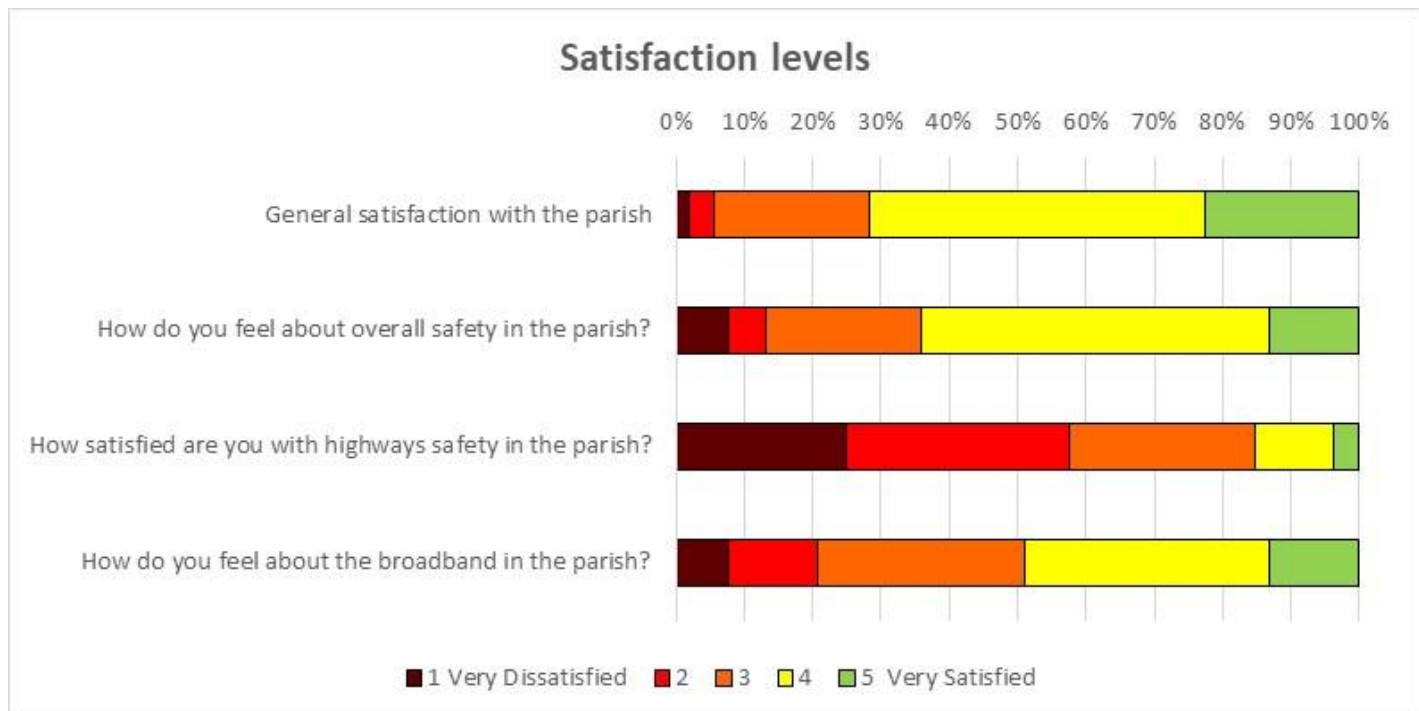


# Stonham Aspal Parish Survey January – March 2021

## Summary

- There were 53 responses to the survey.
- The overriding concern was road safety, speed, volume, number of lorries, pedestrian safety and unsafe parking being key concerns.
- Most requested improvements to the village were road safety measures, a pub/ sports/ social club, facilities for teenagers / young people, considered development utilising existing facilities, outdoor gym equipment, planning enforcement and community events.
- Respondents did not want to see further development or additional lodges at Stonham Barns, more housing / over development, development without permission
- Many respondents felt that broadband speeds were adequate but could be improved. There was a feeling that people did not fully understand the opportunities to improve this.
- Only 26% of respondents felt they were aware of all planning applications that affected them. 51% were negative towards the developments within Stonham Aspal, 74% were negative towards possible major developments in Debenham.
- Overall people felt it was a safe (with the exception of the road) and lovely village to live in and wished to thank parish council, church and farmers who help to support the community



## **Do you have any comments on safety in the parish?**

46% of respondents made comments on safety within the parish, half of these related to road safety. The following issues were raised

- Speeding/ Lack of pavement / too narrow 12
- Theft (from gardens/ reported on social media) 5
- No police presence / availability 3
- Need for a defibrillator 2
- Vandalism 1
- Littering around village hall, grave yard and football ground 1
- Neighbourhood watch activities should be reported more 1
- Lack of lighting 1

## **Do you have any comments regarding highways safety in the parish?**

80% of respondents made comments about Highway's safety, issues were raised for The Street, Mill Green, Scotts Hill and Crowfield road

Main issues

- Speeding
- Volume of traffic
- Number of Lorries
- Lorries mounting pavement in narrow places.
- Safety around the school at pick up and drop off
- Dangerous parking on the street

Dangers for pedestrians on The Street, Mill Green, Scotts Hill, Crowfield Road

- Narrow or no footpaths
- Hedges encroaching on footpaths

Impact of businesses

- Horse boxes
- Exit and entrance to Stonham Barns
- Antisocial driving of agricultural vehicle's in early hours

Suffolk Highways

- Poor road maintenance and response to problems
- Unsuitable diversions through Crowfield Road and Mill Green damaging roads
- Poor signage of road closures for people needing access
- Ongoing issue with water on carriage way in Mill Green / Scotts Hill
- Impact of diversions from roadworks and accidents on A140 and other routes on the village

A140 junction

Insufficient support

- Response to incidents,
- policing of speed
- Signage
- Greater focus on road safety for residents, pedestrians and cyclists

## **What do you think can be done to improve highways safety?**

- Reduce speed limit to 20mph permanently Mill Green / Scotts Hill / The Street
- Reduce speed limit to 20mph at school pick up drop off
- Consider other ways to reduce speed
- Warning of upcoming 30mph area
- Noise absorbing tarmac
- Street lighting
- Speed cameras

- Speed humps
- Speed Indicator Device
- Police mobile speed units
- More signs
- Better enforcement of speed limits
- Stop A1120 being designated a lorry route
- Better communication of any planning application likely to affect the traffic on main routes
- Weight limit
- New A140 junction
- Staggered width reduction / chicane
- Clearing hedges / earth off footpaths
- Larger drains
- Timely road repairs
- Enforcement of permitted exits and entrances at Stonham Barns
- Pressure from Parish Council
- Pressure from School re parking
- No parking lines
- Zebra crossing near school (ties in with additional parking provided at Broughton Hall)
- Better pathways

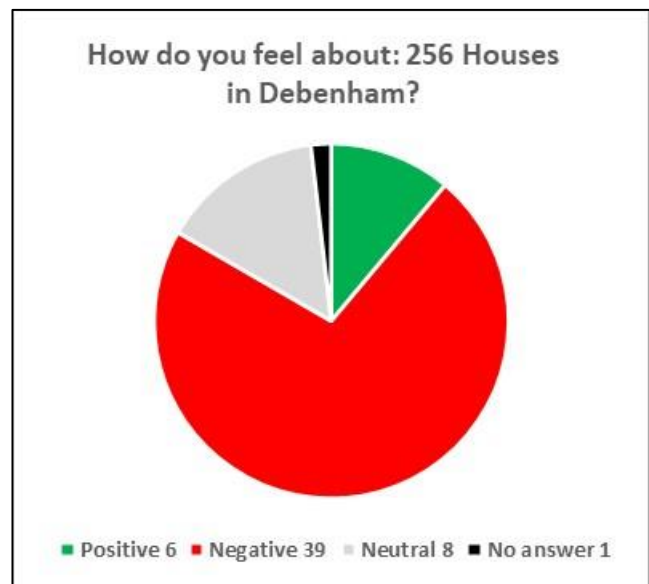
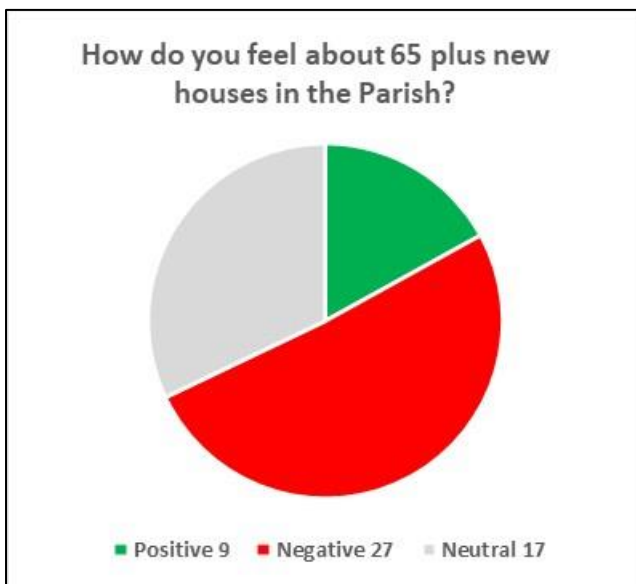
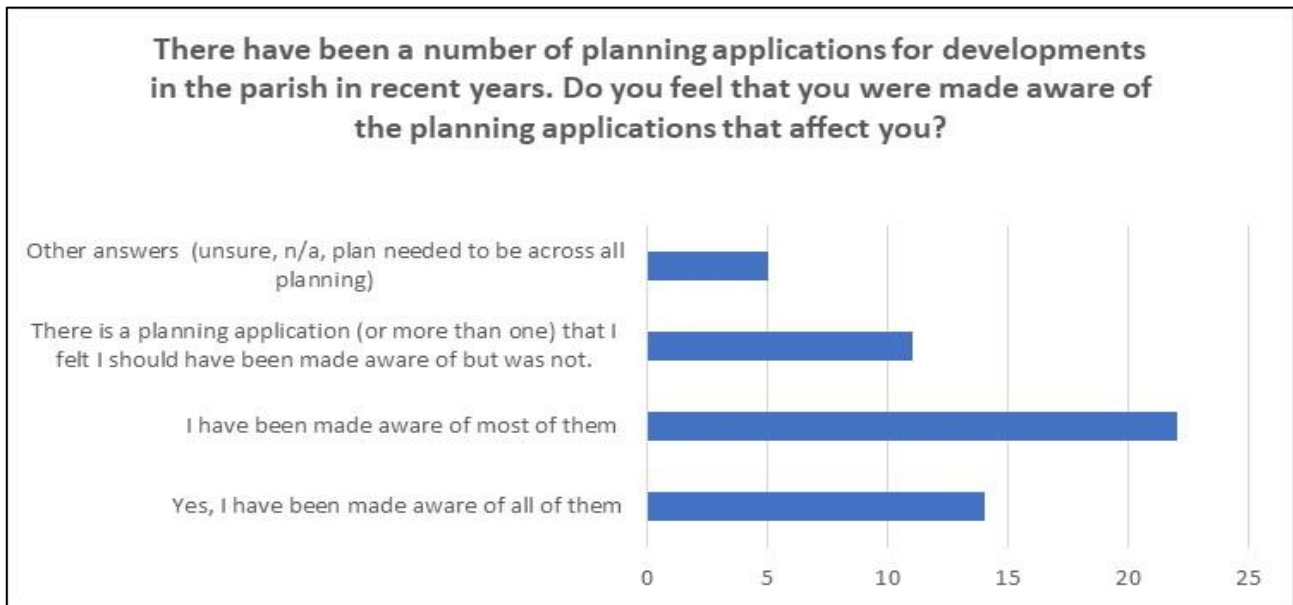
### Do you have any comments regarding broadband in the parish?

43% of respondents provided comments about broadband

- Half of these felt their broadband was adequate but could be improved
- Many felt there was a lack of understanding on how the infrastructure could be improved and the schemes available to do this. There was a fear that such schemes would be too costly
- Four people said their broadband was too slow



## Planning



## What would you like to see in the parish?

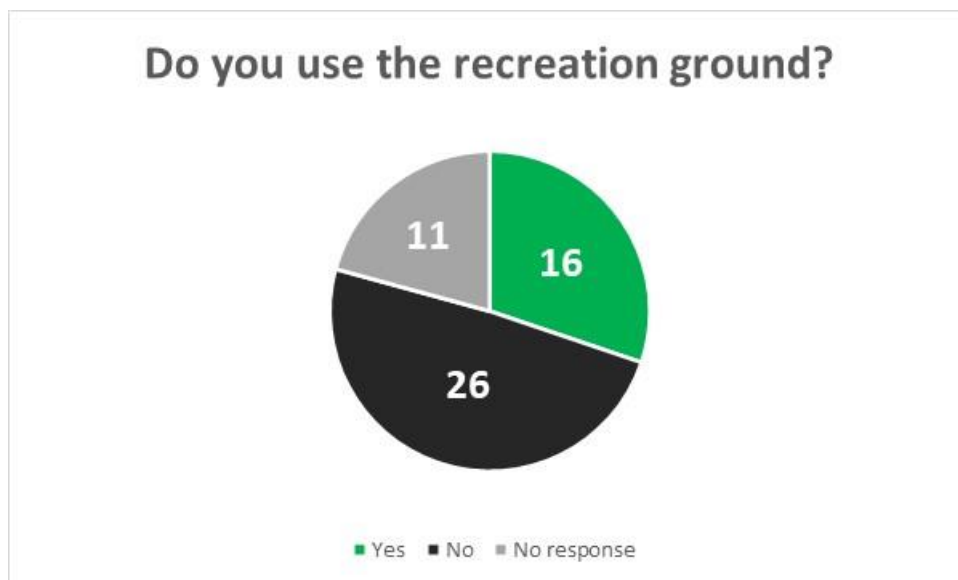
- Sports and social club / Pub / proper bar in village hall 22
- Shop 8
- Purpose built space for youngsters / Youth club 8
- Better paths 4
- Speed reducing measures 4
- More effort to bring community together, village events, fete, bbq, picnic, classic car /tractor parade 4
- Better planning enforcement 3
- Considered Infill development that can be accommodate within village boundary and available facilities or consideration of additional facilities needed 3
- Affordable housing to allow locals to stay in the village 3

- More dog waste bins 2
- Defibrillator
- Better road surfaces
- Improved Bus links
- Road width markings in Mill Green / Scotts Hill
- No parking on The Street
- Bus shelter
- Keep it as it is – a small parish
- Church to be supported in its development to future proof it
- Support for amenities that exist
- Community news and services, facebook
- Footpath to Stonham Barns to connect closest shop and post office to the village
- Effort to make the village look more attractive
- More exercise classes in village hall – badminton / table tennis

### What would you not like to see in the parish?

- Housing / over development 16
- No more lodges / development at Stonham Barns 15
- No consideration for infrastructure or wildlife in planned development 4
- Increased traffic due to Debenham being over developed 3
- Development without planning permission going unchallenged 2
- More car boot sales
- Social Housing
- No outside gym
- Stonham Barns being linked to the main village
- Vandalism
- Inactivity
- Disregard for safety
- More dog poo
- Speeding

### Recreation Ground



## **Is there anything else you would like to see at the recreation ground?**

Gym equipment 5

Respect – and signage encouraging it 3

Area for teens 3

Covered rain proof area

Pump track

Skateboard slope

Maintenance

- Football pitch rolled and holes filled
- Reduction in the height of the poplar trees
- Power wash

## **Is there anything you would like to comment on regarding the parish?**

- Thanks for support of the Parish Council, church and local farmers 7
- Nothing is done alone it takes community spirit and effort
- Lovely village, safe in the most part (other than the speeding), enjoy living here. 5
- Something needs to be done about speeding 2
- More street lights
- Less dog poo
- Better carparking at the tennis court
- District Council seem to ignore Parish's opinion on planning issues
- District Council need to enforce planning regulations fairly
- Better maintenance of public footpaths in cooperation with other parishes, vital for exercise and wellbeing in a rural community with poor paths.
- Why was pub given change of use permission
- Church needs future proofing
- Equal broadband speed throughout the village investment in the infrastructure
- Development to encourage youngsters to stay in the village – affordable housing
- Better amenities
- Control of un planned development at Stonham Barns site
- Improved social activities post covid
- Community activity and celebrations
- Parking at the school an issue which will increase with more housing