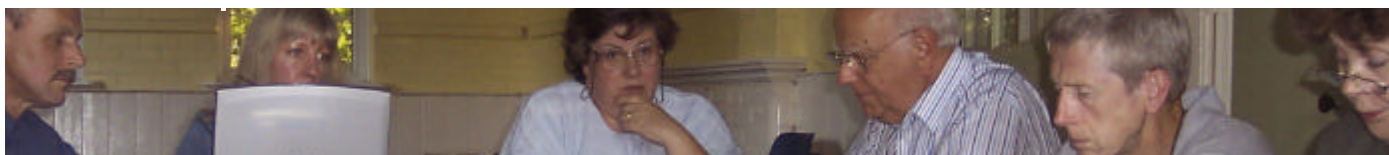


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A BRIEF HISTORY of OUR COMMUNITY

The Parish of Rodington is very new, formed in 1988 by the merging of Longdon upon Tern and Rodington Parishes. The Parish boundaries encompass the areas of Long Waste, Long Lane, and Longdon Upon Tern up to the extreme eastern edge of Long Lane, Isombridge, Marsh Green, Sugden, Rodington, Rodington Heath, and part of Somerwood to Crow Lane, and to the northern edge of Walcot. The merger now 25 years old still recognises the individuality of the two communities with Longdon and Rodington maintaining their respective village halls and ancillary community activities with Longdon tending to regard Wellington and Telford as its main town resource whilst Rodington looks to Shrewsbury.

The Parish boundaries in the most part follow the courses of two principle tributaries to the river Severn, the Roden and the Tern. The southernmost point of the Parish being marked by the confluence of these rivers. The original parts of Rodington including St Georges Church, the Old School and Bulls Head lie in a depression bordering the Roden probably being a fording point in time immemorial.

The area served and flooded by these two rivers has led to enriched alluvial soils and marsh areas creating a rich farming area and wildlife haven, which has witnessed human occupation for thousands of years. Within the area is evidence of Iron Age and Roman occupation and by the 11th century there were three fair sized manors catalogued in the Domesday book, William the Conqueror's inventory of England. These were located at Longdon, Isombridge, and Rodington where there was already a Priest and albeit probably little more than of wattle and daub, a church located on the site of St Georges.

Today's St Georges was built in Victorian times around an earlier building. The congregation is an ecumenical partnership formed by a merger with the local Wesleyan Methodists in 1994, the former Wesleyan chapel being subsequently converted to a private dwelling. There was a second Chapel at Crow, which was converted to a private dwelling after World War II, a third founded by the Primitive Methodists in 1859 at Somerwood. Marsh Green also formed a Primitive Methodist chapel, which is still active today. Longdon is served by St. Bartholomew's Church which certainly predates 1534 with a number rebuilds since then. The multiplicity of religious sites was not simply religious zeal; it was common practice as a condition of employment to attend church weekly at the employers chosen chapel. Its thought this practice finally ceased around 1935.



miners at the Bull in

The Domesday book recorded two mills one at Longdon using the Tern for power and Rodington using wind power, and the farming industry was the dominant activity then and through the centuries. In the late 1800's the area was 'invaded' by gangs of navvies cutting the Shrewsbury and Newport Canal, the large influx being a culture shock and welcome boost to the local Inns. Navvies no doubt joined local Rodington that was then famous for hosting bull baiting and cock fighting. The Bullring was situated between the school, church and

pub with the bulls fastened to a ring in the school wall.

THE COMPLETED CANAL

The completed canal had a very positive effect providing cheap reliable transport for bulk produce. Coal was imported into the area, grain and other farm produce being exported. The canal remained in use until just before the outbreak of World War II with up to 20 canal boats per day passing through. Today little remains to evidence its path other than Thomas Telford's iron Aqueduct cast in nearby Ketley in 1796 and a number of house and place names such as the "Wharf". Remembered fondly by more mature residents its towpath provided the ideal place for promenading.

Schooling commenced in Longdon 1849 the schoolhouse being gifted by the Duke of Sutherland followed by the National School for girls and Boys at Rodington 1851. Prior to this there had been a number of small "penny" and Church schools. Due to the falling population both schools are now closed, Longdon became the Village Hall and Rodington schoolhouse converted to a private dwelling.



Employment traditionally was focused in the main on agriculture with supporting trades available in Longdon and Rodington. Within the Parish you could find butchers who would visit cottagers and slaughter the fattening pig, grocers, draper, blacksmiths and builders. Rodington had its own undertaker, Longdon a coal merchant, a brick works, and gravel pits all who relied on the canal to trade. The advent of the motor vehicle was followed by the opening of a garage in Longdon and the establishment of a taxi service in Rodington.

The early 1900's saw the gradual decline of many of these enterprises as agricultural employment slumped with increasing mechanisation compounded by post war development of Wellington followed by the creation of Telford. As a result the Parish provides little employment within its own boundary. Now virtually every household has at least one car and one per adult is not unusual, as each individual travels to various locations for full time employment.

The quality of life within the Parish is best evidenced by low crime rate, ease by which properties are sold and the wide range of Community activities.

CONSTRUCTION METHODS USED WITHIN THE PARISH PLAN

The Parish Council in pursuit of its Mission Statement and desire to work closely within the forthcoming new Local Development Framework being developed by the Borough of Telford and Wrekin decided to create a Parish Plan.

The Local Development Framework (known as the LDF) will be the effective Planning policy for the Region as of 2006 through to 2011. Such policies have great bearing on life within the Community and there is a growing ethos from Government downwards through the Borough Authorities and through to Parish Councils that more effort should be made to make such planning processes more inclusive of the Communities themselves.

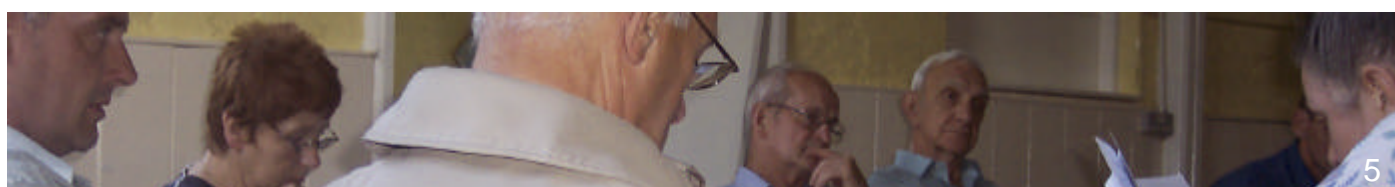
To achieve that end there is a definite need for more effective use and proficiency within Parish Councils as the closest body to the Community able to gather and formulate the consensus of the Community. Once those needs and aspirations are identified it is then incumbent on the Parish Council to progress those issues within its authority and for issues outside its remit, become the voice of the Community by promoting those aims with the appropriate bodies.

To identify the Communities aspirations and issues a broad questionnaire was designed, printed and delivered to every household within the Parish. The Councillors themselves plus volunteers worked not only from the electoral register but local knowledge of dwellings not listed to ensure 100% coverage.

The Survey document outlined the Parish Councils Mission Statement and the need for the creation of a Parish Plan and stressed we genuinely sought their views to shape the document. Respondents were free to give their name address or remain anonymous and as added motivation a small prize draw was held for those who responded and were able to supply name and address.

The response rate was 33% of all households totalling 116 completed questionnaires, considering this consisted of 146 questions over 10 pages which all respondents completed in full; this was a very pleasing result.

The survey also identified a number of volunteers that formed the Parish Plan Steering Committee that over a number of meetings and homework sessions analysed the survey responses and formulated those views into the Parish Plan itself.



MAKE UP OF THE COMMUNITY

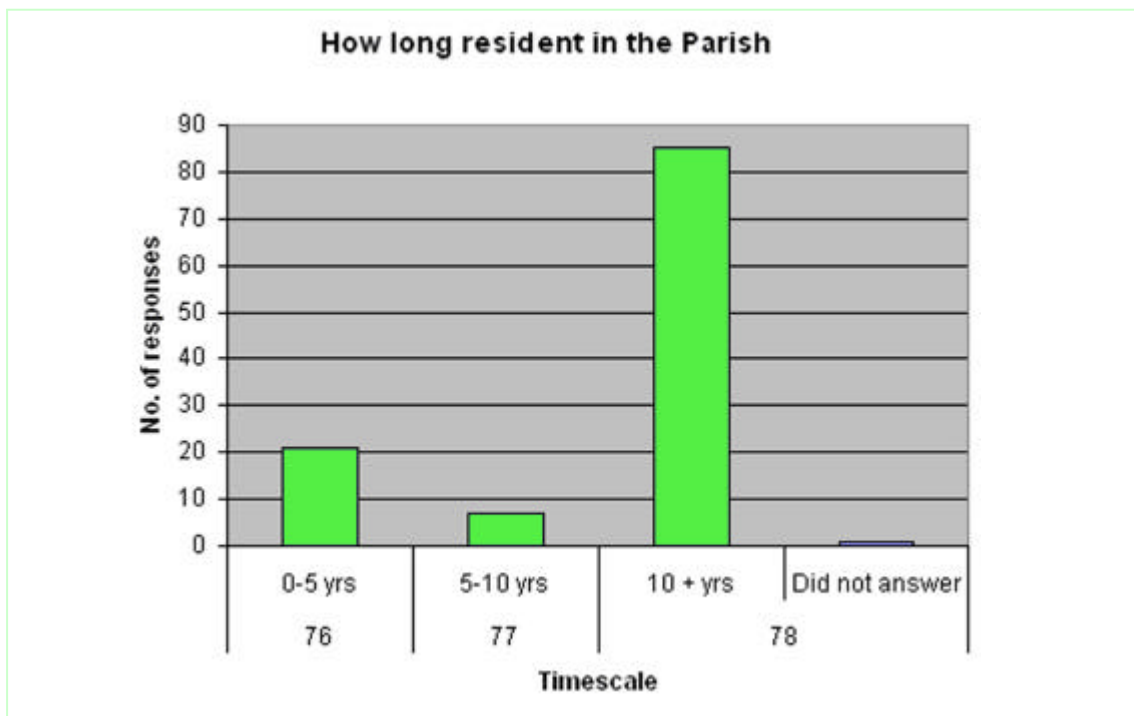
From the 116 responses the population make up was as follows;

Male	140
Female	145
Children	
0- 5	13
6-16	27
17-21	16

Within those figures there were 7% or 9 individuals with a disability and 3 others with special needs.

Stability of population is witnessed by the review of reposes to the question;

How long have you been resident in the Parish?



EMPLOYED

Employed?

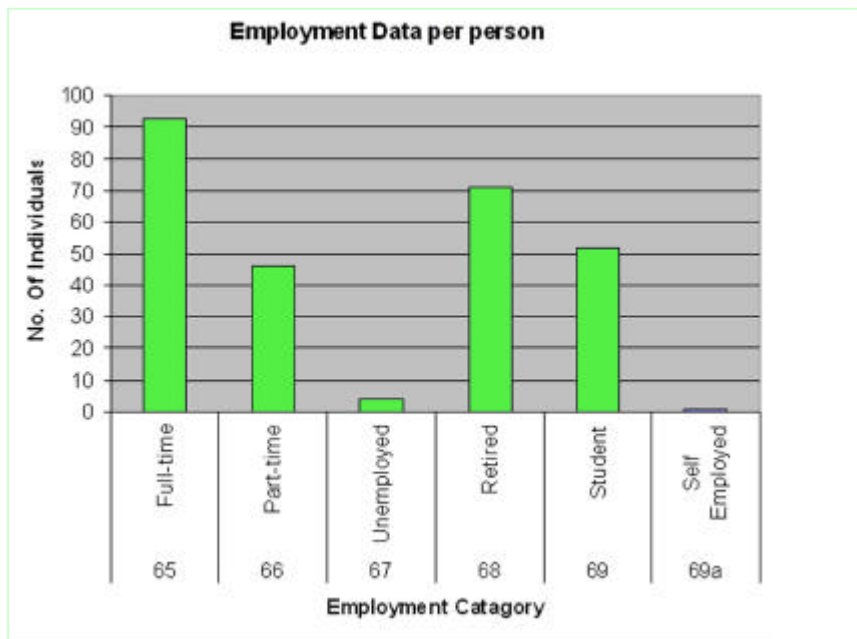
96 of respondents were in full time employment and a further 48 in part-time positions.

71 people are in retirement and 54 were listed as Students.

5 people were at time of survey, unemployed.

Only one person confirmed as self-employed.

However it must be remembered that the survey only represents 33% of the whole picture and the self-employed historically tend to work longer hours so their response rate to the survey would be lower than the norm. The actuality is that self-employment is probably around 5%.



Availability and location of employment

Availability and location of employment is a major issue to all and the response highlighted the rural situation in this regard.

Only 17 respondents worked within the locality, whilst 30 were within 5 miles, 48 within 10 miles and a further 71 over 10 miles from their employment or fulltime education.

Each working day therefore sees a mass exodus from the parish either by motor vehicle or public transport in the main joining a considerable volume of journeys from outlying areas for people gaining access to Telford or the M54 to get to destinations even further afield.

The General Information section

Responses here welcomed moves to encourage tourism 50% for versus 31% against. This attitude was re-inforced by the overwhelming positive response to the possible plan to restore the Shrewsbury-Newport Canal. Comments from this survey saw the restoration as a welcome open facility to benefit Parishioners via the towpath and minor tourist developments that may spring from the venture. It was noticeable whilst this is a rural parish that access to that land is very limited to the individual and judging by the survey it will be a very busy towpath.

79% said yes, however throughout the survey there was a re-occurring issue of poor communication of parish items or availability of facilities. Perhaps if the question had said do you regularly look at the notice board a lower response would have been received.

Do you look at the Parish Council Notice?

An inspiring 80% said yes, which hopefully validates the importance of a parish council and equally hopefully reflects a satisfaction with the work of the council.

Do you know who your Parish Councillors are?

Again a very high percentage of 78% felt comfortable that they did. However the day-to-day reality is that Parish Councillors are often approached on many issues outside their control with a high measure of expectation from that individual.

Do you know Parish Council responsibilities?

So whilst it is not the Councillors responsibility or within their authority it is the very essence of their existence as the local representative available on an almost daily basis to feedback via the Parish Council through to Borough Council the localities concerns and issues.

Have you attended a Parish Council meeting?

31% said yes and the last Annual Parish meeting was well attended

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

QUESTIONS 1 TO 6

Recycling

Two issues dominated the responses in equal number and they were requests for

Road Sweeping

Re-cycling facilities and a Road Sweeper for Rodington.

Clearly there is a growing desire within the Parish to see a more environmentally friendly policy in regards the disposal of rubbish. Current Paper and Bottle Bank facilities at Rodington Village Hall are well used and the Paper bank actually provides income to the Village Hall. There is a growing awareness that Landfill disposal is not the answer and that space is running out, even in rural areas such as Shropshire. Current trials within the Telford & Wrekin Borough have created much discussion even though the Parish is not involved.

Rodington respondents made substantive requests for Road Sweeping facility or a litter Warden. Actually a road-sweeping schedule is in place and has been for sometime. The responses and request for this service indicate many are not aware of the service and that possibly it is not effective.

A litter warden financed by the PC would add at least 25% to the current precept cost. The Steering Committee felt this was not in the Communities interests and did not provide a good return on investment.



REQUESTED IMPROVEMENTS

Questions 7 to 11

Lead request was for road improvements in the Rodington areas. Improvements should be read as "general maintenance" a reflection of shrinking budgets for this routine task. There were no suggestions for any major road improvement schemes.

RPC has pursued a policy of responding to any complaints on the question of road surface condition and reported each as they arose and followed up appropriately. In fairness the T & W response has reflected the urgency and safety aspects of each report in regards response time.

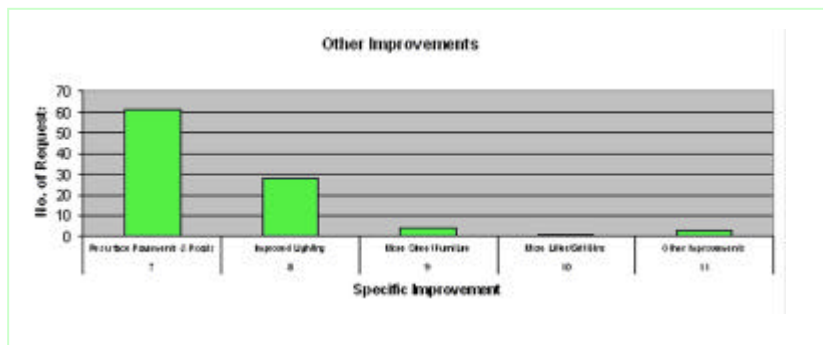
On reflection a Parish wide appraisal of the road condition made objectively and reported to T & W in a detailed manner may prove more cost effective for action.

Further discussion on this is required to a) identify the methods b) the participants and the best time of year to make the appraisal.

Second request was for street lighting, a more popular request in Rodington than Longdon which reflected the more close knit cluster of residences in the former village. However the Steering Committee are aware there is an almost equal feeling against Street lighting due to light pollution and in some cases fears as to the effect on the rate precept.

The decision was taken that if Street lighting were required then it would only apply from the centre of Rodington to the Village Hall and that evaluation of this proposal be included in the Parish plan.

The only other requested improvement was for additional grit bins. One at Sunningdale crossroads, and another at Sugden, at the top of the hill close to Overdale House. Installation will allow residents a measure of self-help in reducing accident risks in icy conditions



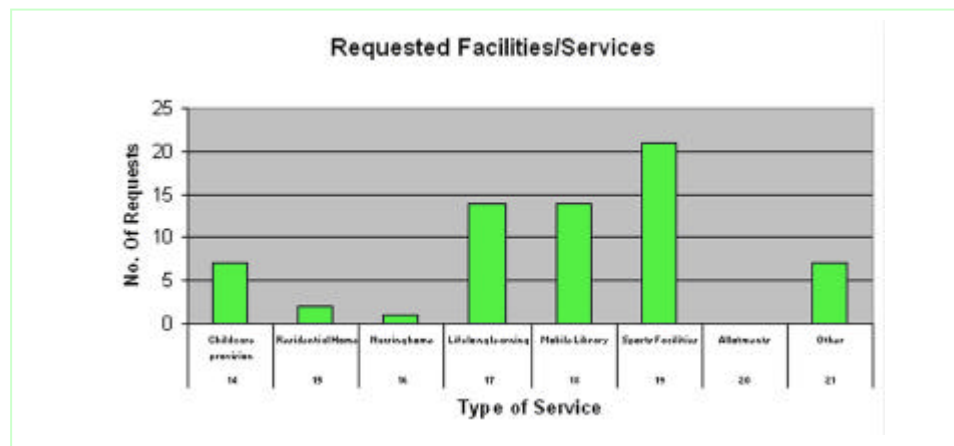
BEST KEPT VILLAGE

Question 12

26% responded "yes" to almost 45% "No". Longdon respondents were almost 50/50 on this issue which considering the village is so widespread, which would make presenting a show case village difficult, was a surprise.

REQUESTED FACILITIES

Questions 14 to 21



Lead request was for additional Sports facilities with 18% of requests, followed in equal second by Lifelong Learning and Mobile Library services. Fourth was request for Childcare provision.

Sports facilities is a very broad title and an expensive provision to make within such a small community. The area is reliant on Telford and Wellington for specialised facilities such as Swimming pool and Ice Rink etc. The strength of response leads the committee to believe a) there are individuals who cannot from a transport view access these services and b) more individuals would participate in various sports if they were on the doorstep.

Is the true situation that there is not enough Youth Club activity time to foster low cost team sports such as five-a-side football, badminton to mention just two in the younger section of the Community? This is then compounded by lack of activity in

the adult arena to form clubs and raise finance for similar sports for these individuals and then what would be the catalyst to change that situation. The final overrider would then be where can such facilities be housed within the Parish.

The Mobile Library situation again demonstrates the Information blockage within the Community. The service exists and much appreciated by those in the know.

Lifelong learning again is one of those services readily available in a wide variety from outside the Parish and again distance and transport is probably the decisive factor preventing individuals accessing those facilities. This situation is well recognised nationally and there are various organisations that can be approached for assistance in setting up local facilities on a fly-in basis provided there are suitable premises.

Childcare provision within the Community is a difficult one to resolve. The survey returns failed to identify any registered childminders in the Parish. Further effort is needed to check if this is correct. However since the survey was completed a playgroup has been established at Rodington Village Hall and appears to be growing in popularity.

RECREATIONAL REQUESTS

Questions 22 to 28

This area drew the most vigorous response and reflects the growing awareness of the benefits of positive healthy lifestyle choices often led by the over 50's age group.

Top request within the whole survey was for Keep Fit classes. An ideal opportunity for the Village Halls to provide the facilities with a Community lead organisational effort to provide such a programme. RPC should initiate contact with Village Hall Committee to seek ways of providing such classes.

A strong second was requests for Dance classes. Again an ideal opportunity for the Village Halls to play a role in providing the venue and taking a lead in their organisation. Again RPC should take a lead in bringing parties together to progress implementation of such classes.

Third, was a desire for Art Classes. Such courses are available in Wellington College but clearly there is a need and desire for the classes to come to the learner rather than the learner to the class. This most likely reflects the average age and rural public transport issue.

Again the RPC should initiate moves to explore the possibilities for this to happen through the various Agencies that may be able to assist.

There were a notable number of requests for a Luncheon Club with over 50% of requests arising from Rodington, which has had such a club for a number of years.

This situation witnessed a number of times throughout the survey, i.e. requests for services or facilities that already exist within the parish or very close by. Steering committee noted this trend and the issues are discussed within the section headed "Parish Information Point"

Final request was for Mother & Toddler sessions, which again is a Community driven activity that should reside within the facilities of the respective Village Halls. Such opportunities need initiation and communication within the groups of interested parties, a role ideally suited to the Management Committees of the Halls. RPC should alert the Committees and provide support for follow-up activities to see these programmes commence.



PARISH INFORMATION POINT

Question 29

The question posed "Do you want a parish Information Point" with the result of 40 for 36 against. Over the past two years Parish notice boards have been provided in Longdon and Rodington.

Again the response bore witness to the difficulties of communication within a rural parish. Most journeys within the Parish being made in a motor vehicle which at average speed of 30 to 40 m.p.h is not conducive to stopping and reading the latest posters. It seems that kerbside communication fails much of the population and only aids those who are pedestrians and happen to use the particular road with the notice board.

The most economical form of information now available is clearly a Parish Website that can contain the many strands of information that a Parishioner could expect from their Council and Community.

However access to a website is not universally available or an accepted medium for everyone in the Community. The only other alternative that is universal to all householders is a printed Newsletter and the RPC is on target to produce three publications during 2003.

Delivery of such an item is time consuming when tackled by volunteers door-to-door and expensive when the postal service is used. However the post does guarantee reaching every household within the Parish.

Another consideration, is a quarterly newsletter satisfactory as a Community information exchange. Country life is slower but an idea floated in say January issue will not see a written response until March.

Steering Committee agreed initially that the Parish Newsletter was the most suitable medium and that it should approach other parties within the Parish with a view to them submitting timetables of their activities and use the opportunity regular publication.



The RPC could seek for as many possible to receive their Newsletter by email and using the savings thus created, mail those outside the Internet fraternity on a more regular basis.

FACILITIES

Questions 32-45

Are there adequate local facilities?

Village Halls



Scored 61% satisfaction overall with Rodington taking the lions share of the vote at 60% versus Longdon's 25%. The response is very reflective of the age, size and facilities available at the respective locations. Rodington being a purpose built village hall and Longdon being a converted schoolhouse of 1880 vintage.



Park/Play Area

There was only 29% satisfaction here, as in essence only one Park/Play Area exists at Rodington which responded with 73% satisfaction. Again location plays its part in that Rodington from a housing perspective is a typical clustered village around its Church, Public House and Village Hall, which fortunately had Council owned land adjacent allocated as a small play area.

Longdon however is the opposite with development historically running along the B5063 as a series of farms, a brick works, a Public House gradually in filled with small housing clusters of six to ten houses at most. Also crucially the majority of land holding is private, no with common land that could have developed over time into a leisure/park area. The Borough council currently owns

Post Boxes

a roadside field but has not been willing to use it to provide public space.

52% satisfaction on this point again the residents of Rodington more satisfied than neighbouring Longdon. However from a population count aspect Longdon would only warrant one wall type post box and wherever it was located 80% of the village would be some distance from it. It's interesting to note the box at Longdon is now an antique in that it's bears the Royal standard V.R. for Victoria.

Telephone Boxes

Only 43% satisfaction which is at odds statistically with the shrinkage in usage of such telephone boxes mainly due to 99% of household having their own phones plus a very high percentage of the population now carrying a personal mobile as a matter of course.

Other Facilities? Please state

There were 2 requests for a Post Office, one from Longdon, one from Rodington which has one.

Do you use the Village Hall?

76% responded "yes" on this point, with a noticeably higher positive response from Rodington than Longdon.

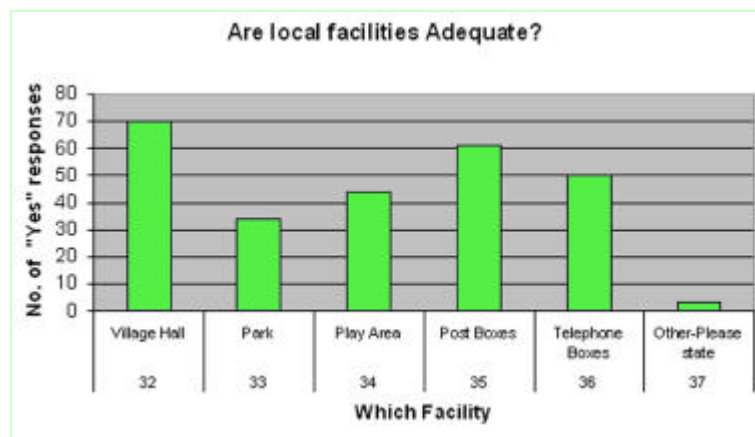
The positive aspect was the response to the next question.

Do you think the Village Hall is Important?

93% of respondents felt they were and coupled with the lessons learnt from the survey there are numerous opportunities for the Village Halls to play a more active role in the Community.

The Halls can provide the conduit for many of the survey requests for facilities/activities coming into the parish rather the individual have to travel out in pursuit of these.

The result should be higher attendances due to ease of access, encouraging those who rely on public transport to take up new pursuits, increased Community "bonding" due the increase of number of activities and increased financial stability for the Halls due to a broader range of rental incomes.



Are facilities adequate for minors? (By age)

0-5 Close to 20% felt they were and 17% the opposite

6-10 8% yes to 24% no.

11-16 11% yes to 29%



The Steering Committee and RPC had to recognise a basic flaw in the survey in that the survey was completed by either adult partner in each household. As we all know a parental view does not necessarily reflect those of one's offspring, particularly in the 11-16 age group. It was decided that an attempt to survey a sample group via the Youth club should be made to address this issue and ascertain more specific feedback.

For those who said "no", facilities were not adequate, the next question asked to specify in what areas they would seek improvement.

Interestingly 10% (the largest response) said "Unsure ask the kids". Is this the classic example of failure to communicate between the generations?

In descending order of response the requested facilities were;

Park, Youth Club, after school clubs, Sports facilities, more classes for 5-16. (Is this? to keep them at school longer!)

The only facility provided in the Parish is a volunteer led Youth Club that is well attended. Extrapolation of the population figures suggests that there are over 75 6-16 year old as with nothing in the Parish for them except the weekly Youth Club. The only safe and convenient evening transport is the parental taxi which suggests that the Parishes young people are being neglected.

Playgroup, music activities and Disco got singular mentions as well.

Would you assist in organising Youth Activities?

7% replied "yes" and close to 64% "No" statistics that reflect the pace of modern life leaving little time for more pastoral activities. Some may also say it reflects the generation gap when compared to the next answer.

Would you assist in organising in organising other groups?

Here close to 19% said "yes" and 53% "no", so at least there is a pool of volunteers that could step forward to assist in creating some of the recreational classes eagerly sought.

Traffic & Transport. Questions 46-75

What improvements would you like to see in regards Bus Service?

Requests for improved timetable and bus information were justifiably low at just 17%, as all households in the Parish had recently received a Transport Information folder detailing all current services. These had been delivered by volunteers from within the Parish with the documentation being provided by Telford and Wrekin Borough Council. The folder included a map of bus services contact numbers and timetables.

Requests for improvements in reliability were also low at just 12% indicating that performance standards met most people's expectations.

Concessionary fare improvements were sought by 18% of respondents but as witnessed previously the question has to be asked are people aware of the various concession programmes available.

Currently all 60 year olds and registered disabled can apply to the Borough Council for concessionary fares.

Options available:

Free bus card entitling holder to half price fares within the Telford and Wrekin District. A County card for £8.00 per year giving half price fares throughout Shropshire, Wolverhampton, Stafford, and Wrexham.

£88 annual payment provides free travel within Telford and Wrekin District and half price throughout Shropshire, Wolverhampton, Stafford, and Wrexham.

Requests for additional routes were in single figures with the most requested being a route direct from Rodington to Shrewsbury. A Dial-a-Ride service is available organised by Shrewsbury Community Transport Initiative which picks up passengers on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. Passengers must be registered and give at least 48 hours notice .

Similar situation with requests for additional bus shelters which is a result of the facility of hailing a bus at any point on the route.

Interest in Taxi Vouchers

56% responded no, just over 20% yes. Regretably this year's funding is exhausted and the scheme will not receive new funds until the new fiscal year.

Does anyone use the Community Car Scheme

Only one person responded yes indicating awareness of this service is minimal.

Does anyone in the household use Public Transport

40% of households had someone using Public Transport at some point, however when questioned as to the frequency only 4% said they relied on Public Transport all the time and 26% only occasionally.

During term time specific school buses are available to Sundorne, High Ercall and Upton Magna schools. In addition six days a week Public buses are available from Rodington and Longdon to Telford and Wellington providing access to schools and colleges. Access via bus is restricted to three weekdays and Saturday. Longdon had a Night-Rider service into Telford for Wednesday, Thursday, and Fridays, however due to low patronage and funding the service will cease December 5th.

Overall the past few years have seen significant improvements in availability of rural bus services via investment from central funding. None of the services would survive as commercially without such funding. It is now viable for anyone in Rodington or Longdon to access fulltime employment in Telford or Wellington provided it's on a 9 to 5 basis Monday to Friday. Employment outside those hours or requiring connection to outlying areas from the centre can be very difficult.

A limited scheme exists to overcome such situations known as the "Wheels to work" scheme administered by Telford and Wrekin Rural transport Partnership. This provides a loan moped for up to an initial six months for persons who cannot get to work or Training opportunities. Targeted for the 16-25 year olds it is open to application from all.

Anywhere in need of traffic calming?

Almost 40% agreed that the junction on the hump-back bridge on the B5063 at junction of Isombridge lane needed calming measures. Respondents from Longdon and Rodington almost equally identified this junction as an issue. Near misses and collisions are frequent but fortunately no fatalities in recent times.

Longdon in general was identified by a further 17 individuals as needing calming measures reflecting the nature of through traffic on the B5063 speeding through the village.

Rodington village centre was identified as another area that would benefit from such measures.

Housing

Questions 76 to 95

Housing and the future development thereof is probably the most contentious area in any planning document. Discussion of such an area needs an awareness and understanding of the situation at Borough level and how that devolves down to the Rodington Parish level and thus the individual householder.

Figures from the Telford and Wrekin Plan for 1995 to 2006 show as at 1989 there was a population of 137,271 housed in 51,122 households.

It expects by 2006 a population of 168,160 requiring 70,431 houses, namely a building programme for 17,752 new dwellings by 2006. This makes Telford the fastest growing town in the West Mids.

The new Local Development plan will re-visit these projections and compare actuality achieved to date and future requirements. It is expected to show 8000 homes are required to be built between 2006 and 2011 and the locations for these will be set out in the LDF.

Current Housing Policy maintained by T & W can be summarised thus;

1. Locate most development within Telford
2. Outside that zone only permit modest growth suitable for local needs.
3. Maximise usage of land assigned already to development.
4. Locate new housing in areas with access to employment, shops and services and where an adequate transport service exists to achieve that accessibility.
5. Reclamation of derelict and wasteland for housing.
6. Promote housing design that pursues energy efficiency.

Rural Housing Policy

In terms of population the rural villages of Shropshire amount to around 8% of the total Borough population and the headcount is reasonably static. In the main this is due to the current Local Development Plan that directs expansion away from the rural areas. The T & W plan in effect seeking to limit new houses in rural locations to 13 per annum.

However a major consequence of this policy has encouraged an influx of ex-urban families seeking the rural quality of life whilst maintaining employment in their ex-urban area. Result has seen rural house prices move dramatically upwards well out of the reach of local first time buyers and Rodington Parish reflects this situation as much as any Parish.

The current policy states that new housing may be located at Allscott, Crudington, Edgmond, High Ercall, Lilleshall, Little Wenlock, Longdon on Tern, Roden, Rodington, Sambrook, Tibberton, Waters Upton, and Wrockwardine.

However new developments should conform to the following conditions;

1. Limited to one or two houses built on suitable infill plots within an existing frontage of dwellings.
2. The site does not extend a village or create loss of an important open space.
3. The construction conforms to guidelines H12 of the LDF requiring high standard in terms of privacy, parking and garden space. Does not unreasonably affect adjacent amenities. Meets requirements of housing for persons with disabilities and the design will minimise wasteful use of energy.
4. It should also conform to the guidelines of Policy H14 that can be summarised; to harmonise with existing appearance and layout of the village, reflect the scale and form within the locality, conserve important existing landscape features such as walls and ancient hedges.

These are the current T & W policies, which are being reviewed/amended for the new Local Development Framework

Survey Results

The survey results mirrored many of the issues raised above and re-inforced the view that the current Rural Housing policies are very close to public expectation within the Parish.

Is there a need for more accommodation?

32% yes and 57% no.

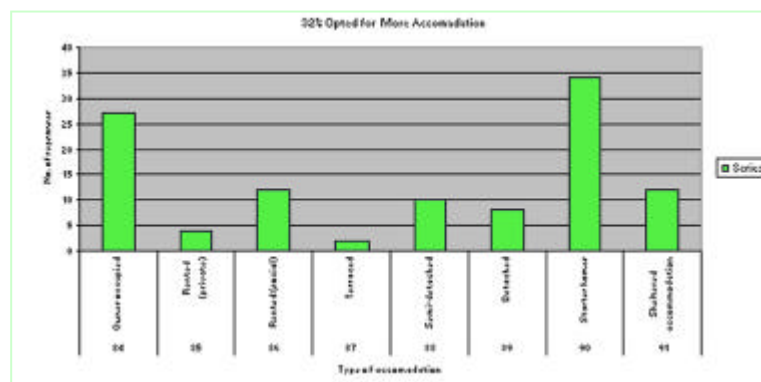
Considering the high quality of life within the Parish and the natural tendency against change and protection of what is good 32% saying accommodation is needed is a high response.

What type of housing, was predominantly for Owner occupied 24% but 30% recognised the need for Starter Homes due to the pricing situation making home ownership close to impossible for local first time buyers. Also, a reflection of the high average age of the parish population was the request for sheltered accommodation.

What type of development?

This re-asked question 82 in another form and had 42% seeking small developments of under 10 houses and another 42% desiring redundant building being converted to dwellings.

The RPC therefore has to conclude that the Parish recognises the need to make a contribution to the Housing stock demands within the proviso it is on a modest scale in keeping with current status quo and that it should be focused to local need in the form of starter homes rather than executive scale houses attractive to incomers.



GROUPS MEETING IN THE VILLAGES and VILLAGE HALLS



Rodington Village Hall

Ladies Club
Rodington Players
Playgroup
Bingo
Whist
Buggy Club
Good Causes Group
Shropshire Astronomical Society
Church LEP
Parish Council
Senior Citizens
Village Hall management Committee

Village Hall Fund raising group
Line Dancing
Bluzone
Youth Club
Deanery Synod
Deanery Team Council
Private Parties

Other Groups within Village

Wine Club
Walking Club

Marsh Green Chapel

Sunday School



Longdon Village Hall

Ladies Club
Youth Club
Whist
Church PCC
Parish Council
Village Hall Management
Deanery Team Council
Private Parties
Village Show
Village Hall Fund Raising Events
Church Fund Raising Events
Deanery Synod
Cyclist Club

Other Groups within Village

Pushchair People

Listed buildings and structures in the Parish

Sources English Heritage, National Monuments Record 1/7/2003 and Department of the Environment, List of buildings of special architectural or historic interest as at 8/4/1983.

Grade I

Longdon Aqueduct

Grade II*

Longdon Hall

Grade II

All or part of the following;

Church of St Bartholomew, Longdon upon Tern

Church of St George, Rodington

Bridge carrying the B5063, south west of Longdon Aqueduct

The Gables, Drury Lane

2, Drury Lane

Grove House, Grove Lane

The Villa, Grove Lane

Bulls Head Public House

Rodington House

Rodington Hall Farmhouse

Remains of Rodington Hall

Remains of stables, south east of Rodington Hall

Isombridge Cottages

Bush Cottage

Barn east of Longdon Hall and garden features to the west

Longswood Farmhouse

None of the listed are on the English Heritage Register of Buildings at Risk 2000.

Definition of a Listed Building.

A listed building is defined under the The Planning (Listed Buildings and Conversation Areas) Act 1990 as one that is "of special architectural or historic interest and as a result has been accepted to be placed on the appropriate list approved by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport.

Grade 1 are buildings of exceptional interest.

Grade 11* are buildings of particular interest.

Grade 11 are all remaining listed buildings.

Note. Items other than buildings may be listed such as ancient milestones, gates, street lamps, walls etc, hence the inclusion of the river bridge and aqueduct. The number of buildings with features dating from Tudor times reflects the Parishes rich history.

THE SHREWSBURY TO NEWPORT CANAL RESTORATION

Long term this proposed restoration project may affect the Parish more than any other single development and therefore it warrants a section and discussion within its own right.

The History

A number of canals were built in the Telford area to facilitate the movement of raw materials required by the Industrial Revolution, which began in the nearby Ironbridge Gorge. First was the Donnington Wood Canal opened in 1768 which later connected Coalbrookdale and Coalport. Growth continued and by 1797 the canal had reached Shrewsbury. This network however was self contained and suited to the locally designed tub-boat which were just six foot wide and around 20 foot long capable of transporting five to eight tons of cargo.



In 1875 this isolation from the national network was ended when a branch was opened from the Birmingham to Liverpool Canal from Norbury Junction connecting to the Shrewsbury network at Wappenshall. The canals traded successfully as their ownership passed to the Shropshire Union Railway and Canal Company, which then became part of the L.M.S. Railway. However Rail transport had the definite advantage of speed and load capacity and the decline of Canal trade was inevitable as the Railway network developed throughout the UK.

By the 1920's trade was minimal the last recorded Canal boat entering Shrewsbury was in 1936 and in London on Tern the last boat was seen in 1939. Commencement of World War II saw the canals lost and forgotten and in 1944 the Norbury to Shrewsbury branch was formally abandoned.



The Contemporary Canal

The past two decades have witnessed a great resurgence in interest in the Canal network nationally and restoration of certain areas have proved the focal point of regeneration of areas to their respective Communities benefit. The Shropshire Union Canal Main Line and Llangollen branch have become popular leisure boating Waterways and walkways providing a welcome accessible outdoor area for the Community and tourists alike.



However the restoration of these areas has spawned numerous small-scale commercial opportunities for the local community, which without the canal could simply not exist. Boatyards, Chandlers, Bike Hire Stores, Angling stores,

The Route

cafes, and Leisure stores. Travel the A5 and pass through villages where there is no canal tourism and arrive at Llangollen to witness the positive effect of all buildings well maintained and all retail premises operating rather than boarded up.

To follow the route in the comfort of your armchair you will need Ordnance Surveyä map numbers 126 and 127 of the Land Ranger Series. Find Norbury Junction on the Shropshire Union Canal, the branch ran skirting Oulton and on towards Meretown passing under the A41 Newport By-pass on into the north side of Newport which is a water filled stretch of the original canal. The Canal exited Newport just north of the Sewage works heading west between Edgmond and Longford Moors curving south to pass north side of Preston upon the Weald Moors. The cuttings the route followed are marked.

From here it continues south to Wappenshall, which was the junction where the original isolated network joined the national system via this section up to Norbury and the Shropshire Union Canal. At this junction the route swings northwest towards Eyton Upon the Weald Moors and then west to cross the A442 at Long Lane.

As it crosses the A442 it enters the parish boundary and this is water filled stretch known as the moorings for about 300 yards. The route then heads across country towards Longdon on Tern Hall on the B5063. As it approaches the B5063 it veered northwest to cross the river Tern via the Longdon Aqueduct.

This aqueduct is the oldest surviving iron aqueduct in the world today and despite many years of disuse stands in amazingly good condition. Sixty-two yards long, designed by Thomas Telford cast locally at Ketley it would be a major attraction in the restoration project.

It continued Northwest for about half a mile behind the existing houses before turning south passing Wharf Cottage and crossing under the B5063 via hump-back bridge adjacent to a private house that was then the local brickworks. Both these properties would have involved in using the canal commercially and no doubt the nearby Tayleur Arms benefited from passing trade generated by the canal.

Continuing across country towards Rodington where it crossed the River Roden via a stone Aqueduct which has since been destroyed, a small second aqueduct remains on the Rodington to Isombridge road which allowed access to farmland before the canal crossed the Roden. The canal then heads towards Withington exiting the Parish near Villa Farm before reaching the village. The canal passed straight through the centre on a southwest line crossing the A5 east of Upton Magna and on to Berwick Wharf. Here it turned northwest passing through Berwick Tunnel which was 970 yards long continuing to Uffington.



Rodington Canal Survey

At Uffington the canal route has become a popular walkway through to Pimley and then on round to Ditherington and through into Shrewsbury town at the Buttermarket. Construction within Shrewsbury has all but obliterated the route but Pimley is so close to the River Sever its quite possible the restoration could join the river here allowing boats access to the town centre via the river.

The Steering Committee realised that the initial survey whilst attempting to be comprehensive had not taken a

The Canal survey revealed the following;

- a) Probably due to its long-term nature and low-key coverage at this point only residents living close to the canal responded to the survey. Only two respondents lived over a mile away from its route.
- b) 93% of respondents were in favour of its restoration which considering this reflects the view of those most likely to be affected was a very positive endorsement of the project.
- c) 62% felt it would affect them in a positive way and a further 28% regarded the project would not affect them at all.
- d) 76% would welcome the Commercial development potential but a common thread was the desire for small-scale operations in keeping with the Community.

sounding on the Canal restoration project mainly because it's likely to be a 5 to 15 year project. However such was the importance of this issue the Parish Council needed to understand the Community view and adopt a long-term strategy that allowed it to play an active role in the projects evaluation by the numerous bodies involved.

There was provision for general comments and the common notation was for more information. Knowledge of the actual route, land requisition methodology, and what type of development was envisaged.



Canal remains visible at Long Lane junction with A442



Clearly these issues need addressing and publication of the feasibility study due February 2004

Review of Public Footpaths and Bridleways



by the Shrewsbury and Newport Canals Trust (www.sncanal.org.uk) will be of great assistance in answering many of these questions.

Also notable was the feedback of how welcome the towpath would be for walkers proving that whilst we live in a rural Community access into the countryside is strictly limited and that perhaps the Public footpaths are not as accessible or visible as they should be.



Via the Canal Survey and feedback to the Steering Committee, it was apparent that whilst many residents enjoyed the rural outlook of the Parish there was a frustration of the lack of accessibility to the countryside. The Committee asked Brian Morris and Peter Kettlewell to survey the Parish's Public Footpaths.



Rodington Parish is well-supplied with public footpaths with 16 in the Rodington area and five in the Longdon-on-Tern area according to the numbering system used by Telford and Wrekin Borough Council. There are, however, only three bridleways in the Parish.

The tables below indicate some of the most important features of the rights of way. It is important for users that the rights of way are adequately signposted, have easy access and are reinstated after cultivation or if the owner's crop grows tall enough to obstruct the path. Generally, signposting is poor with signs at both ends of only seven of the 19 rights of way in the Rodington area, and at both ends of only one of the five paths in Longdon area.

Access is slightly better, with ten of the 19 being accessible at both ends, in Rodington area, and at both ends of all five paths in the Longdon area although No 3 is blocked after it crosses No 2. Reinstatement is also poor, but very variable with some landowners consistently ignoring this, whereas at least one landowner regularly and reasonably promptly reinstates paths.

Three of the rights of way in the Rodington area (11, 13, 17) do not lead to a road, but terminate in the middle of private land. They are of little practical value to most footpath users except that part of No 11 accesses No 9. No 17 used to give access to the canal towpath and it must be worthwhile considering the likely reinstatement of the canal when looking at the broader issues of provision of access to the countryside. In contrast, two of the paths without access at one end (3 and 6) would form a continuous route if access existed and would be potentially easily useable.

Access to footpaths for disabled users has been completely neglected in the Parish.

The steep increase in the numbers of horses grazed in the Parish reflects the need of farmers to diversify but there has been no thought of an increase in bridleway provision.

Rights of way in the Rodington

Future plans for public rights of way in the Parish should be to signpost and enable access to all useable paths, i.e. those paths which either lead to roads or other paths, and encourage the

Location	Signposts	Access	Comments
1 Rodington to Drury Lane	Both ends	Both ends	
2 Rodington to River Roden	Both ends	Both ends	
3 Rodington to cemetery	Only at west end	Only west end	
4 End of No.10 to road between chapel crossroads and Hollowdene crossroads	Only at north end	Both ends	
4B Rodenhurst to B5062	Neither end	Both ends	Road used as a public path
5 Along side of playing field	Both ends	Both ends	
6 Rodington to Rodenhurst	Neither end	Neither end	Never reinstated
7 Rodington Heath to middle of No. 3	Only west end	Only west end	At Rodenhurst Lane stile in need of repair and blocked by new fence
8 Rodington Heath to Rodenhurst Lane	Neither end	Only west end	
9 Rodington Heath to Drury Lane	Both ends	Both ends	
10 End of No. 4 to road between Sunningdale and Roden	Both ends	Both ends	Bridleway (partially obstructed by big-bale silage stack)
11 Flanders Farm to The Poplars	Neither End	Neither End	
12 Road between Somerwood and Rodington Heath to Field House	Neither End	Neither End	
13 The Paddocks to Private land.	Neither End	Neither End	
14 Crow Lane to Parish boundary	Neither End	Neither End	
15 Sugdon to parish boundary	Both ends	Both ends	Shropshire Way
16 Long Waste to parish boundary	Neither End	Neither End	
17 Road between Walcot and Isombridge to private land	Neither End	Neither End	
18 Isombridge Farm to Allscott Mill	Both Ends	Both Ends	Bridleway
19 Road between Somerwood and Rodington Heath to private land.	Both Ends	Both Ends	

establishment of more footpaths and bridleways to reflect the modern use of the countryside and give links to the reinstated canal.

No	Location	Signposts	Access	Comments
1	Millers Row to Parish boundary	Only south end	Both ends	Stile mid-way in need of repair
2	Junction of No. 4 and No. 5 to middle of No. 1	Neither end (one intermediate sign where crosses B5063)	Both ends	Difficult to cross at commission drain
3	Rockhurst to Rushmoor Lane	Both ends	Both ends	Difficult access in Longdon
4	Junction of No. 2 and No. 5 to Rushmoor Lane	Only Rushmoor Lane end	Both ends	
5	Junction of No. 2 and No. 4 to Rushmoor Lane	Only Rushmoor Lane End	Both ends	Stile mid-way in need of repair

A big thanks to all who helped to put this information together, especially all those who walked all the footpaths.

Thank you to Cllr David Johnson for his dedication to this document.

RODINGTON PARISH PLAN

Having reviewed the Community response to the initial survey and consultation informally and more formally within the Steering Committee we are at last ready to put pen to paper and commit to a plan.

All parties need to appreciate that such comprehensive plans never reach 100% fruition, in fact the Plan will change subtly as each month progresses and what is an urgent priority today may be tomorrows forgotten aspiration as circumstances develop.

To have a chance of success all plans have to be SMART, i.e.



With this in mind each area will have short, medium and long-term aims and action points under a catchall statement that summarises where the Steering Committee feel the Community want to see the Parish Council proceed to.

Objectives

RPC to take a lead role in helping the Community improve waste re-cycling percentages in line with Government targets, to preserve the best of the Parish's current environ whilst instigating measures to improve the area for the Community.

Short Term

1. Seek to locate Paper and Glass Recycling Containers within Longdon On Tern. RPC to identify location, consult owners to seek agreement and put in place. Timescale: within six months.
2. RPC together with T & W progress implementation of traffic calming measures on the B5063 Longdon on Tern on the humpback bridge. Timescale 6/9 months
3. RPC to request Beat Officer to speed check traffic prior the implementation of the measures, (Last survey showed average speed of 44 mph after erection of 30 mph signs.) and to repeat the exercise after implementation. Timescale 9 months.
4. RPC to initiate placement of additional grit bins as identified in survey. Timescale before March 2004.
5. Improve countryside accessibility by first providing the Community with details of the Public paths available to them.
6. Investigate further the need/desirability of Street lighting in Rodington. Identify cost implications and review with Community. Timescale within 6 months.

Medium Term

1. To be aware of T & W trials on re-cycling and collection methods and be ready to request the Parish being involved when significant progress seen as to the correct methodology. Timescale 6/9 months
2. Discuss and take guidance from the Borough Council on the suggestion RPC surveys roads annually prior winter and reports deficiencies that can be resolved in one sweep of the area. Timescale 6 to 9 months
3. Evaluate traffic calming on B5063 and see if lessons learnt there can be applied to Rodington village. Timescale 12/24 months

4. Institute Community volunteer programme to improve village appearances, e.g. Tidy Roadside day, plant kerbside daffodil day, sow wild flower programmes. Timescale 6 months on-going
5. Commission examination of Public Paths and check all defined and marked and open for use. Instigate programme for clearance where needed and resigning where required.

Long Term

1. To pursue a policy that encourages implementation of the Shrewsbury to Newport Canal. Encourage wider awareness of project by Newsletter activity and invited Speaker presentations. Timescale On-going as of now.
2. To be able to re-survey the Parish in four years time and record positive consensus that the environment has improved since 2003 via the short and medium actions achieved. Timescale 4th anniversary.
3. Accessibility to the Public footpath network is well sign posted and routes clear for use.

HOUSING POLICY

Objective

To pursue a Planning Policy that ensures housing development is within the current scale of the component villages, is orientated to the first time buyer or Partnership/Housing Trust initiated, to favour the first time local buyer. Such developments being a proportional share of additional housing stock within the Borough's new requirements and ensure there is no infringement of green space between the Telford town building line and the Parish Boundary. To ensure such developments move above standard construction methods to provide energy saving benefits.

Short Term

1. Inform T & W Borough of the Communities views on housing via submission of the Parish Plan.
2. Identify possible sites and investigate
 - a) infrastructure implications
 - b) local reaction, to be able to make rapid considered response to all consultations from the Borough.

Medium Term

1. Facilitate the implementation of housing development proposals within the agreed strategy and resist those that fall outside the agreed criteria.

Long Term

1. Witness the successful building of required housing stock that has a measurable number of local young families taking up residence.

Objective

To support and foster a Public awareness of transport facilities open to them, to utilise Borough support in maintaining a viable transport availability to ensure access to employment or training and social travel.

Short Term

Continue awareness programmes via Newsletter and leaflets to cover Public transport schedules and routes. Use same methods to publicise concessionary fare options.
Timescale- Ongoing

Medium Term

Liase with Telford and Wrekin Borough Council to implement traffic calming measures on the B5063 junction with Isombridge Lane Longdon.

Timescale- within 12 months

Long Term

Evaluate traffic calming on B5063 and consider implementation of similar measures within Rodington village.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Objective

To provide a catalyst for the implementation of requested facilities wherever economically viable and socially desirable for the well-being and enjoyment of the Community.

Short Term

1. Communicate with both Village Hall Committees to alert them to the opportunities identified within the survey. Timescale within 90 days.
2. Help identify Agencies that specialise in assisting such ventures and making contact to commence creation of same. Timescale 90 days.
3. Help identify local individuals who wish to take lead roles in these ventures as they mature. Timescale 6 months.
4. Contact the various Groups within Parish and ask for Contact info, schedules etc. to include in the Parish Newsletter.

Medium Term

1. At 12 month stage measure availability of additional activities and attendances. Respond to those measures accordingly.

Long Term

To ensure that an active self-supporting infrastructure exists that offers a choice of recreational facilities suitable from youngster through to retirement age.

Village Halls

Objective

To support and guide both Village Hall Committees to provide the required services and facilities for the Community.

Short Term

1. Keep close contact with both committees and measure response to the opportunities outlined from the survey. Timescale On-going
2. Ask for regular update on grant application progress as both are in need of extensive renovations. Timescale Quarterly minimum
3. Aid both Halls via the Parish Newsletter with space to include diary of events etc. Timescale Quarterly minimum
4. Ask both Halls to keep sufficient information regarding numbers of users to validate progress of the various initiatives. Timescale 90days

Medium Term

1. Review numbers and types of users at intervals to see progress in terms of organisations using facility and attendees to those events.
2. Encourage both Committees by interest, financial contribution and support to continue work to improving community provision.

Long Term

1. To see each hall provides a wide variety of events and facilities that encompasses the whole Community and generally sees each family member visiting several times a year. Timescale within 2 years.

FACILITIES

Objective

To improve availability of facilities in areas of Sport, Lifelong Learning, and Childcare without undue effect on the precept by Community lead initiatives using self -help and grant opportunities afforded to such ventures.

Short Term

1. Commence a consultation exercise that attempts to identify which sports are of interest to the Community. Methodology via Parish Newsletter, Steering Committee feedback and a Youth orientated survey to cover this and other facility related issues unique to them. Timescale before April 31st.
2. Issue schedule of mobile library movements to increase awareness and usage. Timescale 60 days
3. Identify and contact agencies that can provide learning facilities within the Community. Timescale six months.

Medium Term

1. Sort Data response of consultation exercise and concentrate on those activities that are within scale of a) ground available or b) suitability for indoor implementation at the Village Halls.
2. Seek a volunteer organiser and provide guidance on where to apply funding to launch each activity. Timescale by June 30th 2004

Long Term

1. Witness establishment of local teams in various sports competing within the County in the respective associations.
2. Have rolling programme of courses available that provide at least two subjects per annum.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Objective

RPC to pursue an active policy of being the Community news provider via a) establishment of a website b) issue of at least quarterly Newsletters c) inviting all groups to use these mediums to advertise their presence and timetables.

Short Term

1. Acquire domain name for website and evaluate funding method. Timescale 60 days
2. Appoint a website administrator either volunteer or paid depending on funding outcome. Timescale 4 months.
3. Launch website Timescale 6 months.

Medium Term

1. Acquire database of household email addresses and promote the ethos of using the web site as information point and email as delivery method for newsletters etc.
2. As mailing requirement declines invest savings in increasing number of issues per year.
3. Invite Neighbourhood watch to use the connection with alerts when necessary and use that facility as selling point to users to come aboard.

Long Term

1. Aim for 75% electronic contact through Village
2. Aim for quantifiable increase in awareness of services/facilities and events within the Community. Result will be quantified by higher attendances at all facilities and larger attendances at the Annual Village Fetes etc.

EMPLOYMENT

Objective

To pursue policies that encourage the development of home based employment and cottage/farm business ventures that are in scale with the Community and reduce the number of commuter traffic movements to reach work elsewhere. To review and foster ventures that encourage tourism within the locality to again increase local employment opportunities. Ensure where employment is outside the parish it is as accessible as possible by Public Transport.

Short Term

1. Invite Shropshire to Newport Canal Trust to hold public meeting within parish to report on their plans and progress. This will provide some clarity and hopefully spawn some business ideas. Timescale by April 2004.
2. Evaluate success of Waters Upton IT centre, establish usage, and benefits.

Medium Term

1. Continue to monitor Canal restoration project and its opportunities.
2. Depending on Waters Upton results consider establishing similar facilities within Rodington Village Hall.

Long Term

1. Increase percentage of home/local self-employed persons.
2. Maximise employment opportunities by diversity of local commerce and ease of access to employment in the Telford area.

Objective

Your PC and the Government seek for Parish Councils to be more effective in their work, to be more consultative with you the elector, more accountable and be more transparent and accessible to all.

Short Term

1. Begin the process of formally reaching "Quality Status" which enforces various standards in execution of business, communication and training of officials. Timescale 18 months to complete.

Medium Term

1. By achieving quality status and hopefully success in other areas, will provide a role model for others to want to be Councillors creating the need for contested elections of councillors.

Long Term

1. By its professionalism and clear communication within the Parish become more authoritative and more importantly listened to in its communication to Telford & Wrekin Borough Council and other national or local agencies.
2. To have in place regularly updated Parish Website used as Community reference point.
3. To have at least a quarterly Newsletter programme in place.

Mission Statement (our commitment to you)

"We shall endeavour to ensure that the quality of life in our parish is brought to and maintained at a high standard, where essential services are accessible, where people feel safe and our children can grow and prosper. We shall keep "in touch" with the people and listen to them, giving a sense of ownership. We want all the community to feel proud to live in the parish. We shall try to ensure that the parish retains its natural beauty. We shall aim to provide for the whole community so that their needs are met".

Rodington Parish Council WORKING FOR YOU

Introduction

The Parish Council is conducting a Parish Plan so that we can find out how you would like the community to develop. We are interested in ways in which you think we can make it a better place for you to live and work. This is an opportunity for you to tell us about any problems or concerns that you may have. Alternatively, if you have any suggestions or ideas we shall be pleased to hear them too.

What is a Parish Plan?

It is a consultation that aims to give you the chance to have a greater say in your own affairs and the future of your area. A Parish Plan can cover anything that is relevant to everyone who lives or works within the Parish of Rodington.

What issues will the Parish Plan cover?

It can cover anything that affects the way you live and gives you the chance to tell us what you like or dislike in your local community. If you like it just the way it is we still need to know. There are two areas of land within the parish, owned by the Borough of Telford & Wrekin. This land is earmarked for Social Housing development. There are also plans to restore the canal. Should these proposals come into fruition they will have a major impact on the community as we know it. Now is your chance to comment on these issues and other issues such as: - social housing, leisure and recreational facilities, Community Centres/Village Halls, play areas, traffic problems, transport issues, crime, environmental maintenance, in fact, anything that you think is important and needs to be addressed.

What happens to the results?

The Borough of Telford & Wrekin is currently developing a new Local Development Framework that will be effective from 2006 to 2011. The results from this survey will be considered in the Local Development Framework and it is important that you have your say now.

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How you can help?

You don't have to answer all of the questions as some might not be applicable to you but we can only find out what you want or need if you tell us.

We shall be grateful if you will complete your personal details at the back of this form so that we can contact you if you have offered your help. You are under no obligation to do so and you can remain anonymous if you wish but we would still like to hear your views because they are important to us. Of course, if you do decide to remain anonymous then you cannot be entered into our free prize draw.

We would like to thank you for taking the time to read this document and if you require any assistance to complete it or if you would like another form please contact the Clerk to the Council at the address shown on the back page.

Please help us to help you.

ENVIRONMENT

What additional services would you like to see in the Parish?

Please tick below

(You can tick more than one box)

Road Sweeper	01	<input type="checkbox"/>
Litter Warden	02	<input type="checkbox"/>
Street Warden	03	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recycling Facilities - where	04	<input type="checkbox"/>
.....		
Kerbside Collection	05	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other - please state.....	06	<input type="checkbox"/>

What improvements, if any, would you like to see in the Parish?

Resurfaced pavements and roads - where	07	<input type="checkbox"/>
.....		
Improved Lighting - where	08	<input type="checkbox"/>
.....		
More Street Furniture - where	09	<input type="checkbox"/>
.....		
Litter/Grit Bins - where	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
.....		
Other - please state.....	11	<input type="checkbox"/>
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.....		

Would you like to participate in a "Best Kept Village Competition"?

YES	12	<input type="checkbox"/>
NO	13	<input type="checkbox"/>

FACILITIES/SERVICES

Do you feel a need for any of the following?

Please tick below

(You may tick more than one box)

Childcare provision	14	ÿ
Residential Home	15	ÿ
Nursing Home	16	ÿ
Additional educational facilities e.g.		
Lifelong Learning	17	ÿ
Mobile Library	18	ÿ
Sports facilities	19	ÿ
Allotments	20	ÿ
Other - please state.....	21	ÿ
.....		

What recreational community facilities would you benefit from?

Dance classes	22	ÿ
Keep Fit classes	23	ÿ
Drawing/painting classes	24	ÿ
Calligraphy classes	25	ÿ
Luncheon Clubs	26	ÿ
Mother and Toddler sessions	27	ÿ
Other - please state	28	
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.....		

Would you like a Council Office/Information Point in the Parish?

YES	29	ÿ
NO	30	ÿ
If yes, please state where.....	31	
.....		

FACILITIES

Are there adequate local facilities?

Please tick below
(You may tick more than one box)

Village Hall	32	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Park	33	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Play Area	34	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Post Boxes	35	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Telephone Boxes	36	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other-Please state.....	37		
.....			

		YES	NO
Do you use your local Village Hall?	38	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you think your local Village Hall is important to the community?	39	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Are there adequate facilities for young people?			
0-5	40	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6-10	41	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11-16	42	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you answered no, what would you like to see?	43		
.....			
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Would you be interested in organizing or assisting with activities for the youth in the parish?	44	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Would you be interested in organizing or assisting with activities for any other groups in the parish?	45	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT

What improvements would you like to see with regard to the Bus Service?

Please tick below
(You may tick more than one box)

Timetable/bus information	46	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reliability	47	<input type="checkbox"/>
Concessionary fares	48	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional bus routes	49	<input type="checkbox"/>
Where?.....	50	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional Bus Shelters/Bus Stops		
Where?.....	51	<input type="checkbox"/>

Would you be interested in a Taxi Voucher Scheme subsidised by the Parish Council?

YES	52	<input type="checkbox"/>
NO	53	<input type="checkbox"/>

Does anyone in your household use the Community Car Scheme?

(Formerly the Voluntary Car Scheme)

YES	54	<input type="checkbox"/>
NO	55	<input type="checkbox"/>

Does anyone in your household use Public Transport?

YES	56	<input type="checkbox"/>
NO	57	<input type="checkbox"/>
If yes how often is it used?		
Occasionally	58	<input type="checkbox"/>
Frequently	59	<input type="checkbox"/>
All of the time	60	<input type="checkbox"/>
Please specify.....	61	
.....		

Is there anywhere in the Parish that you feel would benefit from Traffic Calming?

Please tick below

YES	62	<input type="checkbox"/>
NO	63	<input type="checkbox"/>
Where?.....	64	
.....		

EMPLOYMENT/EDUCATION

How many in your family are employed: -

Enter number
in box

Full-time	65	ÿ
Part-time	66	ÿ
Unemployed	67	ÿ
Retired	68	ÿ
Student	69	ÿ

**How many in your family travel
to work/education?**

Locally	70	ÿ
Within 5 miles	71	ÿ
Within 5 to 10 miles	72	ÿ
Further than 10 miles	73	ÿ

**How many in your family attend further
education?**

74 ÿ

**Which schools/colleges do you or your
family attend locally?**

Please state who and where 75 ÿ

.....
.....

HOUSING

How long have you lived in the parish?

Please tick
below

0 - 5 years	76	<input type="checkbox"/>
5- 10 years	77	<input type="checkbox"/>
more than 10 years	78	<input type="checkbox"/>

What type of property do you live in?

Own property	79	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rented accommodation	80	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other - please state.....	81	<input type="checkbox"/>
.....		

Do you think there is a need for more accommodation in the parish?

YES	82	<input type="checkbox"/>
NO	83	<input type="checkbox"/>

What type of housing would you prefer to see more of?

Owner occupied	84	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rented (private)	85	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rented (social)	86	<input type="checkbox"/>
Terraced	87	<input type="checkbox"/>
Semi-detached	88	<input type="checkbox"/>
Detached	89	<input type="checkbox"/>
Starter homes	90	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sheltered accomodation	91	<input type="checkbox"/>

What type of housing development would you find acceptable in the parish?

None	92	<input type="checkbox"/>
Small group less than 10	93	<input type="checkbox"/>
Larger group 10 or more	94	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conversion of redundant buildings	95	<input type="checkbox"/>

GENERAL INFORMATION

Do you think that tourism should be encouraged?

YES

NO

Please tick
below

96

97

Do you ever look at the Parish Notice Board?

YES

NO

98

99

Do you know who your Parish Councillors are?

YES

NO

100

101

Do you know what your Parish Council is responsible for?

YES

NO

102

103

Have you ever attended a Parish Council meeting?

YES

NO

104

105

Are you happy with your Parish Council?

YES

NO

106

107

If you answered no please explain how you think we might improve our service to you.

108

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FUNDING

Please tick
below

Would you be prepared to pay an increase in the parish precept in order to receive and benefit from additional services?

YES	109	<input type="checkbox"/>
NO	110	<input type="checkbox"/>

STEERING GROUPS

We shall be looking for people to join Steering Groups during and after the Parish Plan consultation. Would you be prepared to help?

YES	111	<input type="checkbox"/>
NO	112	<input type="checkbox"/>

Is there any specific issue that you would be prepared to help with?

Please state.....	113	<input type="checkbox"/>
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FURTHER COMMENTS

Please write any other comments or suggestions in the space below.

.....	114	<input type="checkbox"/>
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ABOUT YOU

How many people live in your household?

Please enter number in box below

MALE 115

FEMALE 116

How old:

are you? 117

your partner 118

What are the ages of your children?

0 - 5 119

6 - 16 120

17 - 21 121

21 and over 123

The following information would be useful but not essential.

Are you or any member of your family disabled in any way? Please tick below

YES 124

NO 125

If yes please state..... 126

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Does anyone in your household have any special needs?

YES 127

NO 128

If yes please state..... 129

.....

What is your ethnic group?

Please tick

below

White: English 130

Irish 131

Scottish 132

Welsh 133

Mixed: White and Black Caribbean 134

White and Black African 135

White and Asian 136

Other 137

Please state.....

Asian or Asian British		
Indian	138	ÿ
Pakistani	139	ÿ
Bangladeshi	140	ÿ
Any other Asian Background	141	ÿ
Please state.....		
Black or Black British		
Caribbean	142	ÿ
African	143	ÿ
Any other Black background	144	ÿ
Please state.....		
Chinese or other ethnic group		
Chinese	145	ÿ
Any other	146	ÿ
Please state.....		

Please enter your contact details below

*Please delete as appropriate

Title *Mr. /Ms/Mrs./ Miss

First Names

Surname

Address

Telephone no.

e-mail

When you have completed this form please return it in the pre-paid envelope provided.

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YOUR GROUP NEEDS A SAY ABOUT THE VILLAGE HALL

GROUP NAME.....WHURLD Youth Club NUMBER OF MEMBERS....109 registered

DID YOUR GROUP FIND THE EXHIBITION INFORMATIVE? Yes, but the plans had to be explained to the group members - between 10 - 15 years of age.

DOES YOUR GROUP AGREE WITH THE LIST OF ESSENTIAL NEEDS? Yes, but other needs have been identified:

All youth club members attending on the 30th September session at RVH (54 in total) together with staff/organisers (6 in total) were consulted about the proposals, in addition to having had access to the exhibition. There is unanimous support for the plans to extend RVH, and a strong wish that if the plans are realised this would make possible multiple use of the hall; thus eliminating the need for the club to meet at other venues when the hall is booked. At present, it is only possible for one group/organisation to meet at any one time. However, in addition they identify a shortage of general purpose playing surface/facility as a major unmet need. This could cater for low intensity sports like rounders, short cricket etc, as well as five a side football, tennis, basketball, volley-ball etc. They all recognise that this falls outside the current proposals, but would want the RVH committee to make a commitment to securing an all weather playing area (with lighting, adjacent to the village hall). Further, that this could form an essential part of the proposals for RVH, and even provide a source of ongoing funds for the hall, if spot charges were levied. This would enable games and sports for youth club members, and every other group in the community to use (as a book-able resource).

Some youth club members wanted the RVH committee to go further and renovate the "humps" at the lower end of the playing field to allow for mountain biking. However, this is clearly outside the remit of the current planning group and RVH.

DOES YOUR GROUP APPROVE OF THE PROPOSED FLOOR PLAN? Yes

This makes best use of space, most of the youth club members could see how this would immediately improve facilities within the hall for everyone, and all agreed that the idea of a modular/movable stage is excellent as this frees up space when it's needed. With over 50 regular youth club members attending every session, this additional space is greatly welcomed and much needed.

WILL THESE PROPOSALS IMPROVE THE VILLAGE HALL FOR YOUR GROUP? Yes

As above, by increasing the available floor space, an expanded use of facilities and events will be possible for the youth club. This will cater more appropriately for their needs.

Better storage facilities will make life easier for everybody (other users). At the moment, the youth club has to store its equipment where it can, and this can be problematic for other users. All of the equipment that is transportable is stored elsewhere at the present time.

Given a revamping of the village hall and its facilities, including external lighting, this will have the net effect of improving the safety for all youth club members, particularly during the dark nights of Autumn and Winter and enable better visual supervision of all its members.

DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS?

See above. All youth club members and staff welcome the proposals, would like these to encapsulate the needs particularly of young people (but of the whole community) and to see the development of the hall as a starting point for this.

If this is a starting point then the wishes of some of the older youth club members might materialise in a place for them to come and sit/talk and pass the time with their friends. This may be provided in the hall itself, or alternatively in some form of lit shelter, providing some modicum of safety and conviviality.

On behalf of the WHURLD youth club thanks to all those who are putting the plans together!

Questionnaire completed by: Tom Currie, Claire Brodderick, and Stella Wellings

Dated: 30th September 2003

Role in Group: Organisers and leaders in WHURLD Youth Club.

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