**Community Plan Review**

Spring 2018

**Lindale and Newton-in-Cartmel**

**Parish Council**

LINDALE & NEWTON IN CARTMEL COMMUNITY PLAN

Formerly Allithwaite Upper Parish Council

2017 REVIEW

Our current Community Plan was published in May 2008, shortly after the opening of the High and Low Newton bypass which was, arguably, the last significant benefit to be provided for our community.

Since then we have mainly lost community facilities – one of Lindale’s two pubs, the Lindale Inn, has closed, Lindale Post Office has been forced to reduce opening hours to remain in business, Lindale Sports Club folded due to lack of volunteers, and we now face the prospect of the closure of Lindale Church in the immediate future.

The Parish Council is required to review the Community Plan periodically, and to this end an eighteen point questionnaire was delivered to households in the Parish earlier this year. There has been a very good response to the questionnaire, and we hope that the replies will help the Parish Council to determine policies and priorities for the coming years.

In the questionnaire we largely used a 1 to 5 rating to record respondents’ views, 5 indicating greatest importance/concern and 1 the lowest. For the following summary we have grouped responses 4 with 5, and 1 with 2, assuming 3 to be a neutral response. For simplicity non- responses to particular questions have been assumed to be neutral.

The logical follow up to the Community Plan would be a Neighbourhood Development Plan. That would give your Parish Council significantly greater influence when considering planning matters. Like the Community Plan it would need a working party of residents to bring it to fruition. If you would like to get involved, just let us know – the Parish Council would be delighted to provide guidance and support.

And finally, why not consider joining the Parish Council? There are currently two vacancies for the Lindale ward and no particular experience is needed - just an interest in local affairs.

Mike Squire, Chairman, Lindale and Newton-in-Cartmel Parish Council

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| **Community Plan Review 2017- Summary of Responses** | | |
| **Housing and Planning** | important | unimportant |
| How important do you consider the provision of affordable | 78% | 9% |
| housing to rent or buy? |  |  |
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| Clearly the great majority of residents consider this an |  |  |
| important policy priority. |  |  |
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| How important do you think it is to control the number of | 82% | 4% |
| holiday and second homes? |  |  |
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| Again, local people consider this to be a major issue. |  |  |
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| Do you feel that local occupancy rules should be extended? | 54% | 16% |
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| Not regarded as important as the previous two issues - perhaps |  |  |
| residents do not wish to prevent people coming to live permanently |  |  |
| or there may be concerns that it might restrict potential future sales |  |  |
| of their own properties. |  |  |
|  | yes | no |
| Are planning applications publicised well enough? | 32% | 49% |
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| As nearly half of respondents feel these are insufficiently |  |  |
| publicised , we should explore ways of informing residents of new |  |  |
| applications received. |  |  |
|  | important | unimportant |
| To what extent should the keeping of green spaces be taken into | 88% | nil |
| consideration when new housing developments are proposed? |  |  |
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| This issue prompted the highest rating of importance, with no one |  |  |
| regarding it as unimportant. Clearly we must give it the highest |  |  |
| priority when considering new planning applications. |  |  |
|  | yes | no |
| Do you or members of your family require their own home in the | 25% | 75% |
| area within the next 5 years? |  |  |
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| Unsurprisingly, most of those requiring their own home are 1 or 2 |  |  |
| single people or a young family. However 3 respondents stated |  |  |
| that it would be for persons in retirement |  |  |
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| ROADS AND TRANSPORT |  |  |
| How do you rate the present provision of public transport to:- | good | poor |
| Kendal/Barrow? (X6) | 68% | 7% |
| Grange Circular? (532) Lindale residents only | 35% | 13% |
| Clearly, the X6 service is generally highly regarded. The 532 |  |  |
| service, which serves Lindale only, is much less popular, possibly |  |  |
| because it doesn't come to Lindale after midday. |  |  |
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| How often do you use these forms of public transport? | bus | train |
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| Regularly | 28% | 9% |
| Occasionally | 51% | 63% |
| Never | 16% | 13% |
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| We also asked people if they used Rural Wheels or a voluntary car |  |  |
| scheme, but only 2 respondents claimed to use these - on an |  |  |
| occasional basis. |  |  |
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| How do you rate the current condition of local roads? | good | poor |
|  | 16% | 38% |
| There were few additional comments on this issue - one |  |  |
| respondent mentioned potholes and encroaching vegetation, |  |  |
| which we would assume to be the major defects. |  |  |
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| How do you rate last winter's road maintenance, including snow | good | poor |
| removal and gritting? | 50% | 22% |
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| It should be mentioned in this context that the winter of 2016/17 |  |  |
| was exceptionally mild, with little frost and no significant snowfall. |  |  |
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| Which roads (if any) need better winter maintenance? | response |  |
|  | rate |  |
| Lindale Hill/The Gill | 44% |  |
| School Hill | 24% |  |
| Windermere Road | 21% |  |
| Old A590, Newton | 10% |  |
| Kendal Road | 6% |  |
| Grange Road | 4% |  |
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| A number of respondents noted that the County Council had not |  |  |
| included Lindale Hill on its gritting schedule despite it being on the |  |  |
| 532 bus route, or School Hill despite being the access to the School |  |  |
|  | major | minor |
| To what extent do you believe speeding is currently a problem? | 71% | 15% |
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| Where (if anywhere) does speeding occur? | response |  |
|  | rate |  |
| Lindale Hill/The Gill | 43% |  |
| Windermere Road | 28% |  |
| Grange Road | 18% |  |
| Kendal Road | 9% |  |
| Old A590, Newton | 6% |  |
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| One responder also mentioned speeding on the current A590 |  |  |
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| Do parked vehicles obstruct you as you drive or walk? | yes | no |
|  | 37% | 57% |
| The places where obstruction is reported to occur are:- |  |  |
| Lindale |  |  |
| Lindale Hill, in the vicinity of the Post Office and at the foot of the |  |  |
| Hill |  |  |
| The vicinity of the School |  |  |
| Outside Graham Simpson's repair shop |  |  |
| Lyndene Drive |  |  |
| Newton |  |  |
| Adjacent to Yew Tree Barn |  |  |
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| The obvious success of the businesses at Yew Tree Barn suggests |  |  |
| that we should ask the proprietors to consider creating more |  |  |
| off-road parking spaces. |  |  |
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| **OTHER ISSUES** |  |  |
| How important is it for the Parish Council to encourage and support | important | unimportant |
| the provision of premises for small businesses? | 84% | 3% |
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| Clearly a major priority for our residents; the Parish Council was |  |  |
| pleased recently to support the expansion of the Alnatt Business |  |  |
| Park. |  |  |
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| How important are the following to you and your family? |  |  |
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| Lindale | important | unimportant |
| The Post Office | 85% | 2% |
| The Royal Oak pub | 75% | 15% |
| The Recreation Ground | 56% | 21% |
| The War Memorial | 52% | 21% |
| Yew Tree Green | 52% | 17% |
| Coronation Tree Area | 50% | 27% |
| Play Area | 48% | 29% |
| Wilkinson Monument | 44% | 31% |
| Skateboard Park | 21% | 44% |
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| It is interesting to note that the Skateboard Park is rated as of much |  |  |
| less importance than the other village facilities and this would |  |  |
| indicate that the Parish Council should not allocate significant funds |  |  |
| for any future maintenance of this area. |  |  |
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| Newton |  |  |
| Ornamental Gardens, High Newton | 75% | 6% |
| The Crown Inn | 69% | nil |
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| Lindale Church is threatened with imminent closure due to a | important | unimportant |
| diminishing congregation and a need for costly repairs. How | 56% | 27% |
| important do you feel it is for the Church to be kept open? |  |  |
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| There is little the Parish Council can do to prevent the proposed |  |  |
| closure. It is unfortunate that the Church authorities stated that if |  |  |
| money was raised locally to help fund repairs, none would return to |  |  |
| the Community in the event of a future sale of the building. |  |  |
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| The majority of Parish councils in Cumbria have names accurately | important | unimportant |
| denoting their geographic location. To what extent would you | 78% | 15% |
| prefer ours to be Lindale and Newton in Cartmel Parish Council? |  |  |
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| It would appear that we have a very strong mandate to pursue this |  |  |
| objective. |  |  |
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Some Individual Comments

Parish Councils are vital.

Younger people are unable to afford to live in the area.

Affordable homes are not really affordable in terms of local wages.

Car dealerships are endangering the character of the whole area.

Lindale is like a ghost town.

**Composite wish list:-**

A complete footpath from Grange Road, Lindale to Grange. (Several respondents)

A Parish Facebook page to publicise events etc.

Promote safe cycling

A 30mph speed limit through Newton

A notice board at Lindale Village Hall.

An HGV ban on Lindale Hill

Speed bumps on Lindale Hill

The distinctive local character should be maintained and celebrated (based on Lake District National Park’s vibrant communities vision for 2030)