

VILLAGE QUESTIONNAIRE – JANUARY 2017

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Q1 LEISURE & RECREATION

Do you/your family use any of the following?

Manor Park:

Play Area	17	Skate Park	4
Football Club	4	Bowls Club	2
Bridge Club	1	Hire of Pavilion	6
Hire of 3G pitch	6	Hire of grass pitch	1

Ryland Road Playing Field:

Play Area	33	Sports & Social Club	32
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Library:

Book lending	34	Talking Books	3	Public Computers	10	Research	7
Photocopying	12	Printing	8				

Other Donate books/storytime/social chat/volunteer in library

Will you use the library if it locates to Manor Park?

Yes	23	No	46
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If your answer is No, why not?

More choice at Lincoln	Not central to village (5)
Never use it anyway (12)	Too far to go (15)
Portacabin would be inadequate (2)	No bus
Would not cross field to reach it	Due to our age but good parking there
Use internet	
I use Lincoln as opening hours at Welton are not suitable	
The shambles turned me to Nettleham and a better service there	
May use library in Lincoln – it's quite a way in bad weather even on a mobility scooter	
It will take special effort to get there rather than it being part of a trip to the shop (5)	

What other sports or activities would you like to see at Manor Park?

Woodland walk	Jogging/fitness circuit (2)
Outdoor/indoor gym (3)	Beginners bridge lessons
Yoga	Pilates
Body combat	Fencing
Archery (2)	Swimming pool (3)
Indoor badminton/tennis courts (5)	Cricket
Walking track	Anything that will keep children fit and happy (3)
Toddler group	Curling
Basketball (2)	Volleyball
Hockey	Netball

Any other comments?

Health walks increased from 1 to 2

Keep library central or let co-op volunteers run it

A swimming pool would be a good asset

More facilities for over 50's but perhaps less than 70

Young 12/13's are not allowed to Manor Park owing to needles etc and troublesome youngsters

The park is good for the odd visit but it's mainly for the very young

Recreation facilities in Welton are excellent

Children's play area is a good facility, especially as it is gated

Prosecute vandals and lift the anti-social stigma which makes Manor Park a "no go" area

Dog walking facility with link to public path Hackthorn/Prebend Lane

More people walk dogs than play sport yet there is no thought or facility even considered for this majority group

The failure of the swimming pool project is a great disappointment

Restrict youths in cars using Manor Park, making noise and leaving rubbish

Concerned regarding parking facilities with extra activities as we as residents of Keepers Close are already bombarded with cars on match days due to no room in the car park

Concerned whether others will use the library and Manor Park and the viability of

Too much focus on sport – nice to see a proper dog walking area. This is a pleasant exercise for human and dog.

Q2 TRANSPORT

Do you regularly use Public Transport?

Yes 45 **No** 31

How often?

Daily 5 Weekly 30 Monthly 15

How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the service?

Very satisfied 12 Satisfied 22 Neither/nor 4
Dissatisfied 6 Very dissatisfied 1

How could it be improved?

Evening service (20)

Regular 1 hour service to Grimsby

Buses that connect to trains that connect to East Coast Mainline

With regular bus stops, not the request stops, they do not work

Better spacing of times of the buses (4)

More shelters

Cleaner external bus

Buses continuing through the afternoon instead of all becoming school buses

Buses cold in winter – need new ones

2.50 and 3.20 could go round the estate and Prebend Lane and still get to the school on time

Would you use a Sunday service?

Yes 27 **No** 42 **How often?** Weekly 12 Monthly 11

Are there adequate bus stops in the village?

Yes 61 **No** 4

If your answer is No, where would you like one?

Westhall/Rivehall/Near the cut through to the Village Hall
Manor Park/Hackthorn Road

Q3 HEALTH & WELL BEING

Are you registered at Welton Family Health Centre?

Yes 73 **No** 1

Do you regularly use the Health Centre?

Yes 48 **No** 20

How often?

Daily 0 Weekly 1 Monthly 41

How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the services offered?

Very satisfied	19	Satisfied	36	Neither/nor	10
Dissatisfied	4	Very dissatisfied	2		

How could they be improved?

Easier to get appointments (15)	Lack of doctors but open surgery is useful
Staff are very helpful doing a difficult job	Fine people who don't cancel appointments (2)
Bigger premises	Reduce waiting time (2)
More doctors (8)	Open at weekends (4)
More funding	Quicker appointments (2)
More staff	New caring doctors
More appointments (4)	Reception staff could be better
More parking	
Warning letters to DNA – if repeated, expel from surgery	
Expansion of reception – causes queues and is not private/confidential	
Advanced booking for non-urgent but you want a named doctor	

Would you attend a gym located in the village?

Yes 36 No 37

How often?

Daily 9 Weekly 20 Monthly 0

What do you like about living in the village?

Quiet & peaceful (2)	Good schools (6)
Facilities & services (36)	Plenty to do (6)
Size	Well behaved children
Friendly people (17)	Good atmosphere (2)
Convenient to get onto M180 & bypass	Close to countryside (7)
The Black Bull	Horses
Safe	Close to extended family
The social visits to the shops etc	Community spirit (6)
Easy distance to Lincoln (3)	Secret Garden (2)
Bus service	Don't anymore – too big
Shops	Low crime
Not a lot.	The Methodist Church tries hard – café is good

What don't you like about living in the village?

Power cuts	Poor internet
Noise pollution from the Red Arrows	It's missing a large supermarket/petrol provider
No infrastructure	Noise from Black Bull & Ryland Road Playing Field at night
Inconsiderate parking	Currently nothing
Too crowded and not enough facilities (4)	Not as clean as when I moved here (4)
Bad parking blocking bus routes	Dog poo (5)
Speeding drivers (2)	Can't get into Lincoln in the evening if no car (2)
Increased traffic (5)	Congestion (2)
Lack of parking (14)	Too many new houses (6)
School traffic	Awful condition of pavements (3)
Dangerous access to the village from main roads	Air pollution
Not many sport facilities	Car parking is disgraceful
Plans for more housing (3)	Too big
Children/adults riding on footpaths	In/out of Co-op badly designed (2)
The parochial mentality	Lack of amenities
More trees could be planted	More benches
No cycle path out of the village	Lack of bakery
No choice of pubs	

Q4 COMMUNITY

How long have you lived in the village?

1-5 yrs 5 5-10yrs 11 over 10 yrs 59

What clubs do you belong to or would like to see in the village?

Beavers (2)	Art Club (2)
Church (4)	Golf
Bridge	Welton Sports & Social Club (18)
U3A (8)	Women's Register
Book Lovers (2)	Tennis
Welton Walkers	Table Tennis
Stonecliff Park	Photography (2)
Archery	20-40 years of age clubs
Bowls (3)	Gardening (2)
Adult Education	British Legion (2)
Lunch Club	Language clubs
Different sports	Football Club (2)
Community Choir	History
Music	Ballet
Rainbows	Gym/Health Club (3)
Swimming pool	Walking football (2)
Village Hall Trust	Guides (2)
Cubs	

Are you a volunteer?

Yes 27 No 37

How often?

Daily 3 Weekly 15 Monthly 8

Q5 PARISH ACTIVITIES

Do you know how the Parish Council serves the community?

Yes 57 No 14

Do you know how to contact your Parish Councillors?

Yes 66 No 6

Do you think the Parish Council provides value for money?

Yes 38 No 18

Do you attend the Annual Parish Meeting?

Yes 25 No 42

If your answer is No, why haven't you?

I keep up with the Welton News and I can see they don't take people's views into account	
Usually clashes with other appointments (3)	Not interested (6)
Haven't got round to it	Read the minutes
Age	Matters are settled before voting
Not sure I could make a meaningful contribution	I trust the Council to make decisions for me
Unaware of meeting	Time of meeting has never been appropriate (6)
Not concerned enough	Too busy (2)
Meetings are boring and overlit	Don't know
PCs have little or no influence	

Is there a subject you would like to discuss at the Annual Parish Meeting?

Parking – or lack of it – where will all the new influx park in the village (3)
Inconsiderate parking Dog poo (2)
Speeders Need for a crossing on Hackthorn Road
Stop more building William Farr Woods (2)
Parish Council Ways to combat speeding and irresponsible drivers
Building regulation Parking
Street lighting in the village (3) Library building
Bus shelters at bus stops Parking on verges (2)
Overcrowding The Council to keep to their rules
Improvements to Ryland Road park Pavements
Potholes More could be done about litter and weeds
Village is getting too large New developments and buildings
Remodelling the Village Hall More amenities in the village
Beal Homes, Keepers Green sign needs to come down – eyesore
How much has been spent on CCTV at Manor Park and what results can be seen
Loss of walking facilities around the outskirts of the village
Is there enough infrastructure to support all the new housing developments (3)
Fencing/secure hedgerow to be installed around Ryland Road Playing Field
General tree maintenance as I don't believe there is a programme
Too many new homes – pressure on doctors
Why does the PC no longer use the Village Hall
I would like the library question revisiting, particularly putting pressure on the Co-op to keep the current building

What are the three key improvements would you like to see in the village?

A betting shop Toilets (2)
Local taxi service More shopping facilities (5)
More parking spaces (10) Less traffic
More parking restrictions (4) Less building (2)
Road repairs (2) Litter is a problem (5)
Police presence (4) Stop people parking on footpaths
Presentation – campaign on littering Inconsiderate parking (2)
Cycling group Nice pub garden with lots of plants
Another pub Don't want streetlights off – would rather pay higher rates
Dog fouling is still bad Weed killing
Streetlights back on at night (2) Leisure centre
Swimming pool (4) An enclosed space to walk dogs freely
Cycle lanes The Sports & Social Club needs a total revamp
Cycle paths to A46 & A15 (2) Safer junctions at A46 & A15 (4)
Speed cameras Fines for dog fouling
Lollipop person Central library being a community hub
Netball courts and posts More sports facilities (2)
Drains kept clear Dog walkers only allowed to use the perimeter of playing field
Traffic calming Residents asked to cut their hedges back off pavement areas
Leaves swept Speeding drivers (2)
Volunteer tidy up team More youth services
Upgrade Village Hall More dog bins (2)
Pedestrian crossing on Hackthorn Road
Properly repaired highways and footpaths (6)
Proper crossing on Westhall Road for children to cross safely. It's like trying to cross a motorway on a school morning due to speed and volume of traffic
Pavements on Rivehall housing estate are in an awful condition
Double yellow lines/no parking zones around both schools to allow traffic to move more freely

Speed calming signs (not bumps) and livery along Ryland Road from the Co-op to mini roundabout, especially useful at school times (2)

Ryland Road Playing Field should be wire fenced all around

Fence around Ryland Road play area to keep dogs out and small children in

Clear signs on bus stops showing which buses stop there

Re-open public right of way at back of William Farr. Was closed with no consultation with the public users

Longer library opening hours

A public walk around the outskirts of the village

Less traffic allowed through village

More enforcement of parking regulations, especially round the Co-op

Post box at Beck Hall/William Farr end of the village

Library open more hours even if have to pay – hours no good when you work

More interaction between William Farr School and the village

Better traffic management around Co-op car park

The Health Centre cannot cope now – never mind when the extra houses are built

I have no problem with the extra housing – we all have to live somewhere, it's the parking in the centre of the village, or lack of it

Co-op providing parking for their staff instead of them taking up spaces in the village centre

No parking on Manor Lane & junction of Vicarage Lane/Cliff Road

Curbing the Co-op – getting back more diversity shopping instead of a 1 shop village. Nettleham managed it, why can't Welton/or Dunholme

Delay in house building until the infrastructure can cope

New play structures and benches at Ryland Road park

Any other comments or suggestions you would like to make?

Lack of post boxes at Dunholme. Residents opposite the old Four Seasons Hotel have to go to Welton – not easy for the elderly or infirm

I think the Parish Council do an extremely good job and should be praised for their efforts

Big reduction in Council Tax

What are you doing about footpath Welton 42/2

Please keep the library accessible and do not put on edge of village

We support the fence around William Farr (they have the same type of fence around De Aston and many other schools)

Do not go ahead with the Prebend Lane development – too many houses in Welton and not enough amenities

I don't understand why the library has not been moved to the Village Hall. There is more parking available, it is at the heart of the village, you could make it a really social place with a café which would give benefits to sustain the library funds

I feel myself, my house and property are safe

Keep up the May Queen and Christmas events

Keep cutting the verges

Continue the surgeries, even if they get lonely, there are lots of satisfied people out there

We need live bands in the parks and beer tents in the summer especially. All age groups would enjoy this

Please do not spend money on moving the library. Number of library users is going down. No longer cost effective for the tax payer.

Could dog bins in green in future?

Open up William Farr Woods

Cycle paths onto the A46

I have lived in the village since November 1997 in a "shiny new house as the "Godmother" described in an article in the Lincolnshire Echo in the late 1990's. Since moving in, I have taken part in no village activities and have no desire to. I feel I am not part of the village and have no desire to be. Welton to me is just a convenient place to live being close to the A15 and Lincoln bypass to get anywhere I want to go. I refer to the people who have lived in the village for generations as "The Welton Mafia"

I really am disappointed that nothing is going to take place at William Farr School and I know I am not on my own. The way the population will be exploding due to the new houses going up in and around Welton I feel a Leisure Centre and swimming pool would be really good for the village

I would also like to see the Village Hall car park lit up by both entrances mainly in the winter months and more slow down signs. Traffic goes so fast through Welton, mainly Hackthorn Road, Prebend Lane and Cliff Road. I realise I've asked for a lot but if only one of the above could be considered it would be a start. Thank you
Welton is a lovely village with many people working hard to improve things but most of us dread the thought of hundreds of extra villagers as surgery cannot cope now regarding appointments, that is the biggest challenge facing Welton!

Visible Police presence – walking the streets and in the summer, actively stopping drug activity on the playing field

Relocate library and Parish Office to the Village Hall site, external funding (lottery?) to rebuild and develop the site into a Community Hub – sell the existing Parish Office to help fund it.

Locating the library at Manor Park will KILL IT OFF! Is there nowhere else it can go? Elderly people won't walk to Manor Park plus its central position now means people have meetings with other villagers using the Co-op and the doctors – a social point. Can it be put in the Village Hall grounds? Cut down those scrubby bushes by the scout hut and put it there?

Disappointed by the "lights out" policy. Village is like the black hole of Calcutta this winter. Understand the need for economy but it's like the war blackout. Makes walking at night very unsafe.

The village Beck should be better maintained – needs dredging regularly.

Thank you for this feedback opportunity.

At 81 and 89, we are very happy here but are no longer involved in the village community although always interested.

Why doesn't someone open a bakery and greengrocers?

Better parking outside Health Centre/Library/Co-op

The Parish Council provides value for money within the constraints of its power.

It seems to be that planning applications are quickly overruled by WLDC.

Very concerned at the amount of new houses proposed. Big pressure on services, particularly doctors.

Large area to the left of Manor Park. Why can't this be fenced off for dog walkers instead of an overspill car park for football matches, which makes such a mess?

Very disappointed with the amount of houses being built.

Traffic, parking, Health Centre, roads, paths already in a state.

Council do not keep up to things, always excuses and the drains a problem.

Improve/widen the Heath Lane/A15 junction.

Bring a train line to Welton/Dunholme area?

Annual questionnaire

Faster broadband

Turn upstairs of Black Bull into hotel/Air B&B

Park equipment for children with disabilities.

I think the Parish Council and the Village Hall Trustees/Committee should act together on behalf of the village and make an agreement to site the library in the Village Hall. This is more central than Manor Park and if space can be found, it will be more cost effective. Both organisations need to act together to help the village!

Could an investigation take place to reduce grass cutting costs by replacing some grass areas with shale or other hard surfaces. Construct car park in grass area on Rivehall Avenue to remove cars parked in road day and night, subject to cost of course.

We have many concerns regarding the housing development on Prebend (traffic and infrastructure).

Housing development appears to take little notice of the fact that houses = cars. Villages generally are ill-equipped to absorb more and more cars and are not suited to wholesale redesign. Creating towns out of villages is not the right answer, in my opinion.

On the whole it is a lovely village. It has improved since we moved here but village is getting too big. Too many new builds being built – spoiling village (cannot really class as a village, more like a small town).

Thank you for giving us this chance to speak.

We appreciate the litter picking in the village centre but this should be extended to the approach roads, possibly using volunteers. We would volunteer for this. There is scope for more coordinated volunteer activity to maintain/improve village amenities. We should not assume that services can continue to be provided by local authorities, whatever tier.

The Parish Council should consider the viability of its future role providing services directly. This cannot go on indefinitely.

The whole of the village should be kept clean and tidy, not just the privileged Conservation Area in the centre. A sport leisure service could be good with summer activities.

Small swimming pool.

There appears to be no regular upkeep/maintenance to the village infrastructure. Also any rules/regulations are not enforced eg parking. I have personally seen a police car pass a parked car in the school safety zone and not done anything, this was at 8.50am with children going to school!

We love living in Welton as it's where our family and friends are, good facilities, good schools etc however, the village is being ruined by too many houses being built and inconsiderate people dropping litter, speeding and leaving dog poo everywhere. It spoils it.

We don't use public transport simply because of the high cost for a family of 4 to travel anywhere by bus.

It would be nice to have some more play equipment at Ryland Bridge play area.

Council should maintain trees and hedgerows where required/where public notifies them.

Council should appear and do more for village residents before national projects and instructions.

Some of the pavements in the village are in a dangerous state. Tree roots are causing pavements to lift.

Stop making it bigger then there wouldn't be any need for improvements of the facilities.

With regards to the library, I think it should stay where it is located because the elderly in the village enjoy it and it is a place for them to meet and socialise, especially with it being in the village centre, it makes it easier for them.

The Parish Council should consider relocating the library to the Village Hall site and make an approach to the Village Hall Trust to discuss the possibility as it is the most appropriate location.

Do you have any influence on where rubbish bins are left after emptying? Nearly always left on the footpath causing obstruction – particularly for mobility scooters.

Lack of consultation over closure of Public Right of Way at rear of William Farr. Right of Way is public and has been for over 20 years. Underhand and deceitful action taken by William Farr management to stop the public using a right of way which has been in use for in excess of 20 years.