

Parish Council Questionnaire - Comments

<p>1. Which is the principle communication method you would like the Parish Council to use to inform you?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email (8) • Village newsletter (8) • Website (5) • Notice boards (4)
<p>2. How could the Parish Council improve the way it undertakes any of the above activities?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send round annual report with contact details, notification of meetings in advance or in annual report • More advanced notice of meetings (by email) and what is going to be discussed will generate more interest • Improving communication with residents and encouraging members of the public to attend • Seek village opinion; what's important to those in the Grimsteads? • How do we input to a spokesperson at the Parish Council? • Explaining how the PC arrives at decisions made • Hold a public meeting in each village to summarise events of interest/relevance to all, particularly the elderly, every 6 months • Communication has greatly improved within EG on PC activities. Still concerned that there is an imbalance between E&W Grimstead because EG has less visible amenities. • Some parts of the PC could be more proactive/engaged in 21st Century technology • If someone was prepared to research and publicise the village history it might help to develop further the cohesion and pride of the village • Works well - already doing an good/excellent job (4)
<p>3. What other activities do you think the Parish Council could or should undertake?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doing enough (3) – do it efficiently and effectively • Can we enter a prettiest village competition? • Is there anything we can do to improve the Horsepond or the waterway near the bridge and railway embankment? • Liaise with Neighbourhood Watch and Rural Watch • More on village infrastructure as well as social concerns – already seeing improvements here
<p>4. The Parish Council needs to improve generally in the following ways:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making people aware of its role and accessibility • Publish meeting minutes in village magazine – should be clearer on locations as assuming readers have detailed knowledge of both villages. People will lose interest if they can't relate to the synopsis • It's great to see news in the newsletter but it's not always there; is there a resource we can access to see the minutes? Is there going to be another vision for the Grimsteads report? • Posting dates and locations of meetings throughout the year in advance. Maybe also a standing notice on the noticeboard as to how to take part in or raise an issue at a meeting • Proactive on the gypsy encampment and monitoring what is going on down there as it expands • Maintaining broad oversight of the elderly, lonely and infirm

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<p>5. I am willing to support the Parish Council in the following ways:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PC does a great job – thanks for what you’re doing • Filling in consultations and paying Council Tax • What activities need doing – are they posted somewhere? • Distributing leaflets • Objecting to or supporting planning applications • Village activities and improvements e.g. circular walk, litter pick or other improvements • Litter picks (4) • Input of ideas • Advice on the elderly, lonely and infirm; reporting fly tipping • In any way I can – by cheering from the sidelines
<p>6. Other comments:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where does the PC sit in relation to local government departments? • What funding is available to support a campaign against fly tipping? • What resources are available to do things? • Should all enquiries be directed through the PC? • Can anything be done to even up the distribution of R2 monies between E&W Grimstead – too much goes West’s way (2) • Can we use some R2 monies for a major overhaul of the E Grimstead pond? • Could we look at the GRIM6 footpath (runs behind Puck’s Farm) - the styles seem to have been blocked off? • Is the Parish Precept paid in advance annually i.e. at the beginning of the year? • Thanks for taking the time to ask these questions and listen to villagers – it’s great