Felsham & Gedding Parish Plan 2012

...because the future of the village is our concern!
Our Parish Plan

Shaping the future for Felsham...

In March 2019 Felsham Parish Council began the process to establish a Parish Plan for Felsham. A steering committee was formed under the chairmanship of Judith Shallow and over the last two years the residents of our parish have been canvassed to establish their view of the future for our village.

At the outset there were of course clear guidelines as a Parish Plan is a statement of how our village should evolve over the coming years. It is essential that it reflects the views of all sections of the community, identifies which features and local characteristics people value most, highlights local problems and opportunities and considers solutions.

Whatever residents have suggested that is important to them has been included in this plan as a prioritised list of projects and objectives strictly in accordance with their wishes.

Felsham Parish Council would like to express their gratitude to all members of the Parish Plan committee for all their valuable work in preparing a blueprint for the future of Felsham.

David Williams
Felsham Parish Council Chairman
May 2003 to May 2012

...and for Gedding

I welcome the publication of the Parish Plan report and warmly thank my colleagues on the Parish Plan Steering Group for all the work which has gone into its preparation.

The Steering Group has collated the answers that parishioners kindly provided to the questionnaires and has set out an Action Plan, based on your answers, for maintaining and improving our community.

We hope that you find it useful helpful and informative. Gedding Parish Meeting looks forward to working with residents and Felsham Parish Council towards its implementation in our parishes.

Dr Henry Fell
Chairman, Gedding Parish Meeting
Introduction

Dear Fellow Villagers...

It gives me great pleasure to be writing this introduction signalling that the work that we have carried out over the last couple of years is coming to a close but, more excitingly, that another period of actually making some changes for the better can now begin.

The idea of a Parish Plan for Felsham arose out of a meeting called by Felsham Parish Council (FPC) in Spring 2010 at which a representative from Suffolk ACRE presented the pros and cons. There was great enthusiasm from those present. This was a chance for the villagers to present a clear mandate to their councillors - local, district and county - on how we saw our community developing over the next decade or so. We quickly realised that a Parish Plan for Felsham could not be complete without input from our close neighbours in Gedding with whom we share so many facilities. Thus we created a Steering Group comprising around ten members including two Felsham Parish Councillors, the Chairman of the Gedding Parish Meeting (GPM) and volunteers from both villages among them representative of a number of key organisations including the Village Hall, Playing Field and Village News committees.

We met approximately once a month to hammer out what we believed to be the main issues facing our communities. We had a consultation stall at the Felsham Fun Day which helped confirm our thoughts, and having met and spoken with many of the village groups and local landowners we finally elected to follow a method tried and tested in other communities and that was to circulate questionnaires to every household. We also wished to engage with the businesses within our community and young residents via their own questionnaires. We decided NOT to follow other villages lead in using the undoubtedly helpful but expensive methodology on offer from Suffolk ACRE. After researching other Parish Plans we appreciated that we were starting from a stronger starting point than some other communities who had undergone this process - we already had many of the things that their plans identified as necessary to build their communities so we designed our questions to try to build on, rather than rebuild, what we have.

By Summer 2011 we had the three questionnaires ready for distribution and our volunteers endeavoured to deliver and solicit a response from every household in the two villages. We are rich in generosity of time and spirit in Felsham and Gedding and we owe a great deal to the Steering Group members for their hard work - their names are listed later - and the fact we have achieved this Plan for a fraction of the amount spent by other communities.

The Plan’s highlights were presented to both FPC and GPM in January last year and followed up with a power point presentation open to all parishioners in February. Unfortunately this coincided with the snow so not a great number turned out so for many of you this will be the first time you have been presented with the results. However, it is largely good news. There are no earth-shattering negative results, nor (to some surprise) is there a great difference of opinion between the two villages - we live in a strong community in a beautiful area of the countryside where people are mostly very happy with what they have, rather than fretting about what they don’t. Most have made a conscious decision to come here or stay here and there is general agreement on which issues are important.

During the course of the development of this Plan there have been dramatic changes to our country and local government in terms of the economic downturn with cuts across the board. Even if we wanted the moon, there is realistically no prospect of us getting it - luckily the major findings will allow us to concentrate on achieving some quite important things, many simply and cheaply and, as changes come, allow our elected representatives to speak to outside bodies with the authority of the villagers behind them.

Thank you to everyone who has helped us get this far, who answered the questionnaires seriously and thoughtfully and to those who will now, I hope, step forward and help bring our Action Plan into being.

Judith Shallow
Chairman
Felsham & Gedding Parish Plan Steering Group
Where are we?

Background

Felsham is an attractive rural village about eight miles southeast of Ely. There is a church, a thriving shop and post office, a working garage and popular pub called The Six Bells. There is a lively community spirit and many village activities take place each month in the Village Hall, on the Playing Field or elsewhere. An elected Parish Council meets monthly. Many of the 200 or so homes are grouped around and between the two village greens - Lower Green and Upper Green. This central area is a designated Conservation Area, the only one in Suffolk that protects the historic core of the village area by withdrawing normal permitted development rights. The parish contains numerous well-surfaced footpaths and many quiet by-ways which makes it popular with walkers and cyclists. Many of the footpaths lead to the National Nature Reserve of Bradfield Woods.

The neighbouring village of Gedding comprises around 50 houses including the magnificent Elizabethan Gedding Hall and a tiny church. Classed as a 'village in the countryside', currently no development is allowed. Gedding does not have a Parish Council but has a bi-annual Parish Meeting.

Felsham and Gedding share an extensive Playing Field and a Victorian Village Hall (the original school) and collaborate on a monthly village newsletter distributed to every household.

The Context

Out of approximately 230 questionnaires delivered, 154 were returned - this represents a 67% return rate. Responses represented the views of all age ranges (the 5-17 year olds had their own questionnaire) covering a total of 339 people across the 154 households. Age is weighted towards the 40+ age group (65%). Gender representation was almost equal. The average household size was 2.2 people.

There is a sizable proportion of residents who have lived in Felsham or Gedding for over 20 years (30%).

The majority of statistics given are an average drawn from both villages' responses. Where there were significant differences in opinion they are spelt out separately.

Gedding was found to have a slightly older population who had lived there longer, more couples and more home workers.

In the opinion of the Steering Group the response rate represents a mandate for the FPC and GPM to act. The number of responses from Felsham adults (216) equates to the number of people who voted in the last Felsham Parish Council election (220). There is a sizable minority who, for whatever reason, chose not to respond so inevitably we are unable to take their views into account. It is tempting to assume they are happy with things as they are - it is to be hoped they do not feel socially excluded from what appears to be a largely sociable, caring and cohesive community.
There was a strong message from the respondents, hopefully giving the Parish Councils plenty of ammunition to protect the community from inappropriate development.

Felsham and Gedding are clearly desirable places to live. Most people cited convenience to their workplace (many actually working - or studying - from home) and many more professing to want a rural lifestyle. Most people indicated equally strongly that there was no desire for any significant new housing development in the villages (this was even more strongly endorsed by Gedding). 51% wished to maintain the current mixed community and 32% wanted no change.

"Bungalows so older people can downsize without having to leave the village"

"All new housing should have chimneys"

In answer to the question of what type of development might be beneficial, the largest number of people opted for converting redundant buildings, followed by no development or small/starter homes. Infill was considered appropriate. Concern was expressed about the lack of affordable housing to buy (genuine starter homes) for young people from the village or retirement homes to allow families to stay nearby. Most homes are currently 3 bedroom, very few 1 bedroom which should point the way to smaller housing development when appropriate. Only 5% saw the need for any more large homes (4+ bedrooms) to be built.

"Housing for younger people so they stay and keep our village a vibrant place to live"

A number of people expressed the hope that any new buildings should include renewable technology (solar, wind, heat exchangers, etc.).

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Felsham Conservation Area

There was some confusion among responders on this. The questionnaire did not specifically ask about the conservation area - it did ask about conservation areas in terms of stewardship of the natural environment. However, some have taken conservation to mean in relation to planning issues with quite a few references in various sections (why live in the village/planning issues) about the advantages of being a conservation village and some comments to say maybe it should be extended. Some people expressed a negative view complaining that it restricts natural development, others stating if Felsham were to extend the current boundary it would conflict with the requirement for new houses or modern approaches to energy. In hindsight it was a mistake not to include it - something for a future update to consider - as we were also unaware that Mid Suffolk were concurrently conducting an appraisal of the Conservation Area to which we might have been able to contribute.

"Would like conservation status taken off - it means nothing (solar panels, renewing windows, etc) can be done without planning permission."

Action Points!

- Steering Group to make these views known to the local councils so they can respond appropriately to developers/planning authorities.
- Ascertain whether there ARE any redundant buildings that could be converted.
On Village Amenities, Social and Recreation:

“A popular pub with decent food”
Around 40% (slightly fewer in Felsham than Gedding) consider it essential to have a local Garage operating.
A great number of the responses regretted the lack of availability of petrol and a number expressed the wish that the garage area could be tidied up, considering it an eyesore in the village centre.

Shopping and Services

Felsham is extremely fortunate in still having a working garage, pub, Post Office and general stores – many other villages in Suffolk have lost these facilities in recent years. 75% of the respondents support the PO/Shop on a weekly basis, 60% support the pub and 40% the garage.
Many positive suggestions were made as to how these businesses could add to their perceived value which have been passed on to the individuals concerned.

75% of respondents across both villages consider it essential to have a local Post Office with almost the same percentage visiting the Post Office stores weekly.
Daily usage (17%) was (unsurprisingly) slightly higher by Felsham residents. Only 2.5% claimed to ‘never’ use the facility.

“I use the shop about 3 times a week”
Almost 60% of Felsham and 55% of Gedding respondents wanted the Pub to offer a mix of food, drink, bar games, community events & quizzes.
A considerable number of respondents commented on the fact the Pub had had a varied and unstable time over the past few years but hoped it could once again regain stability – several felt its sale and independence as a freehouse would help ensure that.

Action Point!

Ø Store owners,
Pub Landlords and the Garage operators all to be congratulated on providing valuable services to the villages in difficult times – a great number of comments were made which will be passed on to the appropriate proprietors for information should they wish it.
The questionnaires detailed other suppliers visiting on a regular basis including the milkman, fruit and vegetable van, fish and chip van, etc.

"didn't know any of them existed - would use fruit and veg man"

Only around 30% of respondents claimed to use visiting suppliers including the milkman. In answer to 'What other services might you like to see visit/delivered to the village?' a considerable number listed fresh fish, bread and Indian take-away. Several made the point that the milkman could be too late to be of service and others commented they'd been unaware of its current visiting suppliers.

The questions about the County Council's Mobile Library Service, which at the time was facing an uncertain future, produced the biggest discrepancy of all. In answer to 'Do you use the mobile library service? 33% in Felsham and 24% in Gedding said 'yes'. But in response to 'Would you support some kind of community action to preserve or enhance the library service if necessary?' 73% in Felsham and 64% in Gedding said they would!

"didn't know the mobile library existed"

Since then the County Council have announced the service will reduce from fortnightly to monthly. There is clearly a huge discrepancy between actual use and potential support. The revised service proposed would appear to reflect current use.

Action Points!

Liaise with current suppliers and ensure they know they could:

a) advertise in Village News,

b) be listed in a local business directory being compiled as an outcome from the Business Questionnaire.

Seek out and invite others to visit the villages e.g. Lavenham Indian Restaurant.

Monitor situation and if service is threatened further then review how this could be mitigated by the local supportive community.

Cultural, Sporting and Recreational Facilities

The two village Churches are both used for regular worship, special festive services and christenings, weddings and funerals. Following recent improvements to facilities, Felsham Church is better placed to host after-service functions, cultural concerts and talks.

Over 50% considered the Village Churches important as a key feature or historic building and this was underlined by a similar percentage considering that the cost of maintaining the Church buildings and graveyard should be borne by all villagers as well as regular worshippers. This is just as well; as less than 8% in Felsham and 10% in Gedding claimed to be regular worshippers, although across both villages this figure rises to 40% of people who attend special services and ceremonies.

“A well used and loved church”

91% considered the Rector to have a wider role in the community visiting the elderly, housebound or sick although one person commented that this should be everyone’s job, not just the Rector’s. 92% felt both churches should remain open. Many comments were made on activities that could be carried on in the Churches to keep them relevant and vibrant community buildings.

An important contributor to the maintenance of the church in Felsham is The Felsham Charity. Almost a third of Felsham residents were unaware of the charity and the possibilities of their applying for grants or aid. The Charity also controls the allotments in Felsham and 14 people expressed the desire to apply for one, should the possibility arise.

Allotments in Gedding are in the gift of the Church PCC. Four people expressed a desire to apply for one should there be a vacancy.

The well-used Village Hall and Village Playing Field are tremendous community assets and run a large number of activities aimed at all age levels. Both of these are run by separately constituted charitable committees.

The Village Hall offers facilities for older people, teenagers and young children - the WI, Mother and Toddler, fitness classes are all regular features, there is a monthly film club. Responses indicated a great amount of appreciation and usage of these community facilities, but also indicated that not everyone is aware of how many things go on there already - many things that do currently happen were listed as desirable suggestions.

Charity needs to produce a leaflet to explain its role and remit to village residents. Grant recipients, particularly the young, might be persuaded to write up their experiences for Village News so others realise they can get help for expeditions, educational grants, etc.

Both the Village Hall Committee and the Playing Field Committee to be offered sight of the individual comments.

Comments will be passed on to the Parochial Church Councils and the new Rector for consideration and action.
In terms of access to healthcare, members of the community use the services run by Woolpit Health Centre – 21 people regularly use the mini bus service and its value appears to be borne out by the fact that in response to the question ‘Do you have any difficulty arranging transport to medical visits’, only 8 people (all in Felsham) said yes. 49 people use the pharmacy delivery service. These services are appreciated and any disruption would cause difficulties for several families.

96.5% of respondents feel safe in the village while 10 did not. Twenty-two people said street lighting would make them feel safer but it appeared that a number of these comments came from specific areas of the village, specifically some from the area of The Sheltered Housing – therefore maybe some carefully placed sensor lights might alleviate the problem rather than ‘street lighting’. There were individual comments against any further street lighting in the village.

“do not believe street lighting is appropriate in a rural area”

Twenty-four called for either more police presence or for a Neighbourhood Watch scheme (this was endorsed by the Business Questionnaires – see page 28) and, although in a national context, our crime figures would appear extremely low, there were 22 people who claimed to have been affected by crime in the past year.

“although I feel safe, my home has been burgled 3 times”

Further investigation showed that there had been 13 crimes reported to the police, mostly theft, committed in Felsham in the past year which was almost twice the previous year. The numbers indicated were high because often more than one person was affected by the same crime, but also some were the same people affected by several crimes. Thirteen is clearly too many and, with 33% of the businesses respondents claiming to have been affected by crime over the past 5 years, there is a clear need to do something to prevent the figures rising still further.

Speeding traffic was also identified as a safety issue (see more under Traffic and Highways, page 14).

Action Points!

Ask the Parish Council to arrange a meeting, involving our Safer Neighbourhood Team Officer, to discuss the way forward.

Possibly introduce a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme?

Investigate possibility of installing strategic lights to assist elderly near their homes.
Perhaps THE most significant finding of this Plan is the number of people who suffer with poor mobile phone signal and a poor level of Broadband.

Do you have any reception difficulties?

There was an unexpectedly high degree of problems identified but especially with mobile phones and internet/broadband. There were literally hundreds of comments complaining or suggesting improvements (although many were in layman’s terms) but these were endorsed by the businesses within our community.

The top service provider is BT (53%) and second is Vodafone (34%).

"We need a Mobile phone Mast"

"Broadband is terrible! Need upgraded broadband ASAP"

"Don't know what can be done, but it reduces capacity to work from home a great deal."

"Fibre optic upgrade for broadband and more repeater stations for mobile phones."

"Mobile phone signal only reliable standing outside our back door."

There is a definite mandate here to do something about it. The Steering Group have been monitoring the Better Broadband for Suffolk campaign but as a matter of urgency we need to:

Seek out experts within the community as some of the comments indicated a certain amount of expert technical knowledge.

Set up a knowledgeable working group to look at scale of the problem and come up with possible solutions. Possibly linking with other local villages? Our District Councillor might be able to help link us up with other villages with similar problems.
How do you receive local information?

Responses indicated that 77% receive local information either via the Village News, word of mouth, the village notice boards, and posters. There was little indication that people read either the local paper or the district council newsletter.

Despite this apparently positive uptake, time and time again answers to other questions, or individual comments and suggestions, indicated that people were often not aware of things that we already have or do. It is felt that perhaps the production of a Welcome Pack, or similar to the village that could be given to newcomers and include a whole raft of useful information. This might in the first instance be given out to the whole village, and thereafter to newcomers. The new village websites that have come into being during the period of this plan being produced will also be a useful vehicle for carrying this type of information, the Village News will be available to download and we could make far more effective use of the Village E-vine if more people signed up. In terms of Emergency Planning and almost instant information about say flash foods, or suspect vehicles, the E-vine could play a far more instant and proactive role.

“Although our most useful source of local information, Village News is often delivered so late that we have missed half the events.”

BIG JUBILEE LUNCH
Don’t forget to book your tickets
SUNDAY 3rd JUNE

Please join in the celebrations.

Develop an easily updatable Welcome Pack.

Notice boards and posters must be kept in good condition, kept up to date, have space and be accessible to all.

Village News must be issued timely.

Community events and community venues are important to promote word of mouth communication (21%).

MSDC to be advised that newsletter is not effective.

Consider how best to inform all residents of what is going on regularly; encourage far greater take up of the Felsham E-vine.

Ditto use of new village websites as a source of reference.
On Environment:

The recycling facilities in the Village Hall Car Park, which generate an income for the Village Hall are clearly a huge success - 95% of Felsham respondents say they use them and 83% of Gedding. These were among the highest figures indicating them very well used and in the correct place. No negative comments and no indication that Gedding might want their own facility.

"A communal green waste site. We drive hedge cuttings to Stowmarket!"

In a similar way to the questions on 'Conservation' the responses on 'Footpaths' were confused and thus difficult to analyse. One man's 'footpath' is another man's 'pavement' as opposed to 'right of way'. Almost 50% walk regularly and another 40% use the footpaths occasionally. Generally there seemed to be consensus that the villages were well served with walks which were on the whole well maintained. Some were felt to 'go nowhere' and others commented that historical routes need not be kept open just because they were historical - records could be kept and more practical, 'year-round' routes could be offered.

"don't like walking across farmers crops if there is an obvious way around that landowners would prefer walkers to use..re-routing of paths around field perimeters should be made easier for landowners"

In terms of environmental improvements in the area, 81% (Felsham residents only) saw a Felsham Village Sign as a welcome improvement and there was considerable demand for more bins (dog, litter and grit), and village seating (76%). A suggestion was made that rather than bright yellow bins, a more attractive option may be to install old tractor tyres to contain the grit.

Support Parish Council in research, costing and placing of Felsham Village Sign.

Investigate green waste recycling possibilities, maybe on the allotments?

Review if the local footpath network needs some modernising?

Investigate placement of further dog and litter bins and grit 'bins'.
Two hundred and twenty-seven vehicles were listed on the Household Questionnaire potentially indicating at least 500 vehicle movements out/in to the villages daily without visiting, passing or business traffic.

There were 15 complaints on speeding traffic (many more if you take into account the comments on the Youth Questionnaires) and high risk areas were identified as the major entry points to the village: Cockfield Road, Bury Road and Rattlesden Road as well as through Gedding and around the Playing Field. There were conflicting views expressed on cars parked outside the Post Office (some think it is dangerous, others think it has a 'traffic calming effect').

Spreading traffic and safe access from Church Road, Felsham and Gedding Hill to the Playing Field were also highlighted as major factors threatening safety.

"clamp down on speeding motorists"

"Lower Green traffic calming to slow the traffic"

"Would like the ability to walk between the two villages without risking life on the road."

Keep issue of parking outside the Post Office under review if, as has been suggested, the School Bus Stop is to be moved to that part of the village.

Seek any means of improving safety in accessing Playing Field by pedestrians/cyclists.

Investigate possible new off-road pedestrian route between the two villages.

Encourage people to volunteer to help with the Parish Council’s Speedwatch scheme.

Consider investing in flashing signs/alternative forms of traffic calming to slow traffic at village entry points and Lower Green.
By far the most comments on the Household Questionnaires as well as the Youth Questionnaires was on the lack of public transport – but although many people regretted the lack of buses, it was not clear how many people (other than the young or elderly) would use a service if reinstated since the majority have their own cars.

"The bus service is a terrible waste of money and fuel – hardly ever used. With a little bit of organising car journeys could be shared or offered to the elderly or those without cars."

Fifty people indicated they would be prepared to car share and a number of people volunteered to help set up a car share scheme.

"Buses at least on market days and Saturdays, as anyone without a car, including the youngsters, can’t ever get in or out of the village without a lift."

As mentioned above the Health Centre’s mini bus scheme is used and valued and could provide a blueprint for our community to provide at least some kind of transport to those who need it for market days, Friday nights out for the teenagers, group outings etc.

Currently there is a trial weekly bus service into Bury on Wednesdays allowing approx a 2 hour shopping trip.

Investigate Health Centre mini bus scheme and see if Felsham and Gedding might replicate for specific dates/events.

Investigate Suffolk Link or similar as a means of getting people from Felsham/Gedding to Cockfield once or twice a week to use the regular bus service from there.

Investigate if a new Community Council might be able to procure and operate some kind of Community Mini Bus scheme (as in Cockfield).
Map of the Parishes of Felsham
by Paula Gladwell
Thirty seven young people - aged between 5 and 17 - out of 46 identified by the Household Questionnaire responses, completed their own Youth Questionnaires. They were equally representative between girls and boys and even across the age groups but with a significant number of 16 years olds. 12 went to Primary School, 6 to Middle, 9 to Upper School and 9 to 6th Form or College.

Most felt safe in the villages, but those that didn't feel safe identified the lack of paths to the playing fields.

"Impossible to ride bike to playing field, dangerous corner, cars too fast"

"Traffic too fast, especially vans"

Over half were frustrated by the lack of public transport relying on their parents.

"Better basketball court, because lots of people use it and the hoops are terrible"
to take them to town, clubs (swimming and dance), friends and even to part-time jobs. 67% would use a mini bus if one was provided.

"there are no buses into and from town."
"Isolation due to poor transport".

Although reading came quite high on the favourite activities (second in both villages) hardly any of the respondents used the mobile library and only a third use the library service in towns. The majority have mobile phones, nearly all have access to the Internet, two thirds use email.

A long and diverse ‘wish list’ featured a tennis court as a strong favourite along with a place to play indoor games. A third found the villages peaceful and enjoyed meeting friends in the friendly atmosphere. 6% could find ‘nothing to complain about’ cancelled out by the 6% who could find nothing to do!

"Middle of nowhere so it is quiet."
"Quite a few young people that I know live here."

Three volunteered to represent their peers at Parish Council meetings or other forums.

Action Points!

- Seriously investigate traffic calming around the Playing Field.
- Safe access to Playing Field from both villages.
- Investigate some form of regular transport to convey the young to town.
- Invite the young to participate in Village planning meetings (Parish Council, Village Hall Committee) to embrace their views and encourage greater participation.

Working with the young village residents investigate improving facilities for teenagers (use of local tennis courts, indoor play sessions, internet café, etc).
Thirty-four Business Questionnaires were returned. In addition the Household Questionnaire indicated that 64 people work from home - thus one third of the working community (33%) are either working from home or running their own business from home.

"Nice quiet place to work with not many cold callers or interruptions."

It would appear that by far the biggest inhibitors to further business growth are new jobs or more people being able to work from home thus boosting the local economy are poor communications (mobile signal - affecting 87% of respondents and slow broadband speeds - affecting 65%). BT supply 71% of these businesses with their broadband.

"By far the biggest problem with trying to work here is the very poor internet connection."

Sixteen businesses said they would give money to improve the village appearance and contribute towards Felsham Village Sign.

"Felsham appears tatty, verges poor, council houses a mess, lack of flowers."

"Felsham and Gedding are smart, well maintained villages."

Twenty-three business respondents would support a campaign for a discreet mobile phone mast.

Twelve businesses requested entry in a Local Business Directory.
Nine businesses claimed they might make use of a local light industrial park, for office space, storage or manufacture if one was available.

"Pretty rural villages which should not be blighted by industry - light or otherwise"

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**In boring...**

**Better Broadband for Suffolk**

To join the campaign for better broadband for Suffolk visit:

www.suffolk.gov.uk/broadband

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**Action Points!**

- As with the results of the Household Questionnaire, there is a definite mandate here to "do something about it". The Steering Group have been monitoring the "Better Broadband for Suffolk" campaign but as a matter of urgency we need to:

  - Seek out experts within our working community as some of the comments indicated a certain amount of expert technical knowledge.

  - Set up a knowledgeable working group to look at scale of the problem and come up with possible solutions. Possibly linking with other local villages? Our District Councillor might be able to help link us up with other villages with similar problems.

  - Ask the Parish Council to arrange a meeting, involving our Safer Neighbourhood Team Officer, to discuss way forward.

  - Introduce a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme involving the local businesses.

  - Help promote local business to potential customers via a Local Business Directory (in the first instance as an Appendix to this Plan) subsequently in the Welcome Pack? In Village News?
There was a massive difference in response from the two villages in response to how well informed people feel about Parish Council matters, see Fig 1 below.

Why do Gedding residents feel better informed of local parish matters? Felsham parish councillors need higher profiles, residents should feel they know them and can approach them with any issues or questions and - despite our currently having the same person as our District and County Councillor - people are obviously unaware that she represents us on both councils. This was demonstrated by the response to the question 'Do you know who your elected representatives are?' see Fig 2.

"Prospective parish councillors should have held a meeting before the election to show us who they were and what they stood for."

When asked 'Do you feel your elected representatives are aware of local concerns?' responses indicated that the remoter the tier of government the lower the satisfaction/level of awareness - see Fig 3, opposite.

This is as we would expect indicating local concerns are being easily addressed. Linked to the earlier question, it shows that people are contacting the appropriate body about their concerns, even if they don't know their individual representatives.
The main risks identified across the Parish Plan have already been mentioned and strategies suggested to mitigate them:

- An increased risk of crime
- Danger from speeding vehicles, especially in the vicinity of the Playing Field.

However accidents (both motor and personal) resulting from ice and snow came up and 'gritting' was a major issue with 43% raising it and the obvious health and safety risks to both the elderly and economic risks to businesses, as well as inconvenience caused to individual households, should be considered in connection with extreme weather conditions (recent flash flooding), strong winds with resulting power interruption, storms and falling trees etc.

A considerable number of respondents did offer to help in an emergency and a list has been compiled with their specialist qualifications/equipment available in an emergency. Copies of this list will be lodged with the Chairman of the PPC, Chairman of the GPM, at the Post Office and with Felsham Parish Clerk.

The Felsham E-vine and new village websites should be developed and integrated to help disseminate emergency information in the sort of situations described above.

Action Points!

- To address the risks posed above, an Emergency Plan should be drawn up in consultation with Felsham Parish Council and Gedding Parish Meeting the local authorities and the Suffolk Joint Emergency Planning Unit.
Volunteers:

This is where people were unnecessarily modest!

Only 18 people registered approximately 45 volunteer hours per week - this was an identifiable section so we know it is not representative of the amount of time actually given to the community. An additional 18 hours were registered as charity work outside the immediate community. Hours worked voluntarily in a community can be counted towards matched funding for specific projects so it may well be necessary to attempt to collate this information again at some point.

However 17 people volunteered to help with various church duties (churchyard work parties, clearing etc); 3 to help with Village News; 5 to help with Youth projects; 11 people to help the elderly; 5 to help with a Neighbourhood Watch type scheme; 9 to set up a car share scheme; and 30, by far the largest number, volunteered to be involved with various environmental/conservation projects (e.g. litter picking).

Many of these volunteers could form the basis of working groups commissioned to deal with priority points on the Parish Plan Action Plan or join a new Community Council.

The next steps?

The Felsham & Gedding Parish Plan Steering Committee have drawn up this Document and the Action Plan that follows to the best of our ability and given the statistics presented to us. The relative priorities - High, Medium and Low - have been applied given the strength of feeling expressed in the responses but also given the relative possibility of achieving the actions.

Since the meeting when we presented the highlights of the Plan many of the relatively 'easy fix' actions have been completed or commenced as indicated.

We are pleased to present this Plan to the villages and their respective Councils and respectfully request that the Councils adopt the Action Plan.

We also propose that the Steering Committee be retained for the time being, renamed 'Working Group' and as such we undertake to put into place the various Action Points or help create appropriate working groups to take specific projects forward as we have suggested. We also foresee a monitoring role ensuring the Councils take action on these points we have suggested are their responsibility.

All this is subject to agreement by Villagers at a further public meeting to be held following the publication of this Plan.

We hope to see you there!
## Housing and Future Development

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<td>Use of Redundant Buildings for Housing</td>
<td>Create a list of current redundant buildings that owners could consider for development</td>
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<td>Local shop, garage and pub well received and supported</td>
<td>Inform shop, garage and pub of findings of survey along with suggestions given for improvements</td>
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<td>Monitor existing level of service</td>
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<td>Mobile Library Service is poorly used but well supported.</td>
<td>Advertise existing service better through Village Websites</td>
<td>Felsham Parish Council &amp; Gedding Parish Meeting</td>
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<td>Eleanor Shallow has been volunteered to do this!</td>
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<td>Mobile Suppliers (Fruit and Veg Van, Fish and Chip Van, Milkman) are not known about</td>
<td>Advertise existing service better through Village News</td>
<td>Village News Committee</td>
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<td>Seek out other potential suppliers and invite them to advertise in the Village News/Business Directory</td>
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### Action Plan

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<td>Keep Felsham and Gedding Churches vibrant and relevant to the local populations</td>
<td>Comments received through Parish Plan Questionnaire will be passed on to the Parochial Church Councils and the new Rector for consideration and action.</td>
<td>Parish Plan Working Group</td>
<td>Parochial Church Councils</td>
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<td>The Felsham Charity is not well known</td>
<td>Charity needs to produce a leaflet to explain its role and remit to village residents.</td>
<td>The Felsham Charity</td>
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<td>Some residents and businesses have concerns regarding security.</td>
<td>Felsham Parish Council and Gedding Parish Meeting to arrange a meeting involving Safer Neighbourhood Team Officer to discuss way forward</td>
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<td>Investigate possibility of introducing a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme</td>
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<td>Investigate possibility of installing strategic lights to assist elderly into their homes</td>
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<td>Poor mobile phone signal and poor broadband connection</td>
<td>Set up a knowledgeable working group to look at scale of the problem and come up with possible solutions. Possibly linking with other local villages? Our County Councillor might be able to help link us up with other villages with similar problems.</td>
<td>Mobile Phone and Broadband Reception Working Group</td>
<td>Suffolk County Council</td>
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<td>Production of a Welcome Pack to new residents in the Villages</td>
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<td>Notice boards and posters must be kept in good condition, kept up to date, have space and be accessible to all.</td>
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<td>Felsham Parish Council &amp; Gedding Parish Meeting</td>
<td>Owners of the Notice boards</td>
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<td>Generally improve communication stream to all residents</td>
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<td>MSDC to be advised that newsletter is not effective.</td>
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<td>Encourage greater take up of the E-vine</td>
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<td>Request for local green waste recycling facility</td>
<td>Investigate green waste recycling possibilities, maybe on the Allotments?</td>
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<td>The Felsham Charity</td>
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<td>Village Sign for Felsham</td>
<td>Support Felsham Parish Council in research, costing and placing of a Village Sign</td>
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<td>Local Footpath Network</td>
<td>Review if the local footpath network needs some modernising especially with a view to better connections between the two villages</td>
<td>Felsham Parish Council &amp; Gedding Parish Meeting</td>
<td>Local Landowners/Mid Suffolk District Council</td>
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<td>Provision of further bins</td>
<td>Investigate placement of further dog and litter bins and grit bins</td>
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<td>Encourage people to volunteer to help with the Parish Council's speed watch scheme</td>
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<td>Consider investing in flashing signs/alternative forms of traffic calming to slow traffic at village entry points and Lower Green</td>
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<td>Seek any means of improving safety in accessing Playing Field by pedestrians/cyclists</td>
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<td>Keep issue of parking outside the Post Office under review if, as has been suggested, the School Bus Stop is to be moved to that part of the village</td>
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<td>Lack of public transport at convenient times</td>
<td>Investigate Health Centre mini bus scheme and see if Felsham &amp; Gedding might replicate for specific dates/events</td>
<td>Felsham Parish Council &amp; Gedding Parish Meeting</td>
<td>Public Transport Working Group</td>
<td>Woolpit Health Centre/ Volunteer List</td>
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<td>Investigate 'link' getting people from Felsham/Gedding to Cockfield once or twice a week to use the regular bus service from there</td>
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<td>Investigate if a new Community Council might be able to procure and operate some kind of Community Mini Bus scheme (as in Cockfield)</td>
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<td>Concern about safety of access to Playing Field from the two villages</td>
<td>Seriously investigate traffic calming around the Playing Field</td>
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<td>Difficulties getting out of the villages</td>
<td>Investigate some form of regular transport to convey the young to town</td>
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<td>With the youth setup a working group of volunteers to investigate possible facilities for teenagers (use of local tennis courts, indoor play sessions, internet cafe, etc)</td>
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<td>Requests for additional facilities</td>
<td>Invite the young to participate in Village planning meetings (Playing Field Committee, Village Hall Committee to embrace their views and encourage greater participation</td>
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<td>Promotion of local businesses</td>
<td>Help promote local business to potential customers via a Local Business Directory</td>
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<td>Appendix to Parish Plan/Village Websites</td>
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<td>Felsam to ask Gedding FM what they do to inform residents.</td>
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<td>Inform Cllr Otton to see if she can improve content of report in Village News</td>
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<td>Review Village News layout to reinforce messages</td>
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<td>District Councillor/County Councillor/MP details should be included on the Village News contacts page.</td>
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<td>Improve partnership, working between the two villages</td>
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<td>An increased risk of crime/danger from speeding vehicles, especially in the vicinity of the Playing Field.</td>
<td>An Emergency Plan to be drawn up in consultation with Felsham Parish Council and Gedding Parish Meeting with first points of contact held at the Post Office and with the Parish Clerk.</td>
<td>Felsham Parish Council &amp; Gedding Parish Meeting</td>
<td>The Emergency Services/Mid Suffolk District Council (Emergency Planning Unit)</td>
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<td>The Felsham Evine and new village websites should be developed and integrated to help disseminate emergency information.</td>
<td>Felsham Parish Council &amp; Gedding Parish Meeting</td>
<td>The Emergency Services/Mid Suffolk District Council (Emergency Planning Unit)</td>
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<td>17 people volunteered to help with various church duties (churchyard, work parties, cleaning etc)</td>
<td>Pass details of these volunteers to the Parochial Church Council</td>
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<td>3 people volunteered to help with Village News</td>
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<td>5 people volunteered to help with Youth projects</td>
<td>Contact these volunteers to see if they would set up a Youth Working Group</td>
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<td>11 people volunteered to help the elderly</td>
<td>Pass details of these volunteers to the Village Friends Group</td>
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<td>5 people volunteered to help with a Neighbourhood Watch type scheme</td>
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<td>9 people volunteered to set up a car share scheme</td>
<td>Contact these people to see if they would form a Transport Working Group</td>
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<td>30 people volunteered to be involved with various environmentally conservation projects (e.g. litter picking)</td>
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Appendices

Local business directory

Acorn Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Ltd
T 01449 737966
m 07792 234 115
Commercial refrigeration service, breakdown, maintenance & installation

Apple Tree Cottage
T 01449 737793
www.appletreecottagefelsa.wix.com/appletreecottage
Suppliers of really tasty meat products

Bartrams Brewery
marc@bartramsbrewery.co.uk
Award winning micro brewery

Bay Tree VA,
Bay Tree Cottage,
Stone Farm, Felsham IP30 0HP
Contact Jane Callard
T 01284 828674
m 07780 721133
ejanebaytreeva.co.uk
www.baytreeva.co.uk
Freelance PA/Secretarial Support for business owners and home based professionals.

Jan Cooper
The Haven, Upper Green
Felsham, IP30 0PL
T 01449 736779
Jane@holistics.com
Pilates instructor offering private lessons to clients for fitness and rehabilitation.
Also teaching clients skills required to aid health-promoting relaxation.

Jane Crick
www.janeckrick.co.uk
T 01449 736913
Greetings cards, gift wrap, stationery, housewares and fine art prints.

Felsham Post Office Stores
T 01449 736290

Felsham Garage
T 01449 736477

NotNoTrouble Ltd
www.notnotrouble.co.uk
T 01449 737971
Web Design - Steve Wyman,
Event Management - Serena Wyman

Simon Ridley
m 0776 598 8532
Plumbing, heating, boiler services,
small building work

Six Bells Public House
Church Road, Felsham
T 01449 736268

Phil Tuin
01234 828344
Free range poultry - chickens throughout the year, seasonal geese and turkeys

G.H.Whalley Fencing and Gates
1, Meadow Close
Felsham, IP30 0QS
T 01449 737115
m 07846412535
ejordon.whalley1931@btinternet.com
Installation of gates (bespoke) and fencing; Gates in conjunction with Suffolk Gate company

Peter Wragge Supplies Ltd
www.peterwraggesupplies.co.uk
T 01449 938192
ejohnpeterlubbock@tiscali.co.uk
Suppliers of steel/aluminium sheet roofing products, cladding, assessorias etc

We appreciate this is an incomplete list of businesses operating within Felsham & Gedling, gleaned from the Business Questionnaire and other sources. It is hoped it might form the start of a more regular publication of local businesses and the start of a 'shop local' initiative within our community. Any local business not recorded here wanting to be part of a future Local Business Directory should email the Parish Chairman: jacth@talktalk.net.
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Felsham & Gedding Playing
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Gedding
http://gedding.onesuffolk.net

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