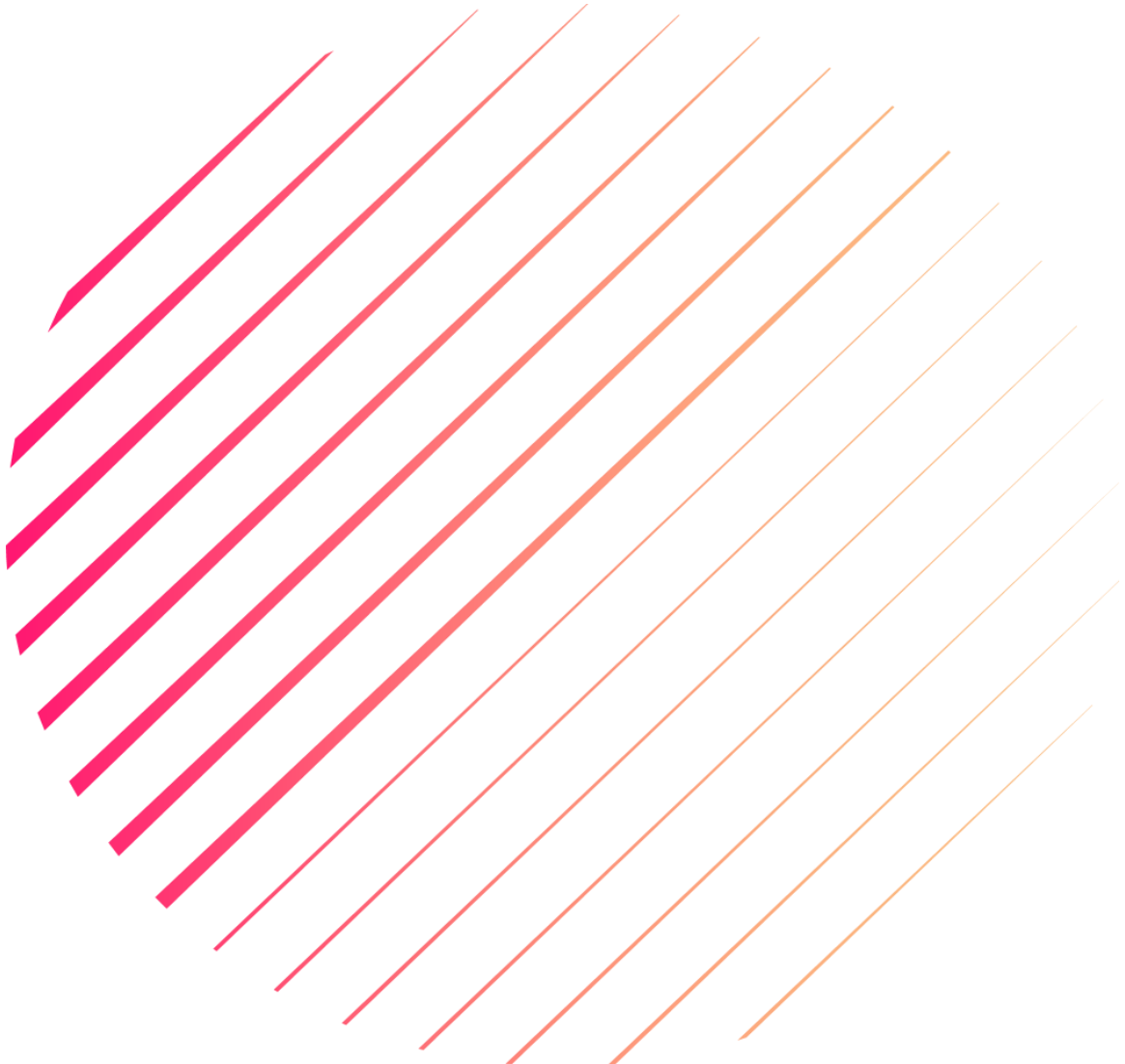




Saxilby with Ingleby's Big Community Consultation - Report



April 2021

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Executive Summary

This report explores and presents the results of the comprehensive Big Community Survey, that was developed to ask residents for their views on the services that the Council provides to inform the delivery of Council services going forwards.

A total of 1090 valid consultation responses were made, with a total of 13 invalid surveys being removed from the data set as a result of the data checking.

Respondents were asked whether they supported the current Council objectives which were based on the public consultation undertaken for the Saxilby with Ingleby Neighbourhood Development Plan. Overall, there was strong support for the Council's current objectives.

Grounds maintenance was strongly supported in the survey with bin emptying, litter picking, the provision of bins/dog waste bins, grass cutting, and the maintenance of trees being most highly rated. The provision of benches and bus shelters was not felt to be as important.

Residents supported the idea of the Community Centre being a Community Hub, with room hire and library provision. Around six in ten respondents felt the provision of changing rooms and the Pavilion Bar was important or very important.

There was a preference for a family friendly bar, with opening hours of weekday afternoons, evenings, and weekends, which would be a reduction of the previous opening hours and for the library opening hours to be 12-15 hours per week, again a reduction from the current provision in opening hours.

The event that respondents felt was most important was the 'Christmas lights switch on and fireworks display' where 84% selected that it was very/important.

These results will be considered by the Council and assist in determining the way forward for the services provided by the Council.

Background

As a public body, serving the local community, it is important that the Council understands the needs and priorities of residents and service users in order to tailor and effectively deliver its services.

Like other organisations, the Council's financial and staffing resources are finite, therefore understanding what the most important areas are for residents will enable the council to continue to focus its resources in the areas that are most important for the community.

Due to the restrictions imposed on access to indoor spaces during the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020/21 and the serious fire at the Community Centre in May 2020, the Community Centre was closed for the majority of the financial year. The building was handed back from the fire restoration contractors in January 2021.

The Council has a duty to spend public money responsibly – undertaking effective financial management, and to identify, assess and manage risks¹. As a result, the Council agreed a 'no income' budget for 2021/22; Income that was not guaranteed, or was uncertain, was not included within the budget. The level of risk the Council would be exposed to, has been exacerbated by the increased uncertainty as a result of Covid-19, whereby the financial risk would be increased if the Council had budgeted for income (and associated expenditure) for 2021/22, but then it did not materialise.

At the July 2019 Full Council Meeting (agenda item 16 - Community Centre Strategy Options Paper) it was agreed that residents would be asked for their views on how they wanted to see their Community Centre and whether they would like to see the continued provision of a bar at the St Andrews Community Centre.

Introduction

A survey was developed to ask residents and service users for their views on the services that the Council provides to inform the decision-making process, in relation to the delivery of Council services and what that service provision should look like going forwards. This report explores and presents the results of the survey.

¹ JPAG Practitioners' Guide (2021) - <https://www.nalc.gov.uk/library/our-work/jpag/3479-practitioners-guide-2021/file>

Methodology

A survey was developed (see Appendix 2, for a blank version) which was available to complete online on Survey Monkey, with access being available via the Council's website, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. A paper survey was also delivered to all properties² and was included in the parish magazine, the Foss Focus. A total of 1,090 valid consultation responses were made.

1. Online

The online Survey Monkey consultation was accessible via the following social media channels – Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, as well as the Council's website. A link to the online version of the survey was also available in the Foss Focus on the survey and on the household paper survey. A total 711 online surveys were received (599 via social media, 79 via the link on the household paper survey and 33 via link on the survey in the Foss Focus).

The social media promotion had a total reach of over 56,281 with 32 posts promoting the survey. The reach for each platform was Facebook - 49,602, Instagram - 2,341, and Twitter - 4,338.

2. Paper Based

A paper survey was hand delivered to each household in the parish in Saxilby and Ingleby. A total of 392 household surveys were received.

3. Foss Focus

The survey was printed in the parish magazine (Foss Focus, January 2020 edition) which has a circulation of around 1,000 households. A total of 12 surveys were received via the Foss Focus.

The consultation period ran from 21st December 2020 to 31st January 2021.

Data Checking

Following the closing date and the paper survey data being input, data checking took place to ensure the accuracy of data and to identify any duplicate entries. Submissions were checked including where more than one survey was submitted from the same IP address. A total of 13 invalid surveys were removed from the data set as a result of the data checking.

Respondent Profile

The profile of respondents was recorded, with 97% respondents stating they lived in Saxilby. 59% of respondents were women compared to 41% men.

The age profile of respondents was heavier for the older age groups, with 55% being age 55+, 32% being 35-54, 10% being 25-34 and 3% being 24 and under. It is recommended that this limitation is noted when considering the results within the report, with further detailed analysis by age to be undertaken.

² 2058 properties (WLDC, Council Tax Team, February 2021)

Results and Analysis

SUPPORT OF COUNCIL OBJECTIVES

Respondents were asked whether they supported the current Council objectives which were based on the public consultation undertaken for the Saxilby with Ingleby Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Overall, there was strong support for the Council's current objectives.

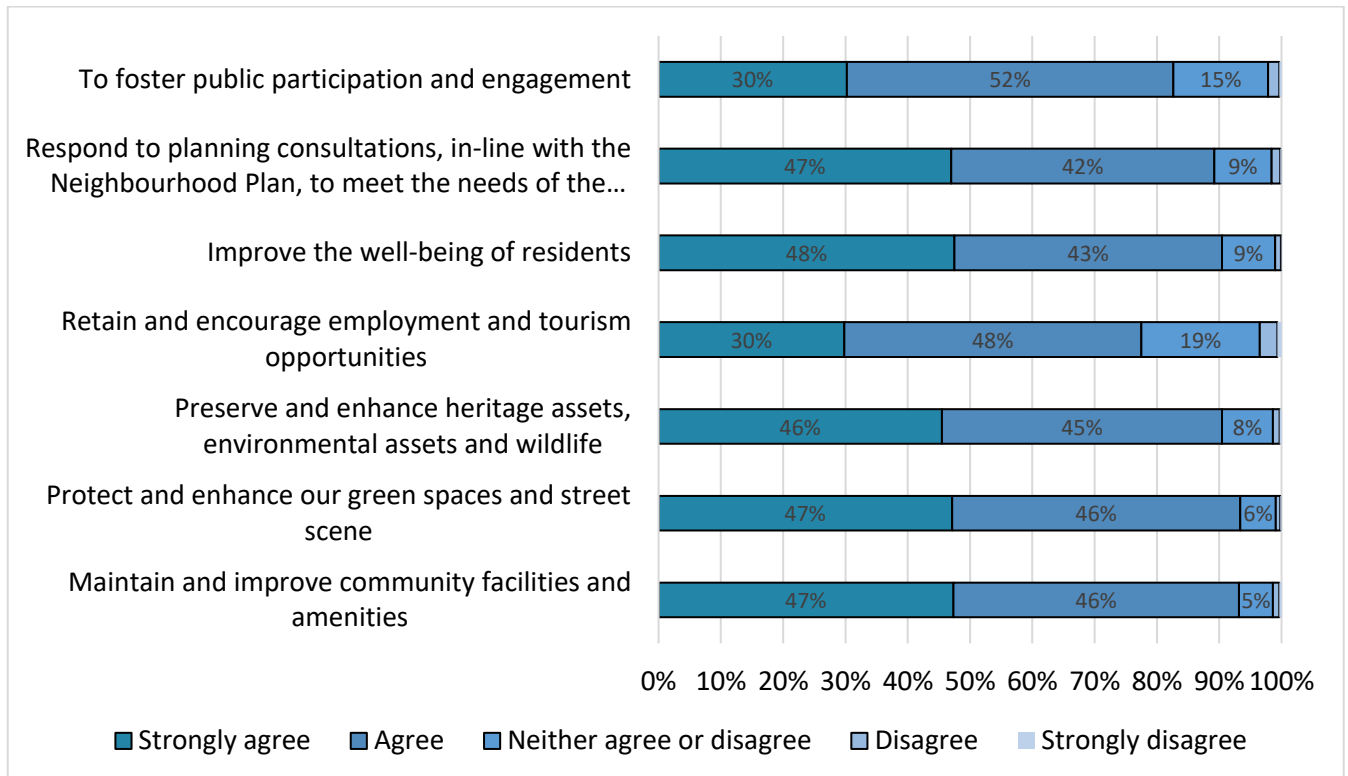


Figure 1: Do agree or disagree with the following council objectives?

Question Respondents: 1076n

Nine in ten respondents strongly/agreed with the objectives of:

- Maintain and improve community facilities and amenities
- Protect and enhance our green spaces and street scene
- Preserve and enhance heritage assets, environmental assets and wildlife
- Improve the well-being of residents

Eight in ten respondents strongly/agreed with the objectives of:

- Respond to planning consultations, in-line with the Neighbourhood Plan, to meet the needs of the community and addressing any transport impacts
- To foster public participation and engagement

Over seven in ten respondents strongly/agreed with the objective of:

- Retain and encourage employment and tourism opportunities

Only ≤3% strongly/disagreed with the objectives.

Respondents were asked if they had any other comments in relation to the objectives. These are reproduced in Appendix 3.

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

The survey asked a number of questions on parish grounds maintenance to find out what areas within this service were regarded as most important to residents. Eight out of the ten areas of provision were rated highly as 'important' or 'very important', with the provision of benches and provision of bus shelter not rating as highly.

The most important areas, as highlighted by over eight in ten respondents were:

1. Bin emptying
2. Litter picking
3. Provision of bins/dog waste bins
4. Grass cutting
5. Maintenance of trees

The results highlight the importance that people who live in the area place on the grounds maintenance service provided by the Council.

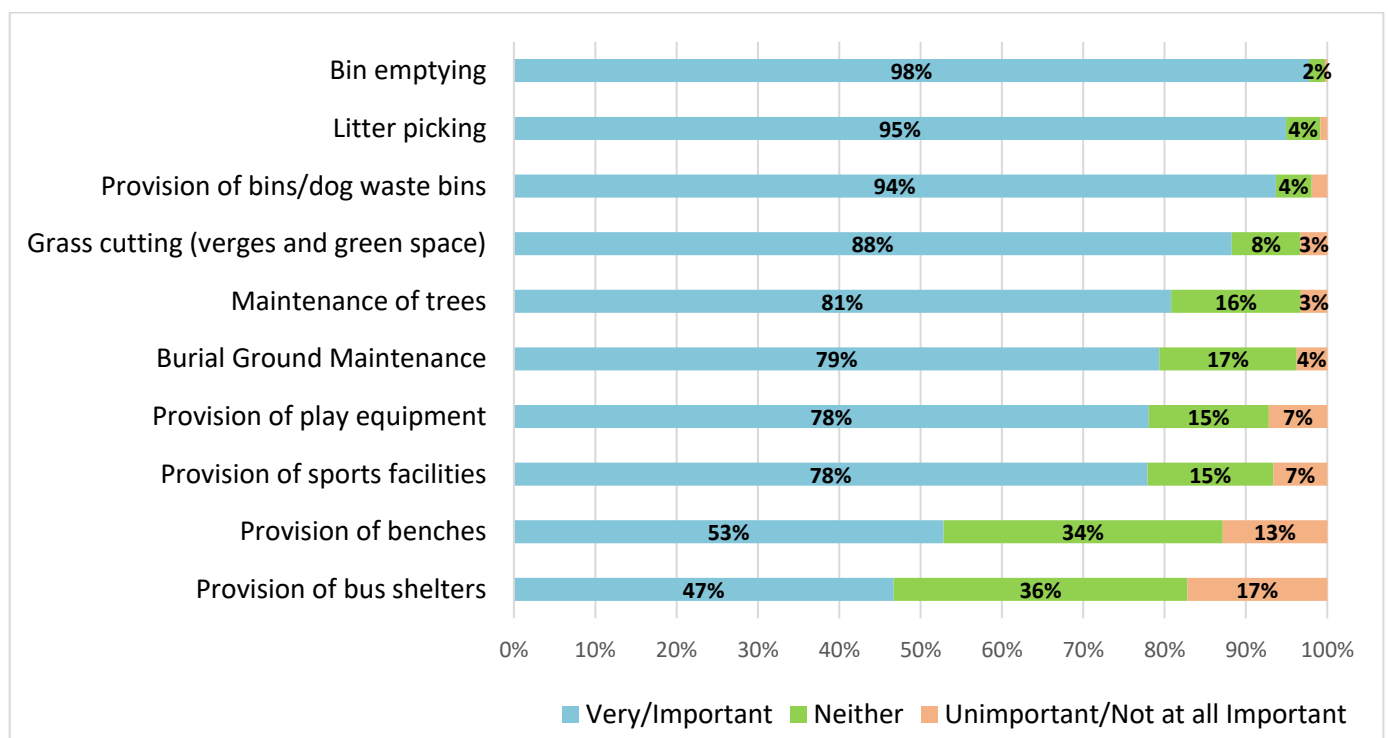


Figure 2: How important or unimportant are the following to you in Saxilby...

Comment on Grounds Maintenance

Due to the high level of importance that residents have placed on the service provided by the Grounds Maintenance Team and the visual impact this has upon the parish, it is recommended that the Council aligns its resources in accordance with these areas of provision when undertaking budget planning.

The lower levels of importance placed on the provision of benches and bus shelters is also worth noting when the allocation of budgets and capital expenditure are being considered.

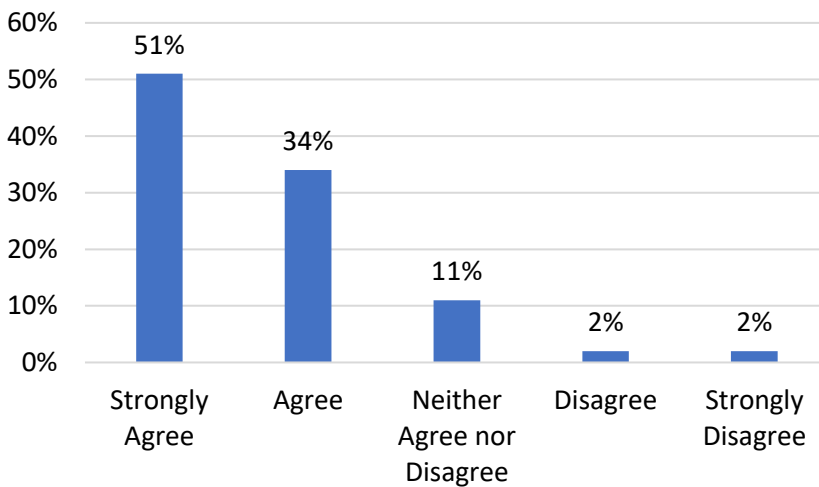
COMMUNITY CENTRE

The survey asked a number of questions around the St Andrews Community Centre. The results are shared below.

A Community Hub?

Respondents were asked whether they supported, or otherwise, the Community Centre being a Community Hub, with a community hub being defined as 'a place where residents can socialise and access information and activities'. There was support for the Community Centre being a community hub.

85% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with the Community Centre being a Community Hub, compared to 4% who disagreed or strongly disagreed.



*Figure 3: Do you support, or not, the Community Centre being a Community Hub, where residents can socialise and access information and activities?
Question Respondents: 1073n*

Provision of Community Centre Facilities

There was strong support for the provision of a community centre (83%), along with room hire (77%). Seven in ten respondents felt the provision of a library was important or very important. Whilst around six in ten respondents felt the provision of changing rooms was (62%) important or very important, compared to 60% for the Pavilion Bar.

‘Six in ten respondents felt that the provision of the Pavilion Bar was important or very important (60%).’

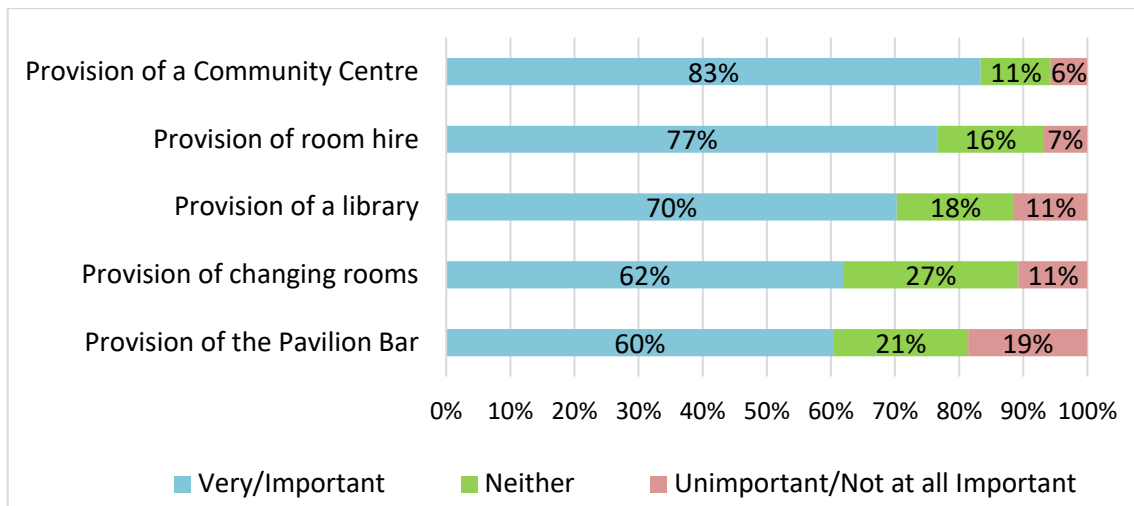


Figure 4: How important or unimportant to you is it that the following are provided?...

Question Respondents: 1084n

Hot Desking at the St Andrews Community Centre?

Respondents were asked for their views on whether the Community Centre should provide hot desks where people could work from and meeting areas.

The bulk of respondents were either in the middle ground (neither agreed nor disagreed, 41%) or agreed with the idea (40%).

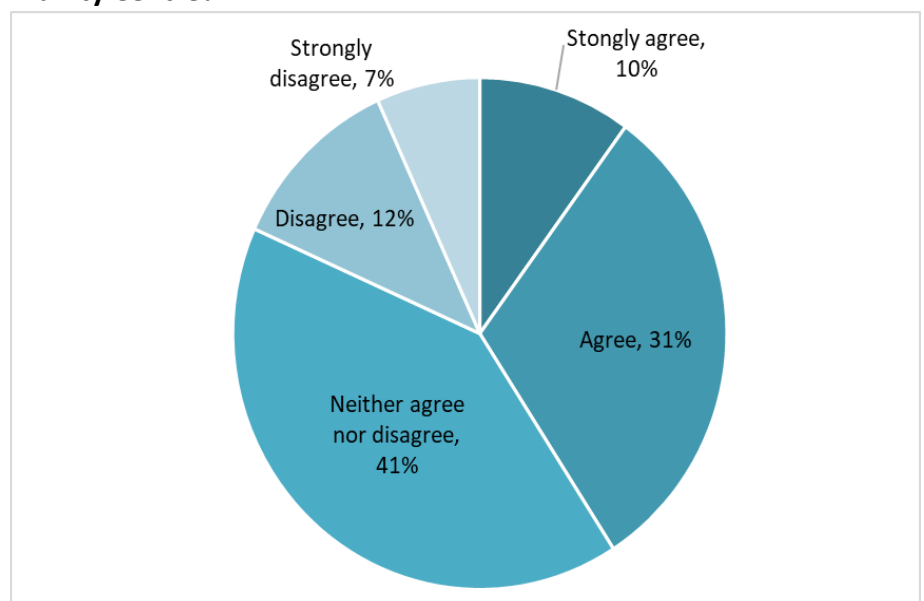


Figure 5: Do you think, or not, that the Community Centre should provide hot desks (desks where people can work from) and areas for meetings, to allow people to work from the Centre? Question Respondents: 1076n

Comment on Community Centre Provision

There was strong support for the Community Centre being a Community Hub for the village, which is in-line with its location within the village and it being situated on the Memorial Field, where recreational and sporting provision is made.

It is recommended the Council further explores how the St Andrews Community Centre can become a Hub for the parish and surrounding villages, maximising its value and use for the benefit of the community.

The general support for room hire (77%) and the library (70%) aligns with the Centre becoming a Community Hub. When considering the importance of the provision of a library filtered by age the older the age the more important the facility was felt to be.

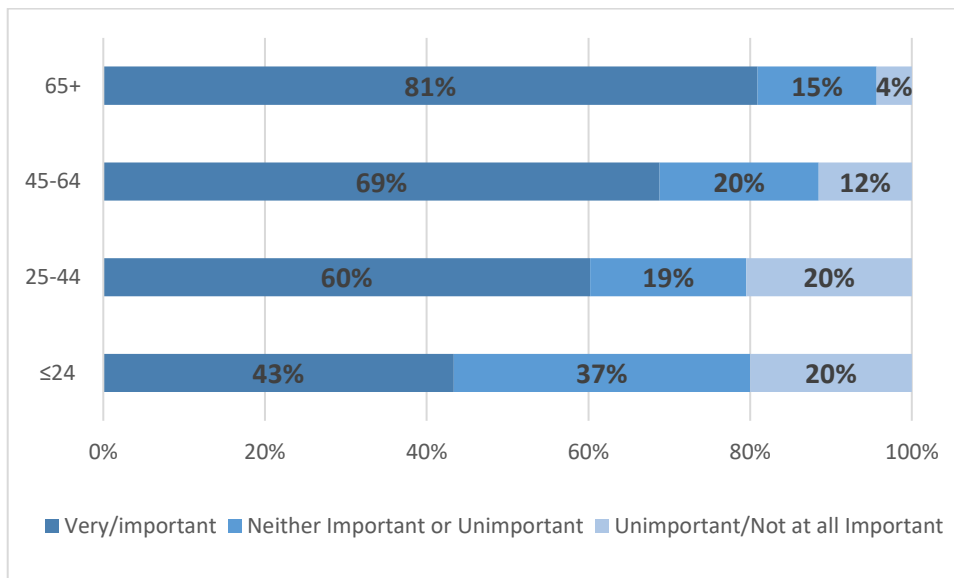


Figure 6: How important or unimportant to you is it that the following are provided?... Provision of library including access to computers, copying and printing- by age group
Question Respondents: 1073n

Support for hot desking was more ambivalent with the most frequent response being 'neither agree nor disagree' (41%). It may therefore be advisable to re-visit this option in the future, if expenditure is required in-order to deliver this change of service; the results do not reflect a strong appetite for the community Centre to be utilised in this manner.

Support for the changing rooms was 62%. The provision of changing rooms supports the Council’s health and well-being objective. They are mainly utilised by the local football teams and may explain why the score was not higher, as they are used by a smaller proportion of the community.

The Provision of the Pavilion Bar was a majority with 60% of respondents noting it was important or very important. The Council operation of the bar in the Community has long been a service which residents have polarized and vocal views on and it is interesting that the survey reflects this with around a fifth selecting ‘not at all important or unimportant’, a fifth selecting ‘neither important or unimportant’ and the remaining three fifths selecting ‘important or very important.’

When this question was broken down by age group the 24-44 age category showed the strongest level of support for the provision of the Pavilion Bar.

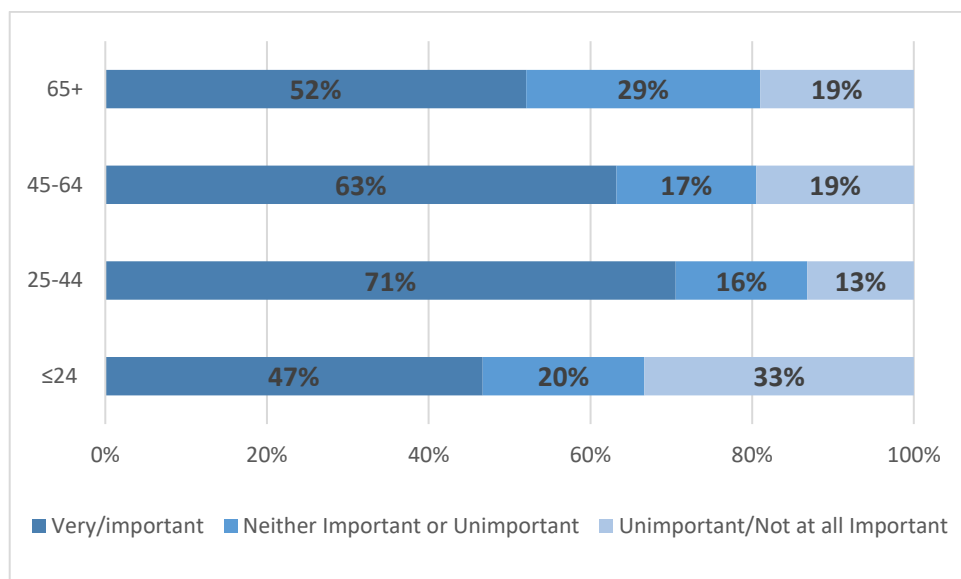


Figure 7: How important or unimportant to you is it that the following are provided?... Provision of the Pavilion Bar - by age group

Question Respondents: 1067n

There are further, more detailed questions on the Pavilion Bar below, where this service will be considered in more detail.

Preferences for the Pavilion Bar

Respondents were asked to give their views on their preferences for the Pavilion Bar. The most frequent response was a family friendly bar (e.g. children permitted, families feel welcome and comfortable), followed by a community bar (e.g. quizzes, used by community groups, social hub). The third most popular response selected was a sports bar (e.g. sports matches on TV), followed by a traditional bar (e.g. real ale).

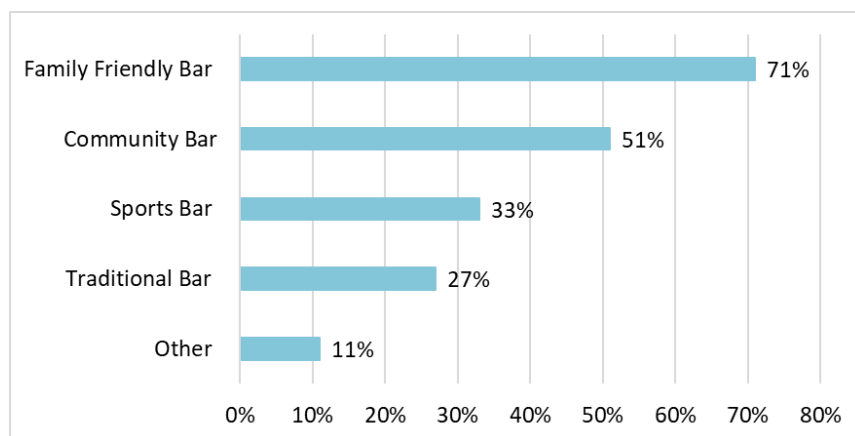


Figure 8: Which of these are your preference(s) for the Pavilion bar?...

Question Respondents: 1084n

Where respondents selected 'other', their responses are shown below:

- No bar/other provision is in the village (37 comments)
- Tea and coffee provision/café (20 comments) and food/bar meals (10 comments)
- Should not be run by the Council (9 comments) and bar should be self-funding (3 comments)
- Opening hours e.g. winter/summer opening hours; open when events or activities are on; children only permitted until a certain time (11 comments)
- Not bothered/don't use (7 comments)
- Sports events/sports bar (2 comments)
- Dogs – dog friendly (x3), pick up dog waste (x1) (4 comments)
- All of the preferences for the bar e.g. family friendly, community, sports, and traditional bar (3 comments)
- Further comments (9 comments):
 - 'In my view the parents leave children and are not supervised while adults are sat drinking.'*
 - 'We need this bar for the village, especially with all the new residents in new houses.'*
 - 'The most important issue if we have a bar is that everyone feels comfortable going to it. At the moment some people feel frightened, that is not right.'*
 - 'Bulldoze pavilion, hideous building and location.'*
 - 'Unbiased staff.'*
 - 'The bar makes very little profit and drugs dealers use these facilities- it is not particularly safe for children or families!'*
 - 'Think about seating for older people.'*
 - 'Bingo and more entertainment.'*

Preferences for the Opening of the Pavilion Bar

There was a preference for the opening hours to be weekday afternoons, evenings, and weekends.

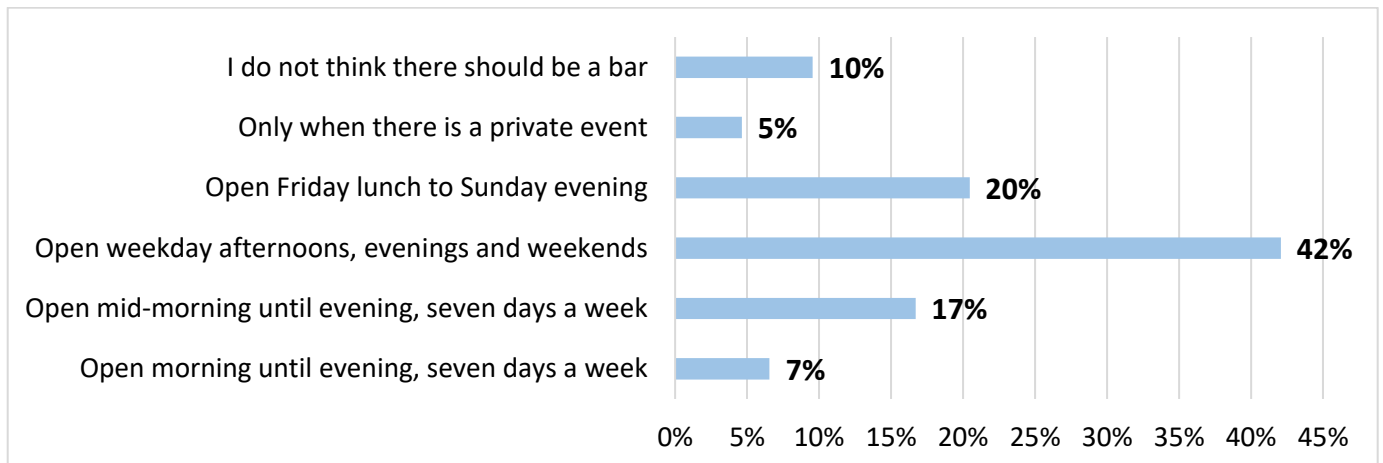


Figure 9: Thinking about Pavilion Bar, when would you like to see it open?

Question Respondents: 1036n

Comment on the Pavilion Bar

There is a of majority support for the Pavilion Bar, being over the 50% mark at 60%. However, the level of support is lower than eight out of ten of the ground's maintenance services provided (see page 8) and the other services currently provided within the Community Centre (see page 11).

A 'no-income budget' was agreed for the 2021/22 budget. This meant that if income (and associated expenditure) was not guaranteed or was uncertain (and therefore exposed the Council to excessive financial risk) it was not included in the budget. This included the non-statutory service of the Pavilion Bar.

At the July 2019 Full Council Meeting a constrained re-opening strategy was agreed for the Community Centre following the fire (and Covid-19), this meant the Parish Office, sports facilities and changing rooms would be brought back into use first, followed by the library. It was also agreed that if the survey pointed to the restoration of the Pavilion Bar that a plan should be put in place to outsource the bar, to alleviate the risks that the bar currently places on the Council.

There was wider support for the bar to be family oriented, as opposed to a traditional, or sports bar, and it could be argued that previously the bar sought to cover all the options provided with its provision of Sky Sports and BT Sports and real ales. If the bar is to be re-opened it is recommended that the results of the community consultation are given weight in its focus going forwards.

The preferred opening hours of the bar for weekday afternoons, evenings, and weekends, would be a reduction from the previous opening hours of the Pavilion Bar which were morning until evening seven days a week. The reasoning for the previous opening hours were because staff who manned the bar also provided the staff cover for Community Centre, including room hire and the library (the cost implications of this have previously been considered and apportioned accordingly³).

It is recommended that councillors use the results of the survey to inform their decision on the future of the Pavilion Bar.

³ For further information on the apportioning costs in relation to this, the 'Budgets and Cost Allocation Document' is available at - <https://saxilby-ingleby.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/council-business/parish-finance/2>

Preferences for the Opening of the Library

The most frequent preference for the opening of the library was 12-15 hours per week, with volunteers present.

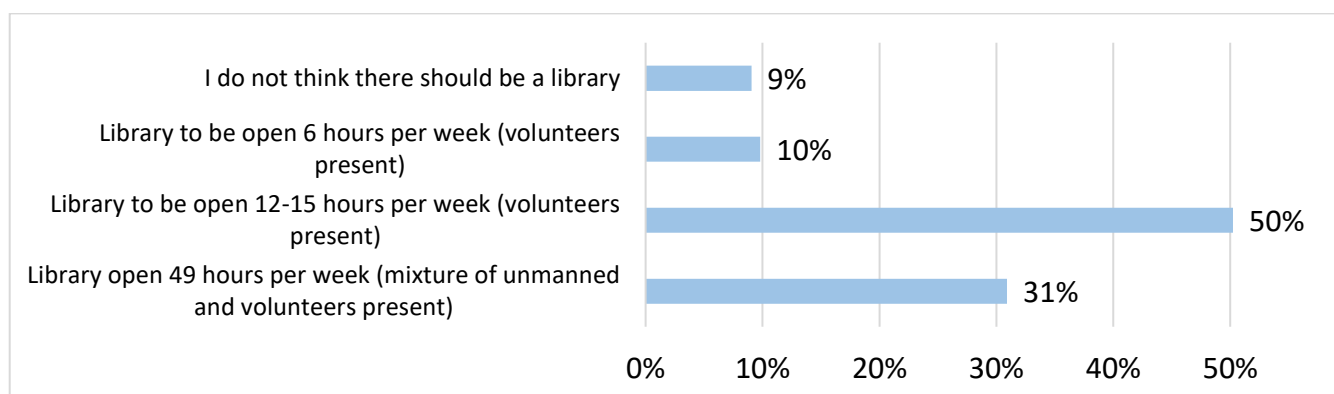


Figure 10: Thinking about library, when would you like to see it open?

Question Respondents: 1071n

Comment on the Library

The results of the survey demonstrate there is community support for the continued provision of a community library, but with a change in the number of opening hours. The preference for opening hours was 12-15 hours per week. This would be a reduction from the previous opening hours where the library was open when the Community Centre was open (a total of around 84 hours a week), with a mixture of being manned by library volunteers and 'unmanned' when Centre staff were on duty.

Under the current Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Lincolnshire County Council, the Council is required to provide a minimum of 49 library hours per week, seven days a week.

If a reduction in service provision is pursued by the Council, it is likely that the Council would need to move to the latest Service Level Agreement for community libraries (£5,167 annually). This would have financial implications, as the contribution received from Lincolnshire County Council (£6,167 annually), contributes to the Public Works Loan Board loan (£5,467 annually)⁴, which was originally taken out to cover the changes made to the building to host the library. This loan is due to be repaid in 2022.

However, if the current SLA is maintained at 49 opening hours per week there are also staffing and other costs associated with maintaining access to the Community Centre and these would be higher than the loss of income incurred from moving to a new SLA. It is recommended the council seeks to move to a reduction in library opening hours, in-line with the results of the public consultation.

⁴ Further loan information is available at

<https://saxilby-ingleby.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/council-business/parish-finance/4>

EVENTS

Importance of Events the Council Holds

Respondents were asked about which events were most important to them. The event that respondents felt was most important was the 'Christmas lights switch on and fireworks display' where 84% selected that it was very/important. It is also worth noting that around half of the respondents selected 'very important' which reflects the strength of support for this event within the community, which is over double the amount compared to the 5k/2k run or the Waterfront Festival.

Just over six in ten respondents (61%) felt the Waterfront festival was very/important whilst 56% of respondents felt the 5k/2k event was very/important.

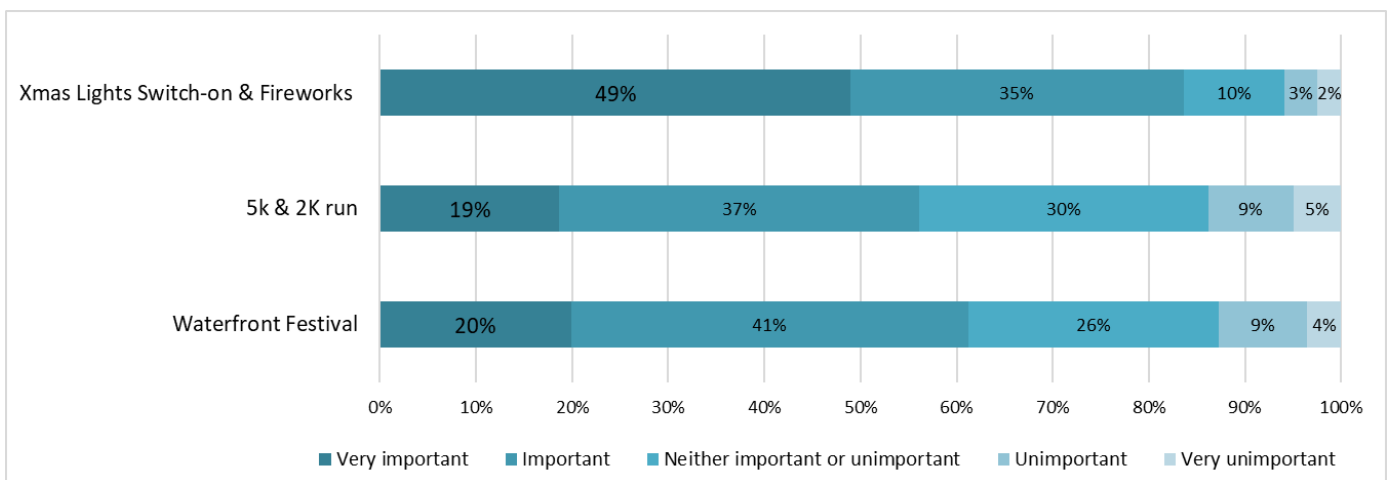


Figure 11: How important, or unimportant, is it that the Council runs the following events?

How important, or unimportant, is it that the Council runs the following events?				Respondents (n)
	Very/ Important (%)	Neither Important or Unimportant (%)	Very/ Unimportant (%)	
Xmas Lights Switch-on & Fireworks	84	10	6	1070
Waterfront Festival	61	26	13	1055
5k & 2K run	56	30	14	1044

Comment on Council Hosted Events

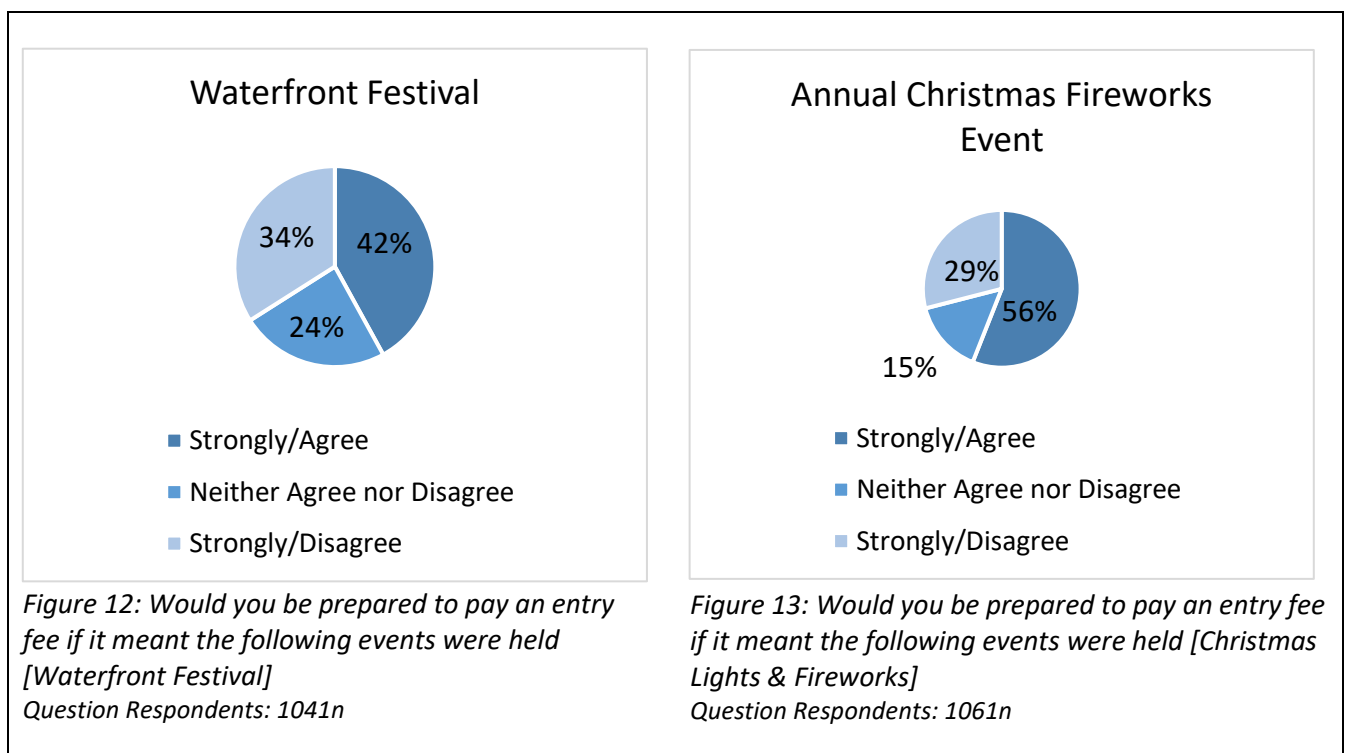
Based on the results, where budgets continue to be a challenge in the current climate, it is recommended that if events to be resourced, the Christmas lights switch on event is prioritised for inclusion in the budget. The Council may wish to consider moving towards a ticketed model for events, with over half of respondents noting they would be willing to pay for the Christmas lights switch on and fireworks display, if it meant the event could be held.

The Waterfront Festival, based on the current model, is a relatively low-cost event per head attending, with excellent feedback (95% would recommend the event to friends or family, 2019) and therefore may be able to be internally resourced or secure some external funding.

Organising the 5k/2k event places demands on officer time throughout the year and the Council needs to consider if this is the most effective use of officer time. Park Runs are now well established in the local area including Doddington (5 miles away) and Lincoln which (usually) offer weekly, free access to timed runs, as opposed to a one-off annual event with an entry fee. It is recommended that the Council moves towards actively promoting the Park Runs in-line with its objective of improving the well-being of residents, as opposed to resourcing an annual event.

Paying an Entry Fee for Events

Respondents were asked if they would be prepared to pay an entry fee if it meant the events were held. 56% of respondents noted they would be prepared to pay for the Christmas Lights Switch on and Fireworks event, whilst just over four in ten (42%) of respondents noted they would for the Waterfront Festival.



ANY FURTHER COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS OR IDEAS

Respondents were asked if they had any further comments. These will be made available in a separate document due to the volume of comments made.

CONCLUSION

This report presents and considers the Big Community Survey. It is recommended that the results are used to support the Council in their decision-making process in shaping the future delivery of services and facilities in the community.

Appendix 1: Respondent Profile

AGE PROFILE

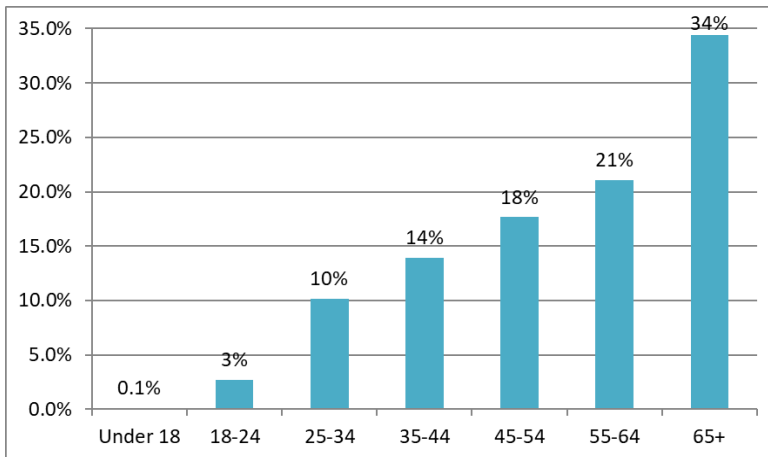


Figure 14: What is your age? Question Respondents: 1076n

SEX

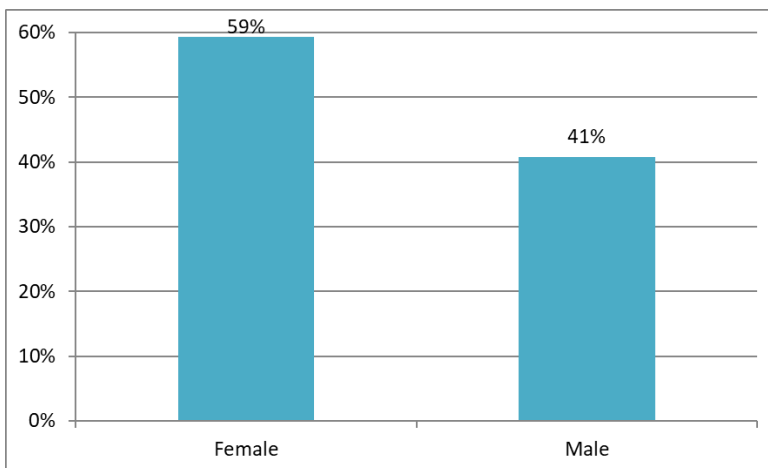


Figure 15: What is your sex? Question Respondents: 1041n

RESPONDENT LOCATION

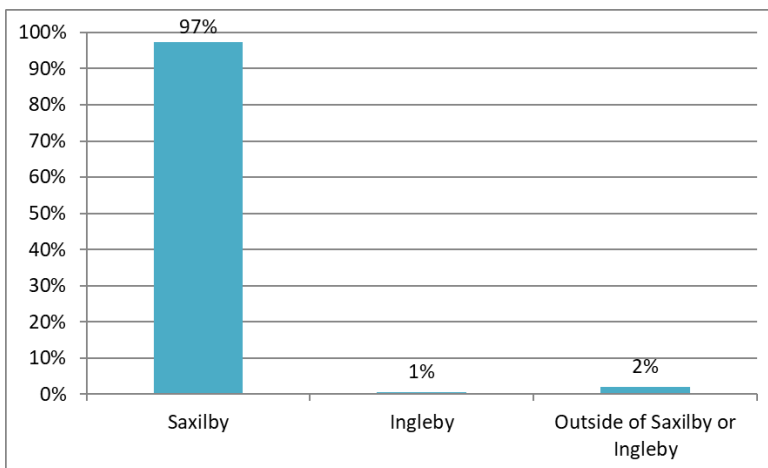


Figure 16: Where do you live? Question Respondents: 1084n

Appendix 2: Blank Survey



Saxilby with Ingleby Parish Council Services and Amenities Survey

We would like to hear your views on what you think are the most important areas for the council to focus on. Like our residents, the council has a limited budget, and it is therefore important that we focus our resources in-line with what is most important to the community. **The more money that is spent on one service or area, the less money is available for another area.**

Please post your completed anonymous survey through at Cliff Bradley and Sons, 39 High Street, Saxilby, who are kindly collecting them, by 31st January 2021 or complete online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/26HTV88

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

1. How important or unimportant are the following to you in Saxilby?					
<i>Please tick a response in rows a-j</i>					
	Very important	Important	Neither important or unimportant	Unimportant	Not at all important
a. Grass cutting (verges and green space)*					
b. Maintenance of trees					
c. Litter picking					
d. Bin emptying					
e. Provision of bus shelters					
f. Burial Ground Maintenance					
g. Provision of benches					
h. Provision of bins/dog waste bins					
i. Provision of play equipment					
j. Provision of sports facilities					

*Where verges are not cut by the Parish Council, they would be cut three times a year by the County Council

COMMUNITY CENTRE AND ACTIVITIES

2. Do you support, or not, the Community Centre being a Community Hub, where residents can socialise and access information and activities? *Please tick one box*

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

3. How important or unimportant to you that the following are provided?

Please tick a response in rows a-e

	Very important	Important	Neither important or unimportant	Unimportant	Not at all important
a. Provision of a Community Centre					
b. Provision of room hire (e.g. to clubs and private hire)					
c. Provision of a library including access to computers, copying and printing					
d. Provision of changing rooms					
e. Provision of the Pavilion Bar					

4. Which of these are your preference(s) for the Pavilion bar? *Tick all that apply*

- Traditional bar e.g. real ale
 Sports bar e.g. sports matches on TV
 Community bar e.g. quizzes, used by community groups, social hub
 Family friendly bar e.g. children permitted, families feel welcome and comfortable
 Other (please specify)

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5. Thinking about Pavilion Bar, when would you like to see it open? *Tick one option only*

- Open morning until evening seven days a week
 Open mid-morning until evening, seven days a week
 Open weekday afternoons, evenings and weekends
 Open Friday lunch to Sunday evening
 Only when there is a private event
 I do not think there should be a bar

6. Thinking about the library, when would you like to see it open? *Tick one option only*

- Library open 49 hours per week (mixture of unmanned and volunteers present)
 Library to be open 12-15 hours per week (volunteers present)
 Library to be open 6 hours per week (volunteers present)
 I do not think there should be a library

7. Do you think, or not, that the Community Centre should provide hot desks (desks where people can work from) and areas for meetings, to allow people to work from the Centre? Tick one option

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree

EVENTS

8. How important, or unimportant, is it that the council runs the following events?

Please tick a response in rows a-c

	Very important	Important	Neither important or unimportant	Unimportant	Not at all important
a. Waterfront Festival					
b. 5k and 2K run					
c. Christmas Lights Switch-on and Fireworks Display					

9. Would you be prepared to pay an entrance fee if it meant the following events were held?

Please tick a response in rows a-c

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a. Waterfront Festival					
b. 5k and 2K run					
c. Christmas Lights Switch-on and Fireworks Display					

COUNCIL OBJECTIVES

10. How important or unimportant to you that the following are provided?

Please tick a response in rows a-g

	Very important	Important	Neither important or unimportant	Unimportant	Not at all important
a. Maintain and improve community facilities and amenities					
b. Protect and enhance our green spaces and street scene					
c. Preserve and enhance heritage assets, environmental assets, and wildlife					
d. Retain and encourage employment and tourism opportunities					
e. Improve the well-being of residents					
f. Respond to planning consultations, in-line with the Neighbourhood Plan, to meet the needs of the community and addressing any transport impacts					
g. To foster public participation and engagement					
h. Do you think the council should have any other objectives (please write below):					

FURTHER COMMENTS

11. We would welcome any further comments, suggestions, or ideas you have:

ABOUT YOU

12. What is your age?

- Under 18 18-24 25-34 35-44
 45-54 55-64 65+

13. What is your sex?

- Female Male

14. Where do you live?

- Saxilby Ingleby Outside of Saxilby or Ingleby, please state:

Thank you for taking the time to share your views. Please post your completed anonymous survey through at Cliff Bradley and Sons, 39 High Street, Saxilby, who are kindly collecting them by 31st January 2021.

If you require further assistance, please contact Lydia Smithson, Assistant Clerk at assistant@saxilbyparishcouncil.co.uk or 01522 703912

Appendix 3: Council Objectives – Any Other Comments:

- Better provision for safe dog friendly spaces
- More doctors surgeries due to new builds
- Maintain peaceful ambiance!
- To slow down the traffic in Saxilby!
- Notify the community of planning applications
- Good community relations
- It should focus on core services as indicated earlier in this questionnaire
- Try and ease traffic congestion in the village and bottom Mill Lane
- Reduction of traffic congestion - 1 way system through Bridge St/High St
- Disabled friendly access + paths
- Participate in community speed watch + fund speed maintaining devices as other small villages do
- hen walking along the High St, it looks tired and drab - Metal on the bridge needs painting, the shower/toilet block, shabby + unused, the pub, what an eyesore
- No more houses
- Maintain the 'village' don't let use become a town
- Provision of benches in green spaces
- Encourage the return of a village cricket team
- Upgrade and publish Saxilby street map
- Active support for existing community groups
- To completely uphold the opinions of the village with unbiased views
- Ground maintenance (ref 1a) - rewinding verges etc
- Dog fouling. Ban all dogs!!!
- Maintenance of footpaths in ALL areas
- Enforce the rule of overhanging hedges cut back to leave pathways clear
- Community events
- To preserve the playing field/rec area
- Fine people who don't pick up dog mess
- Do more to keep village pubs & shops + village hall going
- Preventing inconsiderate parking near to the school
- Insist the Coop tidy up the Sun. Repair light down the footpath off Oakfield to High Street
- For a village our size with increasing younger population, we should have far better sporting facilities to prevent young people resorting to offensive & damaging behaviour due to boredom. Other areas have far better facilities which make Saxilby embarrassing in comparison
- You have enough to do at present so no!
- Continue regular communication with the local residents
- None that I can think of
- Trust and transparency
- Maintain close contact with existing community groups
- Provide enclosed areas for dog walking OFF LEAD
- Provision of more waste bins around the village, especially on the waterfront - frequent emptying too
- Preserve the size of the village e.g. new development
- About time Westcroft play ground was replaced
- Trees overhanging paths
- Law and order
- parking and traffic issues in the village, consider 1 way system
- Make Saxilby a safe, welcoming place to live
- Ensure drains are well cleared/managed if no in 10b
- Doing a good job with not a lot of money
- Make the most of sporting opportunities and working with the school - local competitions, to bring tourism here and school/youth/adult competitive events - to bring in further funding
- Restrict further development
- Monitoring of road surface quality i.e. letting relevant councils know about potholes
- To look after every tree, as they are so important to us all
- Stop any further development! Roads are overwhelmed
- Financial prudence
- Provision of all weather 3G sports area
- More sports + leisure facilities
- Put a stop to anymore housing
- More litter bins - not just dog bins
- To support a community pub
- To give value for taxpayers money
- Plant fruit trees - and ignore those who say they make a mess, they are the ones that are sweeping away nature
- A visible 5yr strategic direction + keep to it i.e. just deliver the NP + don't deviate
- Easy to access S.I.P.C. budget/cost breakdown for residents
- Leading on 'zero carbon'/climate change for village. Ambition to be Lincolnshire's first zero carbon community
- Control dog fouling + anti social behaviour around pavilion and late night noise
- Speeding along Sykes Lane
- Stop any further house building
- Improve parking facilities on Bridge Street
- Try for full council as it always had
- Traffic movement and control through the village
- Q5. Not enough options i.e. Thur/Sunday
- More dog fouling signs
- Making High Street one way. It's dangerous
- Encourage people to do more themselves
- Local ditches - would help clear if necessary
- Don't let the village get any bigger!!
- Franchise the bar out to the people that want it to stay open
- Issue fines for dog fouling
- Cricket for adults/kids
- Stop parking on Church Lane outside nursery
- Cycle track, table tennis, Skateboard
- Reduce the parish precept - reduce financial impact
- Compel people living on street corners to severely cut back hedges to overcome traffic + pedestrian hazards, eg, Otter Avenue + Sykes lane near car park
- Support small business within the village
- Basics first
- More dog waste bins
- Encourage more Neighborhood watch groups
- Get local police to be more visible in Saxilby
- Maintain footpaths better

- Encourage learning and discovery for all ages
- With being a cyclist the road around the village are poor, due to pot holes. especially on Church Lane.
- Projects that support all residents, not just those who use the pav bar
- More equipment in the children's play area - use Skellingthorpe as an example
- Keep the upkeep + image of the village
- Try to get the community onside
- Redo the pathways in High St
- Encourage more sports teams i.e. Cricket
- With the amount of council tax we have to pay this sheet is nonsense, everything should be done
- It would be super if Saxilby had some charm & wow factor
- Car parking on pavements
- Improve roads and traffic control / Church Road/Church Lane
- More community events
- Engage with developers to gain improvements in the area of the village they are developing
- Keep the 'village' - getting too big, poor roads
- Maintenance of the appearance of the village
- Support the Village Hall as a community centre
- Keep road gutters weed free
- Take a SERIOUS interest in traffic management
- To encourage new businesses to open in village
- Parking at the end of Torksey Avenue needs to be stopped
- Ensure roadsides are sprayed to KILL weeds not just a token spray
- Fix wall in Maiden Court with has been broken for many years
- Provide a dog exercise area
- Cut the councils wages, pensions and perks
- Put pressure on Coop to upgrade 'Sun Inn' its a disgrace, inside and outside
- Keep the football to the Rec Ground + Small children's/baby park
- Try to establish footpath/Bridleway in the countryside around the villages
- Specific area to exercise dogs off the lead + toileting area
- Revitalise the Sports Association
- Traffic calming throughout Saxilby (Church rd, High St, Mill Lane, Manor Rd)
- We never win the best kept village
- Maybe the councillors should walk round the village a little more to see for themselves.
- To involve residents more
- Attract retail alternatives/competition for COOP
- No anti social behavior!! Will encourage litter in children's park.
- Reduce the amount of development in the village, too many cars already
- Review costs of sports facilities, and encourage the greater use of what we already have, and the long awaited MUGA.
- Collaborate with local artists, to create community art projects
- Reduce on street parking on High St. & Bridge St.
- The need for the parish Council to listen to the views of their parish is paramount.
- Better use of time for ground staff. E.g. Working independently rather than following each other to empty bins. Clear the leaves from road edges and grit the paths. Not waste council money and seek public approval for projects like erecting a wonky fence near the scout hut.
- Ensure that the sewerage capacity and rain water removal is maintained in areas where new build has pushed the maintenance of pumping stations to management companies
- Keep our footpaths clean, clear and in good repair, plus actively stop cars parking on the footpath! Mill Lane especially.
- To be more vocal with what the community NEEDS now rather than always looking to create MORE. Create better - right here for who is already here - and the reason they came here - not encourage more people to come here for one off events that close roads - Surely no one local REALLY benefits financially as everything is pop up? Ultimately, we all moved to the village because we thought it was a safe friendly VILLAGE. So, for example focus on speed limits on 'passer-by roads' like Mill Lane; house safety (we are always hearing of break-ins - it is frightening); better footpaths and cycle routes - more places to walk the dogs with relevant poop collections (I don't have a dog - but without a good path network in a such a disconnected village there will always be poop in the streets or on sports fields). I know it sounds negative, but the village can create its own vibe and community and local businesses will grow because of that - We don't want Saxilby to become a place where businesses for people in other places come to because it is there? We want things done that actually make villagers feel safer, more welcome and happier to stay right here. At this rate, we will be looking to move out of Saxilby if things don't improve for individuals. I know this year has been a tough one, so hopefully things can change for the better in the village too.
- They should maybe maintain the grass verges and hedges that this served suggests they do already , 99 times out of 100 when I see any of the workers they are stood about talking or smoking sometimes both
- A57/Mill Lane junction improvements.
- Attempt to get people of the village involved in activities for the village.
- Represent the community's interests at district and county level (not just on planning)
- The council have it covered
- To have more diversity on council
- Apply more pressure on the relevant bodies to address the deteriorating traffic volumes within the village
- No more new houses, need more play areas for small children
- Traffic flow through the village. Exit in to A15 as junction is a nightmare
- More walking paths, green areas, wood trails
- Involve a diverse group of people in the decision making
- Create public footpaths around the village in open spaces to accommodate dog walkers
- Yes getting the roads sorted out from all the building
- There appears to be very little sense of community spirit or pride in the village at present.

- Encourage the re-opening of The Sun, A57 restaurant and cafes after lockdown as the village needs a second pub and places to eat lunch, snacks and dinner, particularly near to the waterside
- Introduction of 20mph limit in residential streets and main thoroughfares (not A57)
- Continue to push for traffic lights at the junction of the A57. A one way traffic system on Bridge Street/ High Street lower.
- It should continue to engage with other community projects to ensure that there is a consolidated approach to maintaining the community focus of the village
- Reset the village focus back to the waterfront
- Bring in the cycle hire system from Lincoln that currently reaches Burton Waters. New projects are stated as being self funding so why are the bowls club paying nothing yet water and rates are still being paid for by the council. West Croft green play area needs to be developed as promised.
- Provide a better safe environment for the community and engaging with other local agencies; Police, Dr Surgeries etc
- I would like to see the council provide more for the walkers in the village and dog friendly areas. It would be nice to see the village with the pav and the library as both are integral for the well-being of the village which is one of your objectives. Please consider low income families when making decisions for the library, it is often a child's only place to have books at their disposal. Bring back the community spirit by listening to its residents and funding projects which people have spent time raising money towards. Too many seem to never happen.
- Have a program to engage with developers to ensure the village benefits from such developments.
- Support law, order and safety (especially road safety and speed) and all community groups
- Safety of residents - a spike in car thefts and burglaries seem to be happening in the village
- Encourage new businesses
- To stop wasting our money
- Road repairs! Speed bumps or more monitoring of speed
- To encourage one of the supermarkets to come and challenge the dominance of the CO-OP
- To have unbiased decisions on planning etc.
- Yeah make sure people pick up their dog ** or fine the *****.
- Encourage sports for younger
- Re-establish off road footpaths linking Saxilby with other close villages.
- Enforce investment into amenities from future development. The village has more than doubled in size in the last 30 years and the green areas, school and doctors will struggle with a higher capacity.
- Be clear and transparent with residents including more openness on social media
- A57 mill lane junction and stop any more houses being built
- The core objective should be to provide core services whilst keeping the precept as low as possible.
- I think Saxilby should have our community centre back with the bar and to continue with the birthday parties, weddings and wakes as we have known here for many years. Where old and young can enjoy together!! Thank you 😊
- Build more of a spirit of community
- Provide at least a Christmas tree in Broadholme we have nothing but still pay parish precept
- Places where families can meet indoors
- Encourage more walking and less driving, make the village attractive and easy for sustainable transport options
- Consult better with the public and keep self opinionated councillors off social media
- Environmental objectives
- Green initiatives
- Be part of community rather than out of touch.