**Background**

In early July 2022 the new Parish Meeting Chair invited all residents known to the Parish Clerk records to comment on issues of concern or interest. This was undertaken by email where it was known and by postal questionnaire. Additionally, the Parish Chair invited all residents to participate in two ‘drop in’ meetings at the Hall for the same purpose.

By the deadline of 19th July 25 completed questionnaires were received and 10 people attended the 2 drop ins. Roughly 50% of the community commented. Residents were asked to identify their top 3 issues for the Parish to consider. Residents were asked to forward issues related to the Hall and its management directly to the Hall committee. A number of Hall issues were received which are shown below.

Some residents provided extended points and comments. We have retained the originals but some are shown in the appendix as an illustration only.

The table below captures the gist of the comments received and the volume of interest in the various topics. I have grouped them under 4 broad headings although many cross over. I have also highlighted those areas which received the largest interest – although this does not mean those with low numbers are of low priority. If you contributed to the questionnaire and/or ‘drop in’, and do not feel your comment is captured below, please contact the Parish Chair by email by 31st July – see Chair email below. If for some reason you were not contacted by either email or post, please email the Parish Clerk with you name/address.

**Next Steps**

I promised to publish the results by email to residents (where we have it and the resident has agreed we can use it) and publish also on the Peckforton web site. Over August I plan to consider the establishment of a few ‘working parties’ to address some of the topics and to invite volunteers. Currently it is planned to discuss this at the next formal Parish Meeting on 20th September – although an earlier one may be called to progress these earlier.

Thanks to all who took the time to respond.

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| Item | Issue | Survey | Drop In | Totals |
|  | **Roads, Safety Matters** |  |  |  |
| 1 | State of the roads (potholes, road signs – health & safety concerns) | 10 | 6 | 16 |
| 2 | Infrequency of hedge cutting and verge cutting – (health and safety and village appearance) | 5 | 3 | 8 |
| 3 | Maintenance of footpaths / verges adjacent to roads | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 4 | Road safety/speeding | 16 | 6 | 22 |
|  | **Estate Matters** |  |  |  |
| 5 | Planning for felled Christmas trees, re-planning and brash / tidy (Hall, Bank Cotts) and on-going maintenance | 17 | 3 | 20 |
| 6 | Plans for the remaining Christmas trees not felled in Peckforton by identified for such by some residents | 1 | - | 1 |
| 7 | Greater responsiveness by Strutt and Parker to requests by residents | 2 | - | 2 |
| 8 | More effective and regular communications and consultation between the Parish & Estate | 2 | - | 2 |
|  | **Parish Meeting Matters** |  |  |  |
| 9 | More regular contact between Parish and Cheshire rural crime team | 2 | - | 2 |
| 10 | More social events / happenings for the village | 5 | 4 | 9 |
| 11 | Notice board renewal | 1 | - | 1 |
| 12 | More effective and regular communications and consultation between the Parish & Estate | 2 | - | 2 |
| 13 | Improved communications between Parish and residents | 6 | - | 6 |
| 14 | Parish news letter | 6 | 1 | 7 |
| 15 | Establish various working parties (e.g. litter) | 6 | 1 | 7 |
| 16 | Impact management of the Vyrnwy project | 3 | 5 | 8 |
| 17 | Buzzard statue refurbishment urgent | 3 | - | 3 |
| 18 | Improved relations/communications between Peckforton and Beeston Parishes | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 19 | Improved behaviours of people in the Parish meetings | - | 3 | 3 |
| 20 | Improved Parish meeting solvency; parish fund raising and local authority grants | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| 21 | Village planters and entrance signs | - | 2 | 2 |
| 22 | Welcome packs on the village for new residents | - | 2 | 2 |
| 23 | Wild life education in the Hall | 1 | - | 1 |
| 24 | Maintaining the village character (indeterminate but may relate to various items) | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| 25 | Vyrnwy Works impact management | 3 | 5 | 8 |
| 26 | Parish to formally support opening of Beeston station. | 1 | - | 1 |
| 27 | Parish to form an association with the Sandstone Trust / contribute to wildlife planning locally | 1 | - | 1 |
|  | **Hall Matters** |  |  |  |
| 28 | Greater use of the Hall locally | 1 | - | 1 |
| 29 | Greater transparency on roles and planning for the Hall committee | 2 | 6 | 8 |
| 30 | Improved communication with the Hall committee and residents | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 31 | Village hall maintenance programme greater visibility | 1 | - | 1 |
| 32 | Hall and Parish committees – improved relations | - | 3 | 3 |
| 33 | Hall and carpark lighting restoration | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 34 | Improved behaviours of residents in the Hall committee meetings | - | 3 | 3 |

**Appendix 1: Illustrations of comments received.**

*‘For Strutt & Parker to engage with the Parish regarding the replanting. For there to be a two-way conversation so that resident’s views and requests can be incorporate into the replanting plans. Some of the replanting (e.g. from Stonehouse Lane) can be done as reforestation by the contractor , however the village hall car especially and also the area behind the black and white cottage are in the middle of the village and needs a re-landscaping scheme and tree planting suitable for the area rather than it being replanted as if it was hectare of forest. Particularly the Village Hall area needs a pleasant re-landscaping plan and to incorporate parking’.*

*‘Bringing the community/communities together. Social events calendar, or community volunteer groups to help keep those more isolated members of the village engaged.’*

*‘Communicate with the local farmers/land owners (including the Estate) to ensure that the public footpaths are regularly maintained in line with statutory obligations’.*