaries of this work would be the owners of the 9 private dwellings, accordingly they should meet the capital cost of upgrading this road. However future repair costs should be borne in equal measure by the parish council, village hall trustees and the owners of the 9 private dwellings
- they will benefit the most
- The total costs paid by each party will depend upon the ability of each to pay and should be agreed in discussion with each other.
- Yes
- I would prefer if the total cost was met by the house owners of the lane, and no public money used at all.
- those that do the most damage
- 9 house owners paying it all
- The ongoing daily wear and tear to this road will have been made by the residents of the houses down this lane. Other wear and tear is most likely to be as a result of regular patrons of the village hall, for example, I believe there is a regular playgroup there which will generate revenue for the village hall and so a contribution is surely due from the committee managing the hall.
- This lane is used predominantly by the householders - who stand the gain the most as it is their access. It therefore should fall to them to maintain (just like the rest of us have to maintain the access to our own properties). £11000 divided by 9 is not a lot to find.
- see 3(a) comment
- I think it is reasonable for all three parties to contribute. I think the Village Hall should aim at 30%, I think residents should be encouraged to make a contribution and the balance met by the Parish Council.
- This is perhaps the best option but clearly may be difficult to negotiate.
- I am fascinated by the word " roughly " in first option. That must be replaced by "equal"
- I think this idea seems good in principal, however, the actual proportion of the shares may have to be carefully considered to fairly reflect the use by and benefit of the repaired lane to each party.

3g. I would be prepared to pay a one-off annual increase (payable only for one year) in the council tax parish precept to facilitate these repairs of

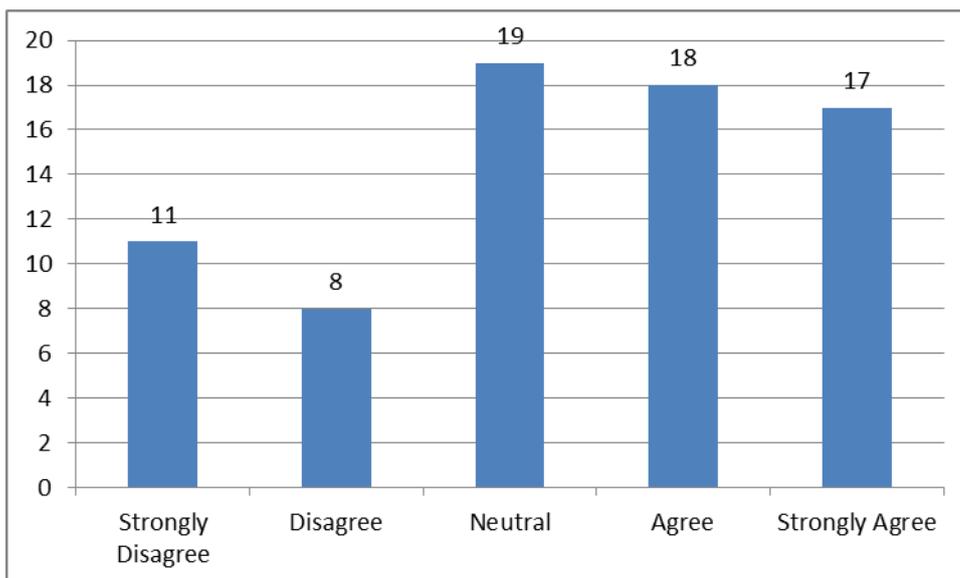


Comments for Question 3g

- When a property is purchased, the access is obviously taken into consideration, so the cost of maintenance should be borne out by the owners. The west section owners have to travel over the east section and as such should pay for all the resurfacing.
- Sum roughly based upon one third contribution from Parish Council as above - could be spread over two years to keep costs to a more reasonable level - a formula must be found to complete this outstanding issue
- To cover the Parish Council portion of the repairs
- See comment at 3a
- we hardly ever use that path all the more so since one householder is not keen on people using the footpath! TO think I am doing him a favour!
- A one-off annual increase: would we have the only road in the whole of the UK which never deteriorates and never needs any maintenance/digging up for utilities/resurfacing etc. ? Where would the money come from for that?"
- I believe this is the easy way that will not get the support needed I believe with a focused well motivated team with a plan/strategy to raise the required amount through vllage functions/events etc over a period of time will achieve the right objective. It needs work, implementation and patience and if applied properly it will achieve its aims.
- see what response you get?
- If the Council Tax Parish Pre-cept can raise sufficient funds to totally finance this work for the benefit of the whole Village then we are happy to pay our share.
- this sets a precedant for using the Parish precept for individual projects. It would provide a funding source for flood related projects and other projects,
- Please see 3f.

- NOT NECESSARY IN MY VIEW
- As we do not come into contact with this lane, these questions do not effect us.
- the proposal on the table is pointless
- A less contentious method would be to have fund raising events.
- I would like to see repairs to other major roads around the village performed in preference. Parsons Back Lane for example is now full of potholes and very damaged verges since the opening of the bridge on the A19.
- see comment 3a
- Originally would but not now.
- This indicates that there are around 120 households in the parish which surprises me but clearly you must know. This means that my reply to Q 3c becomes a non-starter and this option seems best to me.
- Fund raising could be done to meet a shortfall.
- Funny but nobody came forward when I constructed my road to contribute
- Do not agree that higher band properties will possibly pay more than 9 residents - Residents + Village Hall who use lane most should pay largest share. After all we all have our own properties / drives to maintain - upkeep.

3h. If any repairs or annual maintenance are completed and documented it may be possible, in due course, for the parish council to submit an application to the Land Registry seeking formal Legal Title to the East section of this lane. If successful, the lane would then be legally owned by the parish council on behalf of the parish, in a similar manner to the village hall & its car park. I would like Potto parish council to seek formal ownership in due course.



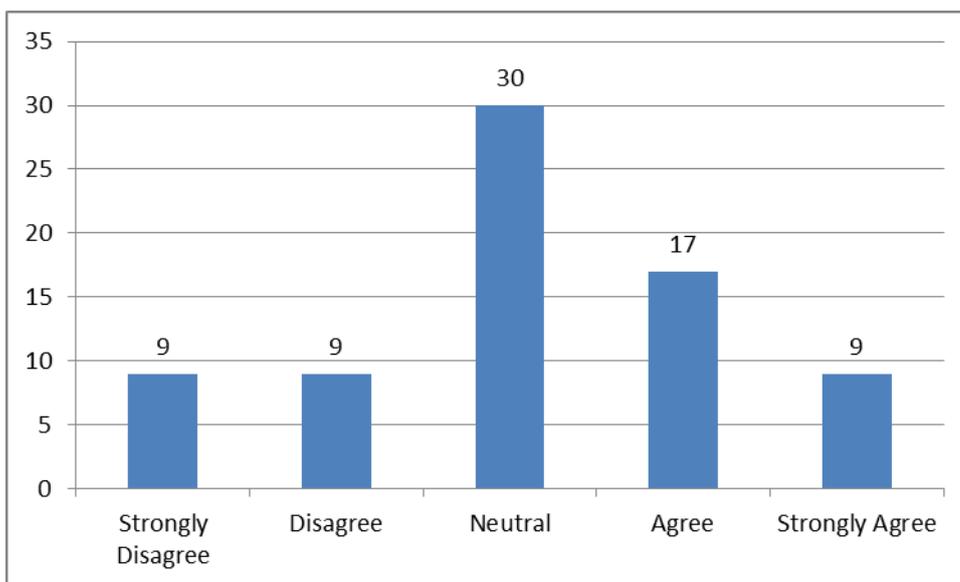
Comments for Question 3h

- Think this is the best option

- This might avoid lengthy delays in future, but would likely mean that future repairs to this section would be to the account of the parish council.
- This is a good idea. NYCC should be encouraged to 'adopt' the wider section near the pub
- we are neutral because we do not know if there are negative implications
- Can't quite see what the state of the lane has to do with any application being successful or not? Also presumably formal ownership would entail liability for any injuries sustained on the lane as a result of an accident or a fall? Would insurance not be needed? Who would pay for that?
- I believe the first job of any appointed small team is to exhaust the issue of ownership if this has not already been done and the lane should be under the control of the PC or local Council before any money is spent.
- Best way forward.
- Once ownership is established Grants for any future maintenance may be more forthcoming.
- WE CAN CONTINUE TO DO THIS AS WE DO AT PRESENT TIME BETWEEN THE RESIDENTS
- Again I think the questions under section 3 are leading and show a preference for some action to be taken. I do not see that the current and future state of this lane is anyones business but those people who use it for access. Admittedly the village hall is one of those users, but the future of the lane should be in the hands of the village hall committee and other users along the lane and not the responsibility of the Parish Council at all. I do not see why they are wasting time on it.
- Seems there are issues already over responsibility for the maintenance etc. regards the hall / road and so why would the parish council seek to gather more responsibilities ?
- Repairs should be done to a standard that makes it possible to have the road adopted by the county council otherwise there will be an ongoing responsibility for maintenance and 3rd party liability - how would that be financed
- This would add to the annual council tax
- To avoid further long-winded discussion of this problem in the future and to secure the access as a Parish amenity.

4. The national planning policy framework / guides suggest that communities could have some public open space with free access for everyone (e.g. village greens etc). Note that there is no particular parcel of land 'on offer' in Potto and that there is no preferred location at this time. This question is simply to gauge initial feedback.

4a. I would like Potto parish to have some public open space.

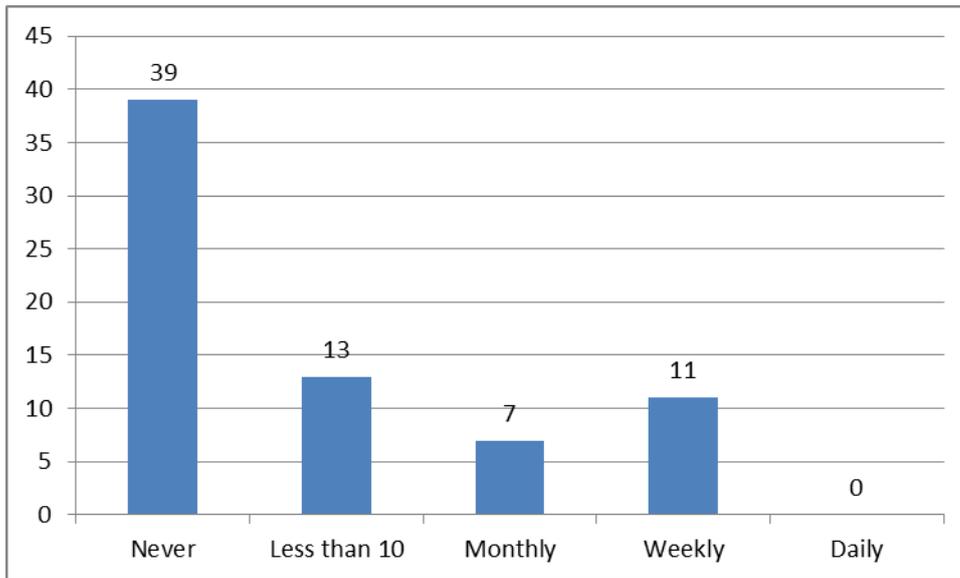


Comments for Question 4a

- Academic in view of the comments
- Why bother now there is a public open space on Station Lane?
- Strong concerns re youngsters congregating and creating a nuisance. Why would people need these spaces when people in Potto have sizeable gardens and we have the village hall?
- Hutton Rudby is not too far away for structured events (kickaround field and cricket club fireworks) and the NYM national park is on our doorstep for those needing more open space.
- This is not a good idea. These type of facilities can attract crime and social disorder from outside the parish.
- a small area with a couple of benches
- These policy framework/guidelines suggest all kinds of wonderful things: so everyone should have a "village green", how marvellous! Whose house are we going to knock down, or whose excessively large garden are we going to commandeer in order to "create" one? We do not have a village green, we all knew this when we moved here, that's just the way it is! People who are desperate for one can always move to Hutton Rudby or Swainby.
- If there is any organisation out there who has any money to buy an open space can we please have it to resurface the lane before someone has an accident.
- Would need to be overlooked, security of area & users

- ideal for children and adults to use and meet.
- Do not think this is necessary in this village
- Young people would be able to play various sports
- Unless an open space is central and in the direct path of most residents it will not be used.
- As our area is rural, there is already plenty of open space.
- the area where the barbecue takes place would make a perfect village green give access to the village hall and could be boarded on the west side by a small development of houses to encourage families and bring some new life to this ageing community
- I would need to know where it was, what uses it would be put to, how much it would cost to buy and maintain and who would look after it before commenting further.
- We wouldnt support space that would encourage outsiders (eg playgrounds or football pitches). These are already available in Hutton Rudby.
- The village Hall and pub are the only two public spaces where people can meet in the village. Not everyone is comfortable going in the pub and it is not always convenient for children, and the village hall is only accessible when an event is planned. Therefore this can only be a good move by creating another space for a community to come together and utilise.
- no real need we are on edge of a national park
- We saw a tv programme on this point and it appeared to say that if land was not being used reasonably and productively by its owner and that it could be demonstrated that for a period of (I think) 20 years it had been used for dog walking etc then it could be claimed by the PC and declared to be a village green. The area of land immediately behind our house and bounded north and south by the gardens of 48 and 52 Cooper lane has been a complete waste land for well over twenty years despite the owner surrounding it partially with a wooden fence some 10/15 years ago. Is this a possible solution?
- On if 100% of residents agreed. Cost and location would be a big issue.
- I have proposed same in the past, particularly if such a space could be located near to (and to the benefit of) the Village Hall and Parish Church in order to create a "centre" to the village.
- The children need a place to kick a ball!!

4b. How many times in the last year would you have actually used a 'public open green space' in Potto parish - if we had one.



Comments for Question 4b

- Academic in view of the comments
- I have no interest in a new public open space
- it depends on where it is and what it is like
- We have managed very well up to now for the summer BBQ, courtesy of Mr & Mrs Griffin
- I am not sure we have the community to support a local open space ?.
- depends where it is and what it is like and how it is set up. E.g., any area for dog walkers to meet etc/ Any facility for community activities etc.
- Due to age and arthritic knees and hips!
- location , location, location
- maybe more
- Unsure about the number of times since the Potto area itself offers many pleasant walks. Commom outdoor spaces are probably most frequented by families with small children (of which there are now few in Potto) especially if a playground is installed but then problems with supervision and safty become an issue if older children 'gate crash'.
- Hardly ever (maybe once a year at a village event).
- This question is misleading as last year was a wash-out and outdoor activites limited. However, if the weather had been good we feel it would be well used.
- Impossible to say as would depend on what green space would offer in terms of amenities. If simply a green space then None.

- The land I refer to in 4a is too small for full sized football or cricket pitches but for doggy walking and general play/walking/lounging area would seem to be ok. If it were to be used for children's play some form of fencing to prevent balls getting into adjacent gardens would be desirable.
- Impossible to answer without details of any proposals
- I believe the space could be of benefit to the community in many different ways, the main being a place to meet and to hold occasional events such as the annual village barbeque, national celebrations (such as the Queen's Jubilee), bonfire night etc etc. It would also be useful for the young members of the community to have some common open space in which to meet and play. This would ultimately help to attract younger families to the village.
- I don't know, it depends on access, seating, children's activities etc

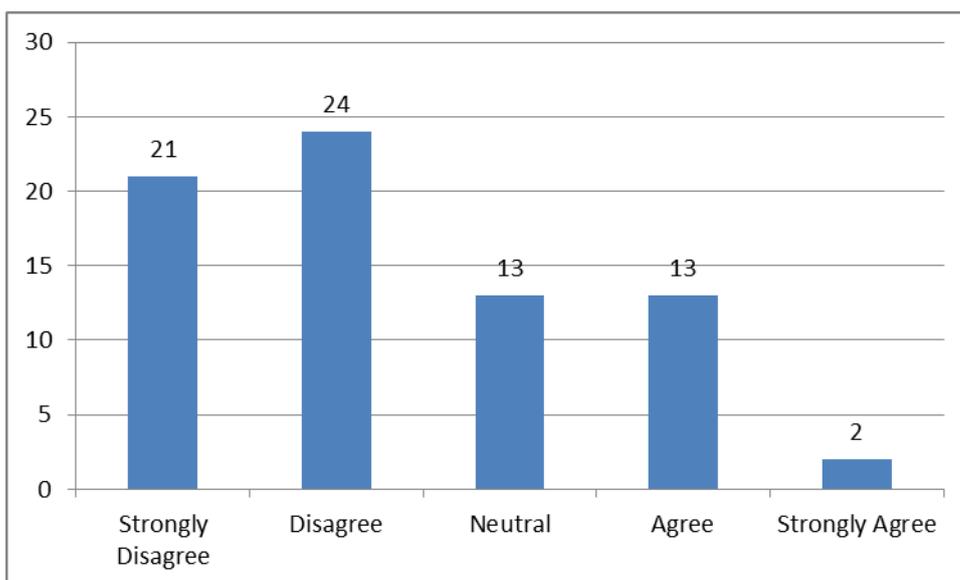
4c. What would you like to use or do on the open space?

Comments for Question 4c

- See 4b
- Unlikely to use
- n/a
- Socialise, meet other villagers, organise community events, provide a meeting point and play area for children, have a relaxation space and focal point other villagers for meeting out of doors.
- walking , playing with the grandkids or simply enjoying the fresh air
- Not needed in our opinion.
- n/a
- For kids playing in a safe space with others/sitting and meeting others/picnics
- a quiet, pleasant area. Depending on location, a games area for youngsters if not annoying residents!
- Would not use- if I wanted this type of facility I would have chosen to live in a different location
- to sit and chat with other villagers.The village could do with a focal point.
- The popular options would be to support sport activities such as football, netball ,tennis etc to inspire a nation for the next olympics However I think a bowling green could be a good option.
- Play with other children (daughter)
- cricket, soccer, picnic area, jogging.
- Recreation for families
- Children's play area. Benches and tables to sit at. Small football pitch (only if land size allowing)
- As above (4a)
- Meet others, sit, relax and watch/play simple games.
- Sit and watch the world go by.
- exercise my dog

- Dependent on weather and time of year . This question isn't really relevant as if the space had been available . People would use it frequently
- NOT APPLICABLE
- village functions
- Nothing
- BBQ/picnic
village events/community gatherings
5-a-side football games
teaching children to ride a bike (away from traffic)
Swainbees nursery children play area
badminton
communal vegetable garden
nature area for children
- Possibility of Crown green bowls? If activities included then would change 4d answer
- See previous answers
- Play sports.
- VILLAGE STOCKS ?!!
- no current thoughts other than community activities
- We are too old to play outdoor games other than bowls for which the installation and maintenance cost are probably prohibitive.
- childrens play area (with a variety of childrens playground equipment) would be the only use that I would use the area for.
- See comments in 4b.
- Village fetes, BBQs, Children's play area, Seating for casual walkers

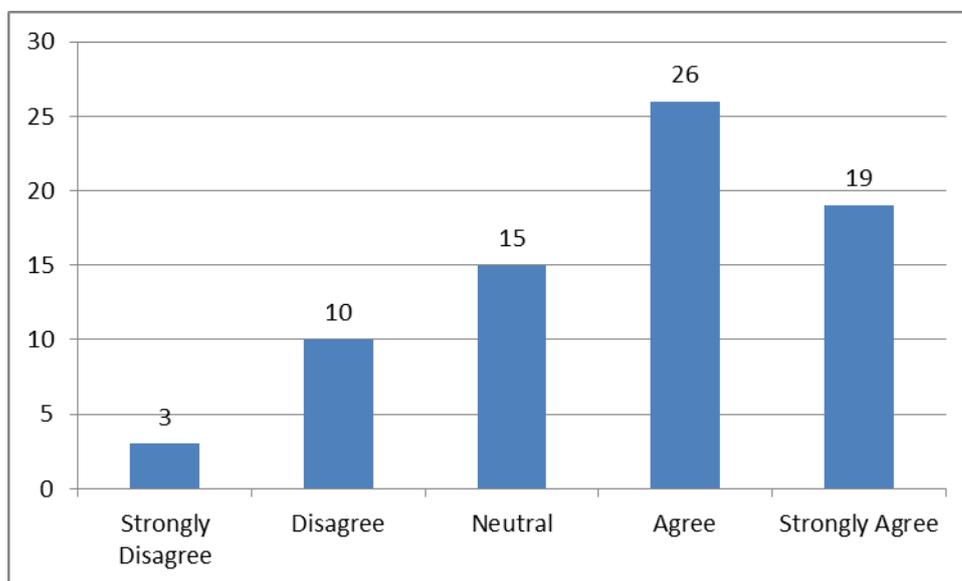
4d. In principle, I would be happy to pay an increased parish council precept (to cover initial purchase cost and ongoing upkeep) for a public open green space in Potto parish.



Comments for Question 4d

- Would offer opinion if a proposal was made - if it is a National proposal then some grant etc should be available but probably not
- I would strongly object to any of my money being used to fund a new open space
- Here we go again: this "parish council precept" seems to be the answer to all our needs! Could we also have a heated bus shelter, a swimming pool perhaps as well?
- Yet again the wrong option start a club, appoint a committee and raise some funds.
- Need to do fundraising to cover this - Ingleby Arncliffe does this for their new play area
- only right if agreed
- Should a suitable green area be available we would be willing to pay an increased Parish Council Precept to both fund the initial purchase and cover future maintenance costs.
- We must think of future generations
- I CANNOT SEE A NEED FOR THIS
- this could all be funded by the development
- See comments under 4A
- not costed
- This would depend on the actual cost and the valuation of such a facility.
- Depends on what is on offer and how much

4e. We already have sufficient 'public open green spaces' with our extensive network of footpaths and rural location etc.



Comments for Question 4e

- Whilst enjoyable for what they are, footpaths only provide a single principal function and not everyone is capable of using them.
- We are near the Hutton Rudby Sports field and village green, part of Potto parish is in the National Park, we have lots of public footpaths and therefore Potto has no

need for a new open space. All villages have their own character and have developed differently over the years and there is no reason why they should all become clones.

- it would be used differently, to meet people, a convivial space
- Our extensive network of footpaths...: yes but what a pity there is no mention anywhere in this plan Mk2 of the lack of a footpath between Potto and Preston's corner. A number of villagers walk to Hutton Rudby, more would probably do so if they did not have to walk 2/3 rds of a mile on what can be at times quite a busy stretch of road before reaching the safety of the pavement at Potto Station. We are being constantly reminded that we should not use our cars so much and take more exercise: what better and healthier way of getting your newspaper can there be than walking to Hutton Rudby and back, (preferably not on a road)?"
- We have a good network of public footpaths the problem is, as always they are in constant need of maintenance that requires well motivated volunteers.
- Perhaps for some but always good to have free access open spaces.
- This would provide a Village focus
- Young people need space for sports
- I cannot visualise such a space being used regularly and wonder about the cost of maintenance & possible supervision
- we have nowhere without the goodwill of individuals for village functions
- Anyone that complains should get out and enjoy our hills and surroundings!
- The open space is limited to public footpaths. Legally you are not entitled to use the surrounding land for any form of gathering etc
- The land in the parish is privately owned - not public spaces. Some of this land has public rights of way, but is not for the public to wander over at will.
- We are fortunate to live among beautiful scenery but public footpaths do not constitute open areas.
- The layout of Potto means that we do not have a large village green, and yes we do have a network of pathways but do not have a designated childrens play area. This in my opinion would be a great asset to Potto.
- There are indeed sufficient green spaces easily accessed so the argument for a specific additional space is marginal
- Being a rural parish I agree we are well-blessed with publicly accessible space, however, none of this space is suitable for the uses referred to in 4b above. I strongly believe the village lacks such a "focal point". Most of the villages nearby benefit from such spaces, both "traditional" village greens (such as Hutton Rudby) and newly created amenities (such as those recently created in Swainby & Crathorne).
- See above

5. Would you like to add any other comments about the future of Potto Parish?

Comments for Question 5

- No
- The current bus service through the parish is underused; for teenagers and young people this is largely due to cost. I would like to see HDC lobbied for greatly subsidised journeys for the young people of Potto Parish.
- No
- Do not agree that mobile phone signal issues are resolved - the signal is still very weak in the Village. Also, there are some very nice but large trees in the centre of the village that we believe could present a danger to nearby houses both from weather inflicted damage and / or tree roots undermining the local dwellings. This is a real threat to those houses and we suggest these are reviewed
- a very pleasant place to live so we should try to keep it that way and not accept much change.
- Keep up the good work keeping Potto parish safe, clean & tidy. Existing voluntary community teams such as PIP, PRAG, PVHMC & neighbourhood watch and the web site do an excellent job,
- enough saltbins to make life safer for villagers and visitors in the winter
- I was rather surprised to read in the review of the initial 5 yr plan that the issue of mobile phone reception had been...resolved: the phone companies must have earmarked no 25 Cooper Lane as a no-calling zone then (no signal here!), and No29 as well as I often see Ian Wray walking up the lane to make his phone calls outside no 48!! Also the speeding traffic was assessed...and no action was required?? What was the point of assessing it then? We all know that a large number of vehicles exceed the 20 mph limit in all parts of the village, more particularly going down the hill in Cooper Lane, past Cooper Close corner, or revving up/picking up speed to come back up the same hill (1 cat run over in daytime, child next?) so yes, action would be required (practical, maybe not, but required, yes).
- Gerry that was a long ten minutes.
- Mobile phone reception is still very poor at no. 32. Orange/t mobile
- No but thank you for what you do already. Much appreciated.
- None at the present
- Is there no progress on a footpath from the village to Goulton Lane. From a road safety point of view I would think this is more important than the surface of Cooper Lane
- We have experienced 'cold callers' three times over the past 6 months, despite having a notice on our door "Doorstep callers beware". Trees in the village must be protected, which will encourage more birds to nest and breed. Also, a good idea to encourage residents to build "hides" made with leaves, twigs & grass cuttings for hedgehogs.
- Comments re Action 3. Action on this point is by no means complete. If you refer to my comments at the time of the original plan it is clear that the action also

encompasses the storm drain capacity (stells etc) Delivery from Northumbrian Water meets all our demands and is a success The flood barrier is an unplanned major bonus from the original plan and is a major success. The surface water drainage system continues to be a cause for concern despite recent efforts. Work is still outstanding as you are aware from recent PCC meetings. The action point for the Potto Plan is how to deliver an ongoing maintenance schedule and effective system to avoid repetition of recent flooding.

- Continuation of the footpath into the village from Prestons would be desirable for the safety of all.
- The Bridleway is an integral link for horses cyclist and pedant rooms . Keeping the, safely off the road . This must be maintained . This includes the surface and the hedges either side .
- Please convey my thanks to the Parish Council for all the good work on our behalf - in particular the flood relief work. Well done.
- NONE
- We would be happy to assist with any future maintenance work on Goldgate Lane.
- the village needs new blood to ensure the future of the pub ,village hall, nursery .bus routes.etc even for those who dont use them they would be missed by those who need or use them
- "Under Action Item 30 above it says that the problems of mobile phone reception have been resolved. I ma afraid that I still find mobile reception patchy at the best of times and mostly non-existent. I must add that whilst I have disagreed with decisions takne by the Parish Council on more than one occasion I do appreciate the work that is done on behalf of the village and am pleased that someone is willing to take up the burden."
- Back in October I sent a message via this website regards the ford at the end of the bridle path which runs from the the bottom of Cooper Lane to the Gold Hill Loop road. The bed of the beck there has been seriously eroded by the increasing water flow and so the depth of the water has become many times deeper and the surface uneven and insecure. This makes it very unsafe for horses to pass through - we have tried on a number of occasions to get through with our daughter on her pony but it comes up to his belly and if he lost his footing it could be disasterous. On such occasions in the past we have used the wooden bridge to the side. However one of the residents has put a locked gate there now which requires a code to get through it. So the bridle path has become impassable which is extremely unfortunate as it is a vital route for exercise for many horses and ponies in the Potto / Swainby / Faceby area and since the parish Council have spent considerable time and money resurfacing the bridle path itself, it seems exceptionally unfortunate that the condition of the ford has made the bridle path unusable by those it was intended to aid and for which a bridle path is designed i.e. horses and their riders. Some kind of hardcore filling / stones need to be added to the bed of the ford to build it up to its previous level and make it more solid. Added to this the road surface on the exiting side of the ford has crumbled so that this is unsafe too. I have had some

communication with Andy Wilde regards this issue but wanted to pass this on to ensure it gets onto the next possible Parish Council Agenda

- "We would like to see some sort of initiative in Potto to develop a limited number of low-cost houses to encourage young people of working age to live in our community. At present all properties in Potto are beyond the reach of an average income earner. Would like to see the possibility of some form of community-based renewable energy scheme investigated."
- It is our intention to move from Potto as soon as possible, and be closer to our daughter and her family, hence the lack of comment in this survey.
- Always concerned about having Tree Preservation Orders on the face of the plan. Trees can be an encumbrance in small gardens far outweighing the benefit to the passing community. This regulation should be used sparingly with priority on the needs of the householder. In my previous experience as a district councilor on the planning committee, I would judge this to be one of the most abused powers of council.
- All the footpaths condition is poor. The path adjacent to the river is eroded in places. The footbridge at the end of the bridleway is in a poor state of repair. Hedges bordering the green lane need to be regularly cut back and owners of such hedges need reminding of their obligation to do this. If the hedges are not cut then the parish council need to take a more forceful approach.
- concern remain about the level of traffic and speed of vehicles in Parson's lane. Not only cyclists and pedestrians but now for riders and their horses recently stable with direct access to the lane. We would like to put on record our thanks- to Gerry and his team. for all their hard work.
- We think the council do a great job generally and would like to thank the members for their hard work.
- Would like to complete this survey more fully but due to imminent holidays and recent illness have no spare time
- Preservation orders on trees is totally unnecessary and can lead to problems in the future.
Having such an order on a tree located on the most dangerous corner in the parish is a good example
The problem with surface water on Butchers Lane MUST BE ADDRESSED
- Just two final comments in relation to the "successful achievements" listed above;
16. Dog Fouling - I'm not sure how the success of this action is measured but I would comment that dog fouling has not been eradicated (and I doubt whether it ever could be 100%) but, having a public footpath on my property, I still notice occasional fouling.
30. Mobile Phone reception - I'm not sure how this was meant to be improved, but I still suffer VERY poor mobile phone reception (and I know I'm not alone in this). I thought the solution (which was to erect a transmitter) was blocked for planning reasons.
- Neighbourhood watch, What a joke, we might just as well pay the darlo boys to protect us, it will be cheaper, better and at least we may see them now and then.

Re Bonfires. one thing i dont need is is advice as to how to light a fire, Pyro is my middle name.

Re the road up to the village hall please let me know how much the residents are putting towards it

.ReFootpathe certain footpathe have been diverted to facititate the building of houses If a foot path is diverted then surely the house holder is beholden to up keep the foot path.?

Potto Big wall appears to be a sucess .

Re Salt for roads, I'm at a loss as to why we should pay for the salt I dont mind salting the road and have done so but being asked to pay for it no. Roads are the councils reponsibility if they can grit and plough Gold hilll loop road then the can supply us with grit.

How about getting us a community Mini Bus then we can follow in the foot steps of Osmotherly?

Why do we need so many bloody councillors and their delusions of grandeur, a cabinet no less perhaps we should put them all in it and put it on my Bonfire.

Councilor burning may take on. Makes a change from witch burning.

- Sorry I don't do box filling .

I have no problem with garden turbines,

The major problem with the lane is people dumping stone on it.

The Howes dumped 70 tons of railway ballast ,then moved.

We are now left with a road above the foundations of our house

Drainage / or lack of it is now the problem

very worst thing that could happen is more stone dumped on the lane.

Not interested in paying anything to upkeep of the lane.

Hope this helps you ?

- I would like to see a note of thanks given to those people in the village who look after and maintain their hedges and perimeter greenery and perhabe encourage those who have hedges overhanging the pavements to do something about it. All in all though, we have a village to be proud of and a lovely community, we are very lucky.



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