

## The Village Plan

A short time was set aside, before the Annual Parish Meeting, for residents to “Have their Say” about the proposed Village Plan. The Village Appraisal of 2005 had made many recommendations in some 13 different categories. At the meeting, a list of those recommendations which had been completed was available for residents to study. It was not simply a list of things completed by the Parish Council, rather it was a list of things accomplished by different sections of Guilden Morden’s population. Obviously, not everything in the list is 100% perfect, but let us all congratulate ourselves on some healthy forward movement. The list included:

- Village Shop
- Village Hall
  - decoration of main hall
  - money raised for new kitchen
  - hall floor sanded and varnished
  - committee room floor repaired
  - new cupboard in lobby
  - new home for tables
- Policing
  - more visible
  - visit/meeting with Community Police Support Officers
- Children’s Play Equipment
  - £56K has been raised by Phoenix, and plans/preparations are in hand for new facilities
- Footpaths
  - Leaflet produced and introductory meeting held
- Broadband
- Parking at station
- Better communication within the village
  - GAMUT continues after death of John Curtis
  - Village Diary published in GAMUT
  - Parish Council awarded Quality Council status
  - Website improved/updated
  - PC Newsletter published in GAMUT
  - Residents’ consultation opportunity pre PC meetings
  - Annual Parish Meeting more ‘social’
  - PC’s Annual Report published *before* the Annual meeting

Then there was an opportunity for residents to vote for those issues that they would like to be actioned next, by selecting their top 3 from the 8 suggestions – these will form the basis of the priority items in the Village Plan, which is similar to the Appraisal but with the addition of a timetabled action plan for the next few years. Listed below are the items, pulled from the Appraisal, and suggested for action in the near future, together with the number of residents’ votes:

	<u>Votes</u>
• Revitalize the Sports Forum	2
• Village Hall – what happens next?	9
• Control of Traffic Speed	12
• Public discussion in GAMUT and on Website	4
• Community tidy-up days with Residents’ participation	9
• Youth Council/Forum	2
• Enter “Best-Kept Village”	2
• CCTV at station car parks	0

There was an opportunity for residents to volunteer for some activities, either in an organizing capacity or as a helper, as part of a team.

Sadly, no-one volunteered to help the Mobile Warden Scheme, the Sports Forum or the Youth Council/Forum, whilst 1 brave resident volunteered to help with entry for a “Best-Kept Village” competition, and 7 volunteered themselves for Community Tidy-up Days. The Parish Council will make sure that each of those 7 is made aware of the other names on the list.