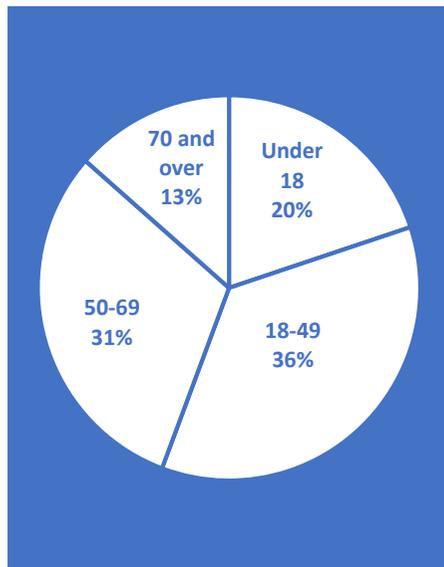


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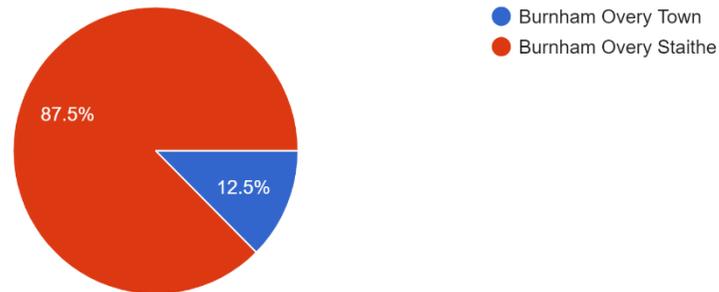
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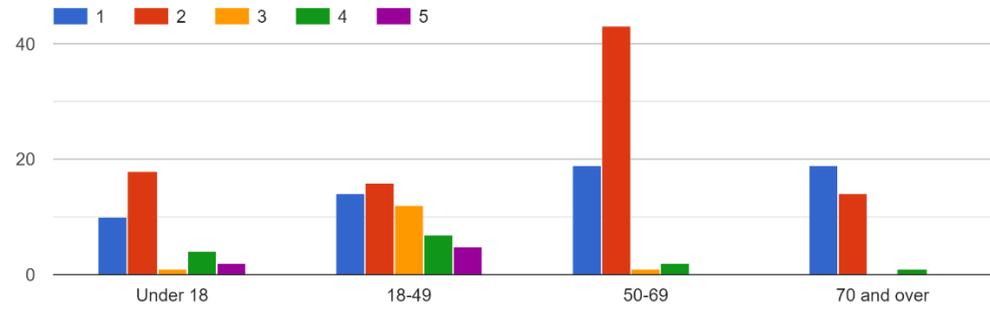


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96 responses

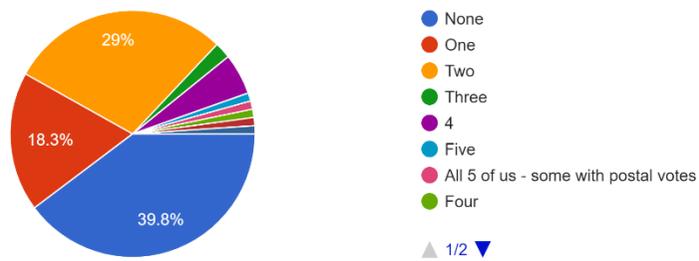


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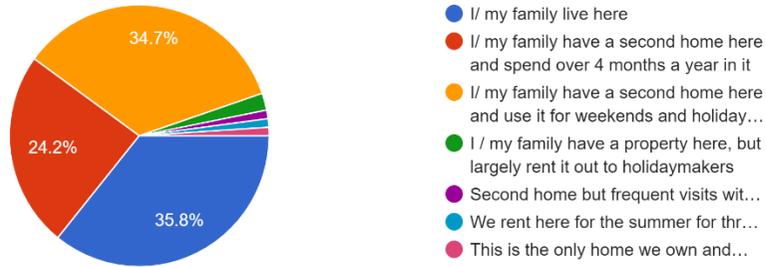
How many people in your household are registered to vote in the parish?

93 responses

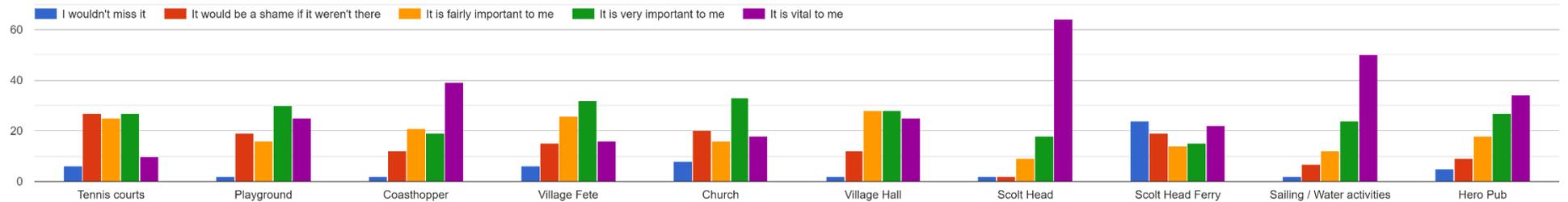


How would you describe your manner of inhabiting the parish?

95 responses



Please rate each of the following in importance to you.



Is there anything else that has a level of importance to you, that hasn't already been mentioned.

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Communication

Broadband telecommunications. Faster broadband! Better mobile signal!

Communications in community. Much better communication between Parish Councils, and other local agencies, with residents. It was by chance that I came across this when finding out we are going to have a new surgery! Good communication between all sections of the community / community events. The community happily working together

Boathouse and creeks

Access to, and use of The Boathouse and increasing use for carefully selected events, exhibitions etc and as a community space. Community more lively since we've had the pub. Need a good parish council

The Overy Boathouse boat repair service and boat storage are very important.

Keeping the Staithe open for navigation, being able to keep boats at the harbour

Overy Staithe Boathouse

The Boathouse and the role it plays in the maintaining of the environment around the creek and the work it carries out e.g boat repairs and supporting the sailing club and other mini events such as the vicars conversation meetings.

Boatyard

Boathouse

The Boathouse

Open and free access to the harbour, cockle path and creek

The boat house and boat yard are very important assets to us and to the village generally

Boathouse

The boathouse;

Activities

Summer activities like Sandcastle Competition, Watersports, Fete. The annual New Year's Eve fireworks are important

The annual Norfolk Superhero Challenge is vital

Superheroes is a fantastic community event that raises a lot of money for local charity

Ice cream van

Ice cream van; Ice cream van vital; Ice cream van. VITAL. Ice Cream van. the ice cream lady is also vital for us!

Ice cream van. Ice-cream lady! ice cream van and fundamental to village and bench

Footpaths

Access to footpaths

Footpath access, including the cockle path and across the fields, is very important to me

Keeping the sea wall in good (less stony) repair

Footpaths are very important

Marsh Path

Cockle path, sea wall path

Gun hill and walks around countryside

public footpaths;

Access to the marsh, sea walls, beach, Gun Hill, Cockle Path, Scott Head

Coastal Path and all other public footpaths - vital part of the village

The cockle path

Sea Wall

Thank you for the survey. It's important that all rights of way are maintained and kept open and clearly signed, e.g. across fields, alongside properties; for instance, the old public right of way running westward from the west bend in West Harbour Way, cutting across the west end of Haven End, along the bank of the creek immediately on the marsh side of the Moorings, past the old open swimming pool and onto the marsh - this has been totally blocked and privatised since the early 1970s - first a five-bar gate kept open, then closed, then a wall built across, etc. (Welcome Thomson, who died in 1967, used to walk this way regularly as a matter of principle, to maintain the right).

Keep Cockle path open

Allotments

Allotments; The allotments! The allotments. Allotments The Allotments

Miscellaneous

Public transport poor; shame no shop but commercialisation bad don't want public loos, bins would change character; boathouse potential to be used for more things as village resource to benefit village, cultural focus point, iconic building, ice cream van fundamental to village and bench, would not want car park on playing field. Want to keep Overy uncommercialised except for over cream van, newspaper box

We have taken The Church to mean any church within the parish. Our relatives are buried in Norton and Westgate, and we tend to attend services in Thorpe. Given our current ages, our use of the Ferry, Sailing Club and playground are limited for the time being, but 10 years ago our responses would match those which we would give in the next 10 years!

No more days parking on the playing fields and no charging for parking on the hard

Free parking on the hard

Remove the trod and return the grass banks to as they were on East Harbour Way. Traffic is going far faster down EHW since the trod introduced

Regular recycling collections.

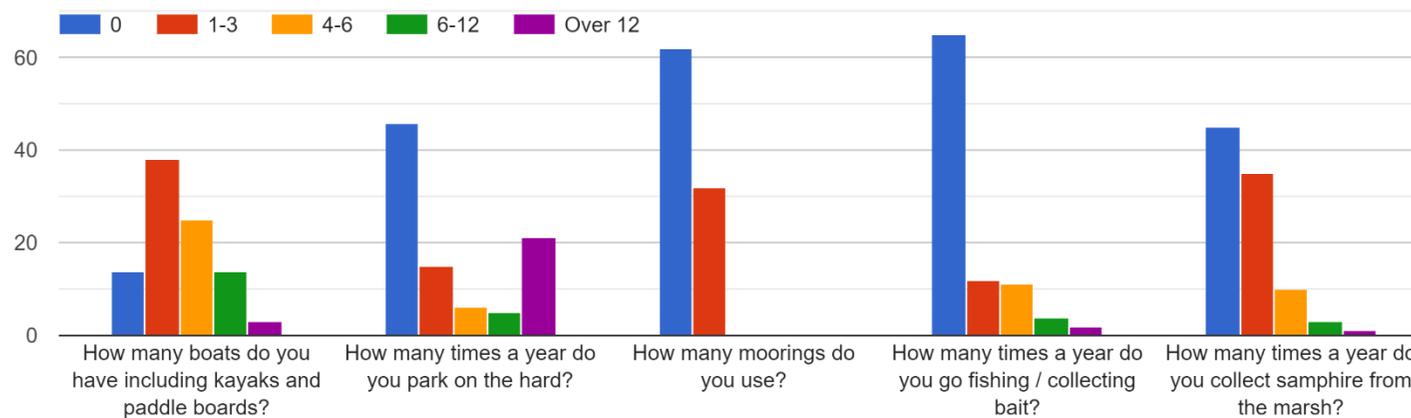
Toilets

Friendly family here

Use of playing field as a whole (i.e. not just playground and tennis courts)

Zipwire

Involvement with the creek



Any other comments about your use of the creek / marsh? 46 responses

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Pleasure in the place/ nature

Mental well being and enjoyment of Flora and fauna

We enjoy walking from the hard to Scolt Head via the cockle path

One of the joys of living here is the free access to the water from the marsh or the staithe.

We like to see it used by boats, canoes and swimmers

Access is essential to wellbeing of village;

We love access to the marsh, and treat it with respect.

Been a key part of our family for 60 years.

Cockle path is important for access to beach

It is a significant component of why we come to Overy Staithe

Walk to scolt head via norton or cockle path

We have walked the creek and across the marshes for the more than 60 years that the current generation have been associated with the village (and long before that). Shrimping, picking the odd bunch of Samphire and gathering a small, carefully picked bouquet of Sea Lavendar annually are part of our heritage here, but we are always mindful of our actions.

I enjoy it!

We are regular swimmers but avoid swimming during racing. We especially avoid swimming and kayaking when the ferry is operating, we have seen too many near miss accidents involving the ferry.

Allowing dogs off leads is essential, keeping boat access to the water in the car park at all times, allowing people and children to cycle to Gun Hill as they have done for generations, keeping cockle path open, retaining the character of the creek and marsh.

All the time, swimming, sailing, kayaking, running.

We swim in it often and walk across the cockle path regularly

It's the best place in the world and it is vital that access to it remains free to everyone.

Walking and swimming

Our family has always enjoyed walking across the marsh to Scolt Head at low tide. We have regularly swum in the creek & Dead Man's Hole (since 1960). We have three small boats.

Wildfowling

Maintenance

Duck boards at end of sea wall need better maintenance, nails out dangerous, bridges need to be safer on cockle path otherwise the creek is the creek,

Make the hard less puddly and flat

Absolutely do not want the hard policed/ official parking/ because it looks after itself. Very against loos on the hard.

Maintaining the routes across the marsh to scolt head is important to us

It is a very special place which needs to be nurtured, but improved to accommodate the changing needs of visitors -- in ways that keep and safeguard its essential character. Proper attention needs to be given to flood defences and the management of the immediate and adjacent environment and there should be co-operation with (e.g.) Well harbour to address wider matters of common interest such as the depletion of outlying sand banks etc

Need to organise sandbag filling and involve residents in maintaining the creek

Broadwalk at end of sea wall needs to be kept in good state of repair. Maintenance of dunes

It's very important that the cockle path is maintained

The board walks at Gun Point could be better maintained

We haven't collected samphire for about ten years, as we felt it was being over picked.

Moorings and Creek

It would be useful to have access to a mooring but doesn't seem possible to get one or even find out about one! And there are plenty which don't seem to be used or have a dead boat on permanently

There are a lot of derelict boats small and large on moorings or on the side of the creek that could be removed to everyone's benefit.

Silting getting noticeably worse. Would like to do something about that and would be happy to contribute

Greatly concerned by the silting up of the creek.

Resolving the common rights versus the rest issue to get a paid harbour master

People swimming in the creek should be obliged to wearing a bright swimming cap.

Checking boats have licences before launching - not patrolling but making sure kill cords/life jackets advised or large sign

Doesn't seem to be obvious rules up or enforcement of them. Speeding boats and broken/sinking boats left on mooring.

There should be a charge for storing boats on the hard

Too many moored boats overcrowding the creek

Keeping the creek fairway open for sailing boats as well as motor boats is vital. We hope that there will ultimately be someone with authority in charge to prevent new moorings and hopefully remove the ones that should not be there. We would like the resentment towards second home owners and holiday makers to cease and for everyone to work together for the good of the village and the creek.

We desperately want a mooring and when we enquired circa 10years ago we were told that there wasn't a waiting list but notice that several new moorings and new users of existing moorings have happened since. There needs to be a proper process and allocation of moorings.

Questions not relevant

None of this information in this survey is really relevant! The council have a duty to look after the village and its assets. At the moment nothing seems to be being done about the land that belongs to the village!

All of the above questions are none of the parish councils business or concern!

Other

An option of a pop up shop/food would be gladly seen.

A clear up of disused and underused boats on the verges and hard. Maybe the Cornish 'drop in' system where people pay to keep their boat in a certain spot for a certain week or two weeks then remove them, allowing that spot then to be taken/booked by someone else. Enforcing their removal during Winter months so the verge and hard can be maintained.

What aspects of Parish Life would you most like to see change? Please give your ideas. 49 responses

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Village harmony

Village socialising in winter, harmony on Staithe

Good to have better balance on PC as we have now

Stop the fighting between the Common Rightholders and the parishioners & let's all enjoy life here together.

Status quo is very good.

More opportunities for mixing between locals and visitors

"More activities and better communication of activities in the boathouse.

Less argy bargy

We recognise that in order to survive the village must evolve, but no one part of that development must over-ride any other. The principles of tolerance and good-neighbourliness need to extend to parishioners and holidaymakers alike and should be encouraged rather than rules being introduced and rigidly applied. Litter and cars are contentious issues during peak holiday times, but a considerate attitude would see this mitigated without the need for rules

walk past the house to put rubbish in the stowed bins - it wouldn't be so bad if they used the rubbish bin instead of the recycling!

Increased integration between the different diverse communities in the villages. It feels very segregated at present.

Improved communication to residents about some of the things that happen in the village, e.g. we only heard about the New Year's Eve bonfire through a passing comment. It would be lovely if there was an invitation to attend - local residents have said that they don't feel it is for them to attend.

Better communication and a register of skills, experience etc. Also a greatly improved allotment facilities- and perhaps a smaller plot or share.

Parish Life is about as good as it can be.

A friendlier attitude between full time residents (some of which have only been resident for a very short while) and second home owners (some of which have been supporting the village for generations), rather than the distinct them and us attitudes I have witnessed at Parish Council Meetings in the past.

Cheaper cappuccinos at the Hero - at least for residents. More permanent residents under 40, more inclusive activities for younger residents, allowing cyclists on the coast path as long as they're careful.

Don't feel our views should have as much weight as people who live here all time. We're stakeholders.

Better consultation so that the fiasco with the bollards is not repeated

As a peripatetic resident I wouldn't presume.

a feeling that everyone is enjoying this special place together without any divisive "them and us" attitudes towards people who do not live here all the time

We enjoy the Parish Magazine

More communal activities - yoga-painting-dancing

No change

Less 'them and us' silliness

Have a BOS ball every year to raise money for the creek etc

Squabbles over moorings/ common rights + us and them

Common rights holders and harbour trust come to an agreement about running the harbour

Some resolution of the moorings situation and better understanding of local issues

Mobile bakery van for summer months to serve the Burnhams? Think converted horse lorry. Can the funds be put towards the village?

- The Heroine - kids tea from 4-6. Good food. Fish portions, local sausages, crab cakes... perhaps at the sea front from the boat house. Summer only.
- Pop up restaurant at the boat house. Two or 3 times in the summer. When high tide is at lunchtime. For 5ish nights. Set menu. Lots of chefs are more flexible in this way.

Traffic, parking and speeding

All parts of the parish, and especially the Town, have a major problem with speeding traffic at all times of the year - not just during the busy summer months: we have had a few close incidents. The speed limits should be reduced and enforced with traffic calming measures introduced. As parishioners we would be pleased to contribute financially to support such measures if requested by the council.

Speeding traffic- this is a big problem both in Overy Town and at the Staithe. I think it's more of a problem at Overy Town where traffic doesn't slow down when coming in from the plum orchards and when drivers speed up as soon as they see the national speed limit rather than waiting to pass it. They also tend to whiz along from Burnham Market as soon as they escape Burnham Market's 20mph zone. At Overy Staithe, in the summer at least, because cars are parked on the roadside, these act as a sort of natural traffic calming. I know the parish council has been monitoring the speed issue. It would be great if this evidence could be used to help apply for grant funding for traffic calming measures such as the white gates you see at the Creakes. Alternatively could the council consider a small increase in precept to help pay for such changes? I don't know if this needs to be funded by the parish or whether there are county council funds available for such items. Ideally I would like the speed limits reduced throughout the parish but if the current speed limits could at least be enforced that would be something

On the side of the village hall have more safety for kids exiting the playground

Not so many cars

Better traffic calming on Tower Road

We support unregulated parking but deplore the abuse of that privilege by those who park inconsiderately. The speed that vehicles travel through the village and the ability to avoid traffic jams by considerate driving should be self-evident, as should attention to the speed limit and road signs. Too many people ignore the one-way system sign on Staithe Lane (East Harbour Way), turning left on to the coast road which is plain dangerous.

less speeding traffic

The speed limit on the road through Burnham Overy Town should be reduced to 30mph and/ or a electronic speed indicator set up and/or continue the paved footpath from Burnham Market all the way to the end of Burnham Overy Town.

Reduction/restriction of through traffic, and substantially better protection for pedestrians walking on the road to east of the Hero.

Traffic

Land/ Planning matters

I would like there to be more rigorous planning as so many new houses are out of proportion with the existing houses

More control re planning permission for the appropriate size and scale of new buildings

Second homes (when considered for planning/construction/extensions) should be strictly limited in size. More social housing should be made available.

An end to the loss of housing to holiday homes. An end to the completely out of character and size building or extending of local housing. The provision of affordable local rentable housing for local people. A doubling or more of council tax on holiday homes.

More full time residents

Urgent need for more effective planning controls to restrict the development of out-of-scale, dominant houses which are rapidly overwhelming the valued low-key and traditional character of the village as it has evolved over time.

No more oversized houses

The parish council fulfilling their duty and responsibility of taking ownership and looking after the land and common of the parish.

Building over large size houses

much stricter assessment of planning applications as too many oversized houses being built which do not suit character of village

Affordable housing for those born in the village. Limited quality housing allowed

Rubbish/ mess/ pollution

A clear up of disused and underused boats on the verges and hard. Maybe the Cornish 'drop in' system where people pay to keep their boat in a certain spot for a certain week or two weeks then remove them, allowing that spot then to be taken/booked by someone else. Enforcing their removal during Winter months so the verge and hard can be maintained.

Also the council (or whoever owns it) should be asked to take charge of maintenance of the land in front of Harbour House which is a disgrace. Boats should be removed in the winter season from all verges as has been the case in the past. Boats left rotting should be disposed of! A warning notice should say this. Suggest to regular visitors who don't own a home that they pay a small annual direct debit to help fund the work done to keep the staithe in working order - sponsor a bin and bin collection (daily) to keep it clean & tidy

The extension of the dog poo bins is a great idea. Part of the problem with overflowing bins on the end of the bank is due to folk putting picnic rubbish in them. This is also an issue for residents. We often have dog-poo left in our wheelie bins before we bring them in and have had people enter our property,

Better organisation of the wheelie bins which are very unsightly left out

Measures to control light pollution in the village, in order to preserve the wonderful dark skies and starlit nights which are one of its most precious assets.

Increase in the number of dog bins, and/or an increase in the frequency of their collection at peak times.

A damn good clear up

I think we could provide more litter/recycling bins if they could be emptied and the dog poo bins are always overflowing in the summer - also hate people hanging their dog poo bags on trees around the village

A monthly/ weekly in Summer litter picking event on the creek/ marsh. Also more active user of the boathouse for community fundraising events. We want to be involved in village life whether possible (and hope to move here one day) so welcome the opportunity to support events and fundraising initiatives in the community.

Other

More clarity on their sustainability measures"

A small village shop to buy essentials.

Important to maintain coast hopper bus

Local shops

No parking on playing fields please

I think a public loo should be built to accommodate the large number of people who use the harbour in the summer. I also think the Boathouse should revert to being a chandlery

Better broadband; bigger dog poo bad disposal facilities

If you do attend Parish Council meetings, why do you come? If you don't attend regularly, what would encourage you to attend more? 47 response

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Inconvenient day

Move regular meeting day occasionally

I would love to come, it's just a question of planning to be up at the coast when the meetings are happening.

Not here on a Tuesday.

Timing of meeting on Tues evening pretty much designed to make it impossible for those in town working during the week to attend

Often not in village at the time

We routinely check parish council meeting agendas and attend when we have something useful to contribute. For those people who have a regular commitment , perhaps rotating the day of the parish council meetings Monday-Thursday would enable additional people to attend sometimes.

. A Monday evening would be a better evening and might encourage some more 2 nd home owners to attend?

We would come if we lived a bit nearer - we are five hours' drive

Mid week generally not convenient

Timings are difficult - Thursday evenings would be better if weekends aren't an option

Because we are part-timers, the dates rarely coincide.

We could only attend on a Thursday or Friday. Many people who play a full party in parish life also have obligations elsewhere. A Thursday night meeting would help may of these people attend council meetings

Tuesday is a difficult day - I think they used to be every other month on Fridays which made it easier to attend them

Communication of meeting

Want information. Would be happy to be emailed agenda and minutes once a month. More likely to come

Mailing list, WhatsApp, Facebook page.

If here and relevant. Would like to be sent agenda

I would be interested to come but I am not aware of when they are happening.

It would be good if we received an email reminder/agenda and minutes.

I feel that I can communicate anything I need to through my local councillors. I would come to meetings if there was an item on the agenda which I feel strongly about.

Invitation via email. We didn't realise these meetings occurred. Please include is in your communications

Would like agenda

Climate of meeting

To observe local democracy in action. A less confrontational climate would encourage more attendance.

More regular attendance might be encouraged by easier temperaments from attendees (and some members of the Council)

The meetings can go on a bit, with some people dominating and taking up more time than necessary.

Don't attend as prefer to avoid confrontational situations which cannot achieve resolutions by the same people getting loud and not listening.

Disruptive participants are very off-putting!!

Less frequent and more significant meetings. Can't think why we don't follow the Burnham Norton system of parishioner representation. Less tube wasteful and more democratic

The meeting I attended related to rights holders vs Holkham and was quite a hostile atmosphere and I did not feel very welcome or that my views were at all important to anyone else present

Frustration as not all the present members speak clearly enough to be heard by the audience, even wearing hearing aids!

Reasons for attending

Attend if there's something relevant on the agenda.

Because I'm interested in the Village & what goes on

To hear about what is happening in the parish.

I come if there's something that directly affects me or to support someone who has a particular thing of importance on the agenda.

To understand what the business and workings of the parish council are and sometimes to raise a point

If I see items in the minutes which interest me or I fell are very important or pertinent to my family or property directly

Very useful!! Good to update.

When there are controversial issues.

To keep abreast of issues being discussed

easier to read parish reports.

Interest in particular issues, especially in relation to planning and use/management of the creek.

Only attend i things that are of interest to us are to be discussed

We come to support the Parish Council and to learn what is happening in the village.

To know what is happening and is planned for the village

Not sure/Not a lot/ noting would make me attent

Only when there are planning applications that are controversial

I come to be more in touch with issues affecting the village. Concerned that planning controls are too lax

Greater insight into parish matters

I attended once to find out more about village matters.

Ability to learn about planning

Any other comments / ideas / suggestions?⁴⁵ responses

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Village Harmony/ activities

More yoga pilates tennis lessons etc in village

We love Burnham Overy. It is one of our favourite places to be. We appreciate that it remains unspoiled and uncommercial. Thank you for everything you do.

The boathouse is a very under-used resource but is possibly the most important resource in the village.

How much are village school aware of coast etc sailing etc be good to get local kids more involved with benefits of creek

Would love the boat house to be something more. A restaurant, a shop etc.

Love the watersports, Community activities in winter would be good.

To increase the use of the village hall as a facility for local activities and events, e.g village 'bring a pot' suppers, weekly badminton/table tennis/yoga clubs. Village hall to be available to hire on an hourly basis to enable local households to use it for e.g badminton or table tennis.

'Coffee and Cake' after council meetings so that people talk together

The Hero to do more to encourage less affluent locals to enjoy their facilities (building on their out of season menu and drinks offer last winter)

More affordable rates for locals to store kayaks/boats at the Boathouse

A good start! (*the survey*) - and very welcome.

Could we have a working group, separate from the parish council, who can discuss and implement some of the suggestions from the survey feedback? I would be very happy to be part of it.

would encourage Boathouse to continue its efforts to be integral part of community for all eg vicar's conversations really nice idea - reintroduction of chandlery?

Also more active user of the boathouse for community fundraising events. We want to be involved in village life whether possible (and hope to move here one day) so welcome the opportunity to support events and fundraising initiatives in the community.

Please protect Overy heritage of deregularisation and family fun for which it is cherished by all generations

Lovely village. Would spend more time here but I am limited to school holidays

Communication

To develop communication systems, so that anyone can share info with other villagers e.g. Burnham Overy Residents Facebook Group

It would be useful once a year if one representative from all of the many village organisations came together once a year for a joint meeting to discuss how the year has gone and what is planned for next year. Eg parish council, Boathouse, sailing club, common rights, harbour trust, Superhero etc.....

Publicise the  BOS WhatsApp more so that more people can see what's going on and get involved in sharing the responsibility organising events.

Highlighted report from the parish council appearing in the Burnham's newsletter with a link to view full minutes for those who might be interested.

Any texts, reminders, WhatsApps, notices, etc. re forthcoming Parish Council meetings would be helpful. Main comment is to thank the Parish Councillors for time and effort they devote to the village.

Traffic/ Speeding/ Parking

Speeding traffic, throughout the parish, and especially the Town, is our major issue. Please see traffic/speeding comments above. Again, we would be very willing to financially support any traffic calming measures to improve safety for other road users and our neighbours.

There is a Dead End Road Sign at the Staithe end of Gong Lane, outside The Heritage, but none at the Overy Town end. With Sat Nav technology, there is increasing traffic across Gong Lane between the Staithe and Overy Town. The extension of the 30mph sign up Gong Lane and the National Speed Limit sign thereafter indicates that there IS a through road. Could the parish council address this issue, please?

Re-visit car parking problems for locals during the peak season

Important to retain free parking on the hard (not just for our household but also the traditional day visitors) b) no overnight camper vans on the hard
Better parking/more use of the recreational ground.

Please open field for parking (opposite village hall) in the summer. The parking on New Road and Main Road is a nightmare

The double yellow lines along the A 149 have, as predicted, led to an increase in speeds. Would a 20mph limit be sensible

No charges for parking on the hard.

Village management/ ideas

There should be better signs on the hard warning visitors of the risk of flooding for vehicles.

Banning bikes on the coast path means we cannot get to beach anymore due to health reasons, as this was the only way left we could get to the beach, with the added benefit of cycling for our health as it is one of the only means of exercise we can do - we're both a bit limited. Now it is a bit pointless living here as we have no access to the beach.

Reinstating the bank which now has a path which very few use called the 'Trod' It is very ugly and takes away from the wonderful ambience down East Harbour Way.

Better toilet and cafe facilities for visitors. A lavatory is very important because the footpaths are littered with toilet paper

Fundraising for improved facilities. A local shop and public loo? Summer lease in boathouse?

What measures is the PC taking to reduce its own carbon footprint and to encourage and enable residents, home-owners and visitors to reduce theirs?

Chase homeowners whose hedges overhang roads and footpaths. Wheelie bins left out on roads after collection day

Advisory group for the parish council's harbour authority

Less pigeons/ rabbits!

No cycling in summer on footpath to sea. Also why don't we have an honesty parking box at the hard and open the field by the play ground on bank holidays

Plant some more trees and keep wild wife thriving

No more schemes like the bollards without proper consultation first

There are enough volunteers in the village I believe to use the space in the boat house for other uses - library, small shop?

Dog bin emptying; maintain boards to Gun Hill; New Years Eve event. Happy to help.

A pop up shop selling essentials. Bread, milk, fresh fish?