

Ashton Keynes Parish Survey

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) — Resident Responses

Response #1

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Creating safer cycle paths connecting our village with surroundings would be great - eg feels very unsafe to go on/cross B4696 on our bikes.

Response #2

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Half pipe at Bradstone
Please

Response #3

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Astro pitches would be great and ideally at High Road or Bradstone

An Astro surface in the village sounds like a good idea - but only if it is multi sports. I'm not sure why the survey indicates it would only be for football. Hopefully if there were one it could be used for a variety of sports.

Response #4

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

A village lake would be nice if one became available.

N/A

I do think the high road field carpark could be easily improved to take a few more cars by removing the entrance pillars and fencing near the entrance, basically opening up the entrance.

General modernisation of the Lotts and High Road playground equipment would be fantastic. Use these frequently and some parts are looking tired and run down. Some need a full replacement but others would look much better with a simple paint job.

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

N/A

Improved mobile phone reception. Getting mains gas to the village. More street lighting, just low level movement sensitive lights would be good especially down godditch and park place, both pitch black at night. Support the upgrading of the church heating.

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

N/a

The village hall needs constant financial input to maintain the building. Some money to be made available for some updating would benefit huge numbers of the community.

The high road pavilion loos need updating urgently, assuming weekend football continues they were atrocious 10 years ago.

Response #5

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

We should look after current facilities instead of making new things that compromise extant offerings like the pub, village hall and shop and are based around playing fields and children.

I think it is important that there is a refurbishment in all of the parks because recently we seem to repeatedly be spending money to fix things before they break again. I also think it's important to give more places for teen because I think a large reason for the constant need to refurbish equipment is because they have nowhere else to go. This would encourage more younger families to use the park and keep the equipment nicer for longer as it's more likely to be used by the intended age group

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

Dog walking field and dog wash

I'm not really sure what to suggest but I do think it's important to try to bring more people to our parks. If there was more of a drawing factor towards Bradstone I think we would see much more use of the facilities and green spaces

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

Who is going to manage and upkeep any of these new projects once delivered, specifically Bradstone if it is done? There are not enough people volunteering for things like shop and village hall committee as it is! PCC is only full of people at the moment as there is money. Even harder to manage if you are encouraging to set up a business there and managing leases or franchises. Who is suitably trained and equipped to manage a building project at Bradstone or suchlike?

I'm not sure if this falls under this area but something needs to be done about the crossroads at the top of Cox's Hill. It's so dangerous at the moment and as a relatively new driver it's very intimidating to be met with that as soon as we leave the village. If not this then development around the pub would be good. Currently I would rather go to Somerford Keynes than then go to the pub in the village. If this isn't an area that can be improved then the aforementioned sports bar space at Bradstone where there is a nice environment to go out with friends in the village would be great.

Response #6

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Please use some of the money to improve the safety of the B4696. It has been discussed for years and this is a chance to do what every other village nearby has done to potentially save lives: put in calming measures/welcome to the village entry gates etc. A pelican crossing to the Thames Path maybe. It looks a mess with battered broken signs and lets down the village.

It seems a done deal that the money will be invested to improve the Bradstone. I would like to see a detailed business plan to see how feasible these ideas are. The Bradstone as it is needs a huge amount of tidying up. I would like to see more investment in the village hall, perhaps installing air source heat pumps.

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

Please use some of the money to improve the safety of the B4696. It has been discussed for years and this is a chance to do what every other village nearby has done to potentially save lives: put in calming measures/welcome to the village entry gates etc. Siddington, Latton, Minety to name but a few along key routes have all acted responsibly by investing in such measures; we have nothing. A pelican crossing to the Thames Path maybe too for walkers. It looks a mess with battered broken signs as it is; some attention is well overdue.

More defibrillators accessible to the general public.

Move preschool to the Porta cabins at Ashton Keynes School? And expand the village shop by using the preschool rooms?

Or expand the area on the Ashton Keynes Park to relocate the shop?

Improved and extended pavilion on the high road playing fields. Far better accessibility for most villagers and less need for cars.

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

I do not know who was consulted about the spending of the CIL money, but groups such as the Craft Club did not receive any survey. I am disappointed that it seems that the Bradstone looks likely to receive the money. It's at the edge of the village and not at all central. A skate park has been mentioned time and time again with ramps dumped there and never installed.

Security at Bradstone. The gates will need to be left open. Potential for travellers to take over the whole site.

Response #7

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

The play equipment for older children needs improving; adage cycle path around the edges of existing facilities would be useful. The Village Hall needs improving in many areas.

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

No

Village Cafe/ Bakery

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

Great that everyone is being asked again.

Response #8

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

Very surprised that there is very little proposed for village hall which is the main centre for the community

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

There is nothing in your proposals regarding the maintenance of the fabric of the building of the village hall.

Response #9

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Cycling path - either upgrading the Thames path or providing better loops around lakes

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

Add a roof to the existing tennis courts along with lighting- to keep as tennis courts or replace with padel

Response #10

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

The money should be invested wisely. I like the idea of a paddle court at bradstone, but is an outdoor court likely to eventually be full of weeds and moss? Who will manage these areas effectively. A covered paddle court would be much more usable and have a longer life. It would also be a good income generator, the courts at Elkstone cost £30ph and are always full.

A skate park for kids would be great, we already have a playground, something for slightly older kids would be great.

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

I think if you could make the club house at brace stone look nice, it would encourage people to rent it plus the field for weddings etc. this should be marketed as again it would be a good source of revenue.

Response #11

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Too many cars parked along the high road at school pickup times and during football matches/training - can block junctions

Not enough recreational areas/activities - lake or bbq area would be cool

I believe our community would truly flourish with the addition of a café and outdoor kitchen on the patio area to the left of Bradstone. This would create a natural 'heart' for AK, providing a much-needed space for community BBQs and events that bring all generations together. To ensure this remains a reliable resource for everyone, a privately-run café would be ideal; it allows for consistent, professional service and longer opening hours without the need for volunteers. Beyond socialising, I'd love to see multi-generational sports and a sensory garden integrated into the plan. A sensory garden, in particular, offers a vital, inclusive haven—providing a calming space for families to connect while supporting the specific wellbeing needs of neurodivergent people and those living with dementia.

Together, these features would not only increase footfall but create a more supportive, vibrant, and inclusive environment for everyone in the AK community.

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

N/A

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

N/A

Response #12

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Resurfacing/filling holes in village hall car park. Providing safer and increased parking at high road. Younger children are already provided for in the village. Mid teens need areas.

A cycle path will be very useful

Cycle path to Somerford Keynes and Cotswold Community to avoid main spine road. Could be along thames path or parallel.

Cycle path to Jennies kitchen or along the river to Somerford Keynes

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

In a community bus to provide better access to anywhere outside of the village, for both young and old.

Improvements on traffic signalling and regulation. People are driving too fast specially on the corner of the Bradstone

Space for a Friday night pizza van

Retail space for privately owned cafe

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

It would be interesting to hear the impact report of paddle ball/pickle ball noise on both local residents and also the enjoyment of the new proposed Bradstone facilities

Response #13

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

The children's playground equipment would benefit from being refreshed and updated to create a more attractive and engaging space for local children and families.

The gym equipment has not been installed yet.

How are you informing people about the paper copies of the form? I heard nothing about the first survey.
The Lotts play area requires climbing frame update as some of the equipment has become unsafe; a couple of things removed and not replaced and the wooden structure, which is now rotting, is just fenced off!
Safer cycling route up Friday Ham Lane from the village of possible.

I think it would be nice to have better/nicer facilities for a cafe at the high road park maybe with a terrace or something similar that people could sit outside with tables and chairs.

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

Cutting of the hedgerow on our local pathways,
A defibrillator.

Is the MUGA used at the moment ever?

More 30mph signs on Rixon Gate (down to Happy Land) as most traffic exceed this!
Also duck warning signs coming through village as many have been killed on the road.
No

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

1. Improved safety measures are needed for pedestrians crossing the road where the Thames Path crosses the B4696, as visibility and traffic speed can make this a hazardous crossing point.

2. The pavement along the High Road is very uneven and can be difficult and potentially unsafe for pedestrians to walk along. In addition, bollards and other objects placed on the pavement by the shop and garage to deter parking further restrict the pathway, creating additional hazards for pedestrians.

Has a business plan been written for these ideas? Renovating the Bradstone is going to cost a lot of money to bring it from the 1970s to 2026. The refurbishment of the hall toilets cost £30000 so a new roof, plus refurbishment of the toilets is going to use up a minimum of 100K. As far as I know there isn't a disabled toilet.

I can't see how it can be used as a cafe when it is in use by the sports clubs at the weekend and during the week.

There is little for teenagers to do, but the skate park was never installed due to fears it might attract too many teenagers.

I am concerned regarding a bar facility at Bradstone in the evening as this will take business away from the village pub. The noise would also impact local houses.

Any alcohol licences given, to make allowance for affect on the pub.

No , just the terrible state of the roads

Response #14

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Bradstone makes sense for Astro pitch/s, but not really bothered where.

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

The village hall is central to our village and should have monies invested.

Response #15

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

I'd love the idea of an outdoor kitchen/BBQ/Pizza oven!

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

The community cafe/hub at the Bradstone like they have in South Cerney is a great idea. Need to ensure it also feels welcoming for people who are not sporty and does not become a Sports Bar only. Perhaps a conversation could be had with the owners of the White Hart to invest in the back room and make that more of a Sports Bar cafe etc. I think the edges that keep getting driven over on the High Road would benefit from having proper edging blocks fitted.

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

There needs to be joined up thinking about what could be developed both at The Bradstone and at the High Road so that we have two nice venues for socialising before and after sport and for people who aren't physically active to that degree and might just want to go somewhere and see other people and have coffee and read or play board games or just chat (for example). Also, does the parish council have any young people involved in the design? I am thinking people who have grown up in the village and are now in their 20s/30s (they bring recent experience plus future vision to complement us older cohort).

Response #16

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

I think there are currently limited ways to cycle off road from within village boundaries. It would be good to link in better with National/regional cycle ways.

Footpaths are often neglected and overgrown eg round the Bradstone. It would be good for them to be better looked after. The footpath between Church Walk and the church is very uneven and cannot accommodate wheelchairs at present. It would be good to address this as it is quite well used by all age groups.

Additional traffic could be a huge problem for AK in the future - anything to help mitigate problems with the roads and parking would be money well spent.

If there was a way of connecting cycle paths parallel to the Thames path in order to join up to the rest of the somerford Keynes network this would be brilliant. Getting out of the village by bike is otherwise dangerous especially towards the spine road cross roads junction. The football hut on high road is better placed for real community facilities, esp toilets to serve the park and tennis clubs as well as footie. Parking at wknd football events becomes a regular nightmare. Consider the purchase of the field (on public footpath) behind grove farm which is already used a lot for recreation to form a formal village green designation.

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

I wish there was a way money could be given to improving some of our utilities infrastructure eg antiquated drains, poor wifi signals etc. New housing developments will certainly put more strain on these very necessary aspects of living in the village.

Safe cycle paths would be th big one.

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

The his questionnaire is so heavily geared to the bradstone and doesn't leave sufficient apparent scope for opening out of options. Whilst I'm sure bradstone is well used and loved by those that use it, I'm

Not convinced this is representative of the village as a whole and that the wider event it would be better achieved by investment somewhere along the high road or in connecting to wider cycle networks in the water park.

Response #17

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

A cycle path from school or centre of the village to join up with the cycle route to south cerney so that I can take the kids on a safe bike ride.

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

No

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

No

Response #18

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Cycle path along Rixon gate up to the Spine Road: Jennie's kitchen- this is currently very dangerous- lots of kids cycling and walking along the road with cars coming down at 60mph. When the trees grow in the summer it is particularly dangerous. Any cycle path to link to South Cerney would also be great.

Netball and sports facilities for young generation

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

a cafe at bradstone

I really like the idea of the clubhouse upgrade at Bradstone with a cafe and paddle court

Improvement to the small play area facilities at the other village park.

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

no

Response #19

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Lake available for swimming

More outdoor play equipment for older children

Having one of the lakes and incorporating some of the facilities mentioned (cafe, social space, outdoor cooking) would be a huge benefit to the community and a way of connecting some of the past sacrifices from quarries to a community benefit

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

The pub is a vital community asset and needs as much support as possible to remain

Response #20

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

High road toilet facilities could be improved for use at weekends during football fixtures.

Swings

PUMP TRACKS (please)

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

There is a big need for cycle tracks and jumps please. Thankyou.

Gymnastics bar

CLEAN THE BATHROOM

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

No

Potholes in Fridays ham lane

Response #21

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

More parking spaces for the shop outside

I want more older kid playing equipment in the lotts park

Top R of field:

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

No

Equipment at bradstone

CORN DOG SELLING TRUCK and bike jumps

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

The bridge no Brad stone

Bradstone bridge

no fankyou :)

Response #22

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Monkey bars

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

No

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

No

Response #23

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

The gym to be inside

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

Diving board next to the lake

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

No ;)

Response #24

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

High road park can have more play equipment where the tyres are.

Nope

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

Horse stables and horse stuff (ice cream parlour as well pls)

An x box or a PlayStation

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

No

Nope

Response #25

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Water fight

Water fight bit

Because children might like the lots park more and the pathways to help save shoes in the rain.

Near the top and some big ones

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

X box Nintendo I phone

No

No

Ice cream van

Food van

Gaming area

No.

A large park for all ages with equipment

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

A diving board

Toilet

No

I don't think I've visited the place.

Response #26

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

Ice cream truck all summer

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

The 13+ age do not have much facilities to their liking so maybe a sports bar or pump track or football pitch would be great

Response #27

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Because it's all weather

There should be a bike track at the end of the bradstone and bike park stuff

Netball

Football

Astro pitch

Anywhere

Your missing sport places and play areas

A pump track and a skate park

I would invest the money on improving the Bradstone, before improving paths and cycle routes. As a dog owner, I walk everyday on the footpaths and feel they are adequate.

It's too crowded at the shop leading to some people not going there

Anywhere

Big Slides

Would really love the lake but not as a substitute for something else

A cross the middle but 2 separate things

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

A area wear you can watch football

Ice cream truck

Library

Skate board

Kebab place

A public swimming pool

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Cakes

Ice cream

Lots of food and pump track

Ice cream van that is daily but not on rainy days

No

No

Art & crafts clubs & horse stables for horses

Arcade- DEFINATELY

No

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

No

We need more bins because there's a lot of rubbish on the ground

Ice cream Sweet shop soft play corner for toddlers

We NEED more bins

No

No

For people that Don't go to secondary schools

No

No

NO!

Enter your answer

No

Response #28

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Outdoor kitchen would be good because people like a quiet space and the sensory garden would be good for that too. And it would be nice to have somewhere that includes water activities.

I'd love a pump track/dirt jumps for

teenage people as I am one of many children who go to Bradstone frequently to near the netball courts where we have built one mountain bike jump but it requires effort from the entire group to build more. In addition, we are not experienced jump builders and it would mean the world to me and my friends to have a big pump track or dirt jumps to have fun on.

Clean bathrooms and playgrounds

I would love a library

The cycle path could be near the path and then it could split into the pump track around the edge of the park and then rejoin it at the end to exit the park. You are missing table tennis tables, balls kit and a proper high standard cricket pitch because I will go there very day if you have these so please! A cafe for parents and carers to stay would be very good as well

It would be quite nice to have a playground or outdoor gym facility for after AKJCC practice

WE ABSOLUTELY NEEDED A PING PONG TABLE I LOVE IT

Nice bathroom and playgrounds and stuff .

Astro pitch

Padel court ESSENTIAL

New modern/ private toilets and changing rooms and showers

Arcade

If possible, having a pump track through the Thames path so that people could enjoy the natural world while cycling would be amazing.

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

No

To build big dirt jumps for mountain biking and fun with friends.

Maybe an outside swimming pool

No

Bike jumps

Cinema, small or big

Arcade - DEFINITELY

Skate park, but big

Astro pitch-DEFINITELY

Pool table. I am a frequent pool player and would appreciate the opportunity to play pool with my friends and family.

This would be great, thank you■■■

Not rily

No

Yeah. I love padel and football so these in my opinion would be a must have. I think a cinema and arcade are a great idea. A bbq space would be cool. Thanks

Maybe having a community garden with an online booking system may be really lovely. Also, a small book shop or library would encourage people to read more.

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

No

To try and keep paths for walkers open as they (the walkers) don't like us building the jumps.

No

Nothing

The opening times of Bradstone park , when people come out of school it would be amazing if it is open to kids and the general public .

No, sorry

Nope

No I am not entirely sure .

Yeah the bathrooms are stinky so a refurbishment would be much appreciated. Thanks a lot.

Response #29

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

A path from the High road pavillion to the tennis courts would be good. The high road pavillion is also in need of major refurbishment and seems to be a general dumping ground. Accessible all weather paths at bradstone also. A communal bbq pitch sounds good in theory but I would be concerned about management and cleaning. The High road parking is not ideal and unsafe for pedestrians when football in on. Could we remove the hedgerows to create additional parking bays that run the length of the field.

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

More traffic calming measures to reduce speeding in the village, in particular along the High road, Fridays Hams lane Especially love the outdoor kitchen idea, would be especially effective if combined with a nearby lake purchase. Otherwise I think it would work well at The High Road playing field, which is always beautifully maintained and very well used by families within the Ashton Keynes community.

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

Lack of footpath from new build housing to main high road which lots of children use to walk to school

Response #30

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Cycle paths around or through the village that make it safer

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

The Bradstone is at the edge of the village with poor access. Improving internal sports (TT & badminton) and recreation facilities (kids soft play/ bar/ big screen) risk the viability of both the hall and the pub - both of which are in the heart of the village and need far less cash to maintain/improve. Why develop something new when we have great assets already? Your ambitions for the Bradstone will use all the CIL money and potentially hollow out the centre of

the community. Also - the premise of the survey is biased. You are pushing the Bradstone as your priority and the majority of the questions focus on different options for it. That's not genuine research - it's inviting a skewed response.

Response #31

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Impossible to exit village without going on dangerous roads.

Improvements to all the local footpaths and building them up higher as many become impassable in the winter, improve the surfaces for jogging / keep for/ walking.

Cafe in the shop.

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

Heating for church

Improve the dirt track / gravel road to Bradstone as it badly potholed a metalled surface / concrete road would be much better and cut down on the constant dust thrown up

Path to existing tennis courts

Response #32

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Very interested in a padel court

Footpaths need to be marked and maintained.

Likewise any cycle path, especially those along the Spine Road. More foot / cycle paths connecting to local villages would be really good.

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

No

It would be interesting to see how cost effective it might be to take measures to prevent parking on grass verges without making them look worse or unattractive

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

The impact of gravel pits.

Response #33

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Priority is to reduce the light pollution at the Bradstone, move the pitches as far away as possible from Rixon Gate so the residents are not disturbed, plant more trees and improve access for dog walkers with a seating area near the wooded area at the back. Money would be best spent improving the facilities at the High Road sports area, which is far more accessible for residents and safer for children.

A lake would allow for many fun group meet ups and would allow me to use my kayak.

Cycle paths to safely cycle out of the village (to avoid cycling on Rixon Gate/ Fridays ham lane, Coxs Hill/Spine Road East & B4696)

Roadside paths on happy land, rixon gate and main road up to church. Stone path run on Thames path within village. Refurbish the climbing frame/fireman's pole in the toddler area

It would be good if it was possible to get to either the Spine Road cycle path or the bridle path off Fridays Ham Lane without having to cycle on Fridays Ham Lane. Existing footpaths round the village need maintenance- there is one which goes off Gosditch which is impassable.

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

Traffic calming on the corner of Rixon Gate and on the road heading towards Happy Lands.

A pool maybe. Like the outdoor pool in Cirencester. And maybe one rugby pitch. In Bradstone. And an Arcade.

Footpaths in parts of the village where there is significant traffic eg between the pub and Church Walk, Happy Land

Public EV charging in village hall carpark. Great revenue for parish council, convenient for residents who may not have access to charging to encourage uptake, good visitor convenience and encourages them to use the shop, pub, etc.

Make the Bradstone area an all inclusive ground not dominated by the cricket club, with other events not having to play second fiddle to cricket events,

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

Yes, please do not put forward ideas that will increase the usage of the Bradstone, as this will make it unbearable for local residents.

Would be concerned if all the money was invested in Bradstone. Happy for roof repair. Some of the other ideas sound lovely in theory but would want to be sure that a new cafe, pickleball etc would be used enough to make them viable otherwise it's a waste of money that could be better used elsewhere. For example the MUGA barely gets used.

Response #34

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Cycle path to connect village to Cerney Wick area (pub, lakes, jenny's kitchen, spine road facilities)

NA

No

Unsure though this does need planning

I think a lake that the village could enjoy and actually swim in would be brilliant . Ashton Keynes is surrounded by lakes , most privately or commercially owned that can't really be enjoyed or used by local people.

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

Pétanque , community garden area, indoor arts or crafts space inside Bradstone pavilion

No

No

Safety measures where the B4696 crosses the Thames

Better facilities for small businesses such as co-working spaces i.e. like the Nook & Huddle in Malmesbury or the Old School in Sherston.

How can we encourage more tourism to sustain the pub and village shop?

No

Some sort of youth shelter near the MUGA to encourage use . An allotment area maybe

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

Could the large Millennium pond be reinstated as it is no longer accessible as it is so overgrown. Picnic tables or park benches would encourage more use by the community

No

No

Whilst recreation is important for the village across all cohorts, infrastructure needs to be diverse to include small business, entrepreneurialism, arborealism, agriculture and tourism opportunities too.

No no

Response #35

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

I would like an Astro turf football pitch because we can go there all the time and play football because I'm really into football. It's my dream to become a good big footballer.

Infrastructure can be funded in a variety of ways when the need arises. I believe it is more strategically important for land to first be secured for the local community so that development cannot continue unabated. Once undeveloped land has been developed then it's virtually impossible to get it back. Pressure to develop land will only ever increase, so undeveloped land must be the priority for protection so that it can be enjoyed by everyone for leisure and biodiversity long into the future. Everything else should come after. Sites such as the Bradstone lake, the fields around Happy Land/Kent End, and the new quarry once it's restored, should be earmarked for public benefit if they can be purchased. We will soon be getting an enormous holiday home development and anaerobic digester in the parish when neither bring any benefits to locals. We need to stop developments that don't provide those benefits.

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

Also, I would like some toilets so if you're playing a game, then you don't need to go far for the toilet up the high road park.

Response #36

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

A dog shower at bradstone. Many people have dogs and good to shower them off especially if they've been in the lake. Either a basic pump or something fancy like at circencester park.

Response #37

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

Pavements or similar to make walking in village safer

Is there a pavement all the way from the new houses into the village because that is needed?

Response #38

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Is there an obligation to link the new development into the village and that this fund needs to cover that?

A skate park would be greatly loved by the kids

Maintenance on various footpaths (e.g. where Thames Path is crumbling into river and adding other railing on one of the bridges)

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

Street lamps and adding verges over the gaps (e.g. Rixon Gate)

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

Ensuring the pub can be maintained successfully alongside anything new at bradstone

Response #39

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

The village hall car park urgently needs work. The playgrounds for smaller children at both the Lotts and the high road could be significantly improved. Outdoor table tennis tables in the high road and at Bradstone and a pétanque pitch at one might encourage different users.

BBQ area in the high road playing field

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

A foot path on the high Road. Traffic calming measures on the High Road. New heating system for the church

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

The questionnaire seems unduly skewed towards Bradstone which I suspect is off more benefit to footballers and cricketers outside the village than residents I suspect.

Maybe more improvements to the village hall, maybe a cafe there as it's in a central location in the village.

Response #40

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Install footpaths where currently there aren't any on Rixon Gate and High Road (where there is most traffic)

Memory bench for real villages who have passed away

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

Only that I hope the CIL money can also go towards the running and maintenance of any new facilities

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

Great to have been invited to participate in this survey as we were never sent the first one in 2024.

Response #41

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Outdoor kitchen/Bbq area as part of Bradstone development if it proceeds

It's obvious why footpaths need maintaining but surely this is budgeted for already and separate from this pot of money? Play equipment needs general

maintenance too so maybe this is also budgeted for elsewhere too?

* Play equipment at both the Lotts and the Playing field has been condemned (and some removed) but it hasn't been replaced and this is very disappointing. The equipment at the Lotts is for very young children now - nothing exciting or adventurous for 5 year old upwards

* The village shop could be extended as it is not big enough and it would be great to have a couple of tables for coffee and chat

* The Village Hall is the hub of our village and it is crucial that it continues to be maintained

Anything you want

- Footpaths: keep them as natural as possible, but maintenance is key. Emptying of dog poop bins for example, removing bramble and managing flooding. So many lovely walks around the village used regularly by many, but sometimes not passable.

- Cyclepaths: a slight widening of Rixon gate and a better maintenance of verges so bikes can go in and out of the village safely.

- Lotts playground: lovely little breathing space for younger kids. Gates need to spring shut to keep them closed and keep dogs away.

- Car parking improvement at High Rd: Just resurfacing and tidying up. No concrete please.

- Buying additional land / lake : anything to keep people active and outdoors is a good thing imo.

The high road parking for the football has become dangerous on a Saturday.

Pavement up past the pub to Church Walk would make it a lot safer

Why hasn't the gym equipment been installed?

Mini climbing frames

Well I would really like a Padel court, at the moment I travel to Wootton Bassett 3 times a week to play, so a court I could walk to would be great . It's a really fast growing sport for all ages and really addictive !!!

A cafe would be great as the walk to Jennies feels a little isolated for me and not visited by local people necessarily. Just moved into AK and I'm keen to see improvements for the current amenities

This might fall under the Highways jurisdiction, but the edges of roads along Rixon Gate to Happy Lands and the High Road could be improved and ideally the muddy strip of verge running from Church Walk to the White Hart would benefit from proper paving.

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

Could it be used to purchase and renovate the pub as it's structurally not being looked after correctly, it creates regular long term jobs and encourages visitors to the area rather than the bradstone sports ground.

Improve mobile network to provide better communication within the village and externally

The village pub is a village asset and if it ever got into difficulties I think the village should buy it

Green house for medicine

Not sure about the involvement of the Parish Council in the running of the pub, but it could do with some improvement / suggestions, for example a full garden refurbishment and a rethink of how to use their extra facilities ie outbuilding and car park. Wondering if a sports bar, cafe, toddler club could be part of what our pub could offer and along this, feeling slightly worried about how these activities / facilities being run elsewhere might impact its running.

No

Improve the hall car park. Better lighting around the village.

Install air source heat pumps in the village hall.

A footpath from Kingswater to the village.

I don't know costings on purchasing/storing a Marquee but might be worth looking in to

No I'm new to the village but anything that helps a cohesive community would be great .

Improved footpaths on Main Road

This might fall under the jurisdiction of another body, but the Thames Path running through the village needs a lot of improvement. Also, the stream running along Happy Lands and Rixon Gate are congested with vegetation and rubbish.

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

It seems a shame everything is focussed on children's sports rather than wider developments that would benefit more people in the village.

I think it would be better if a professional project manager with relevant construction expertise identified tradespeople to complete specific tasks rather than just select a company to complete the whole project. I say this because it seems to me that the sums spent on Village Hall refurbishment and maintenance projects were excessive for the work completed and my perception is that they were awarded to single contractors. I also believe there is such expertise in the village.

Please feed back the survey findings as it would be good to know what the outcome is and going forward what your plans are.

Poor mobile network

The Parish Council needs to be transparent .

The results of this survey need to be published for everyone to see

Water way/trench safety rails

See above. Also I would like to think that our unique surrounding nature is at the forefront of all decisions. Keeping a balance between the village needs and our basic human need for a natural environment to keep all ages happy and

healthy is essential. :)

No

The owners of the Bradstone pavilion should apply for a grant to improve the changing room facilities and to replace the roof. If they are so keen to benefit from the CIL funding, they should apply for grant funding first from outside bodies. The recent renovation of the hall toilets was part funded by grants.

The Bradstone is not central in the village and I cannot see a café would be successful. If there was a proposal to move the village shop there, do you think it would be a good position?

There's already a successful weekly coffee morning in the village. Fentons in Sth Cerney (a village twice the size?) has a café, but the community centre has a range of rooms/facilities and therefore different users. The Bradstone doesn't have this.

Renovation of the Bradstone benefits a minority of people, especially if the plan is not to hire it out.

The whole area around the Bradstone pavilion is a mess. There was a skate ramp there when I was last there. Why wasn't this installed?

No

If Bradstone's playing fields and building are upgraded to provide more and better facilities, how will the momentum of these being used be continued for the years ahead?

Response #42

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Outdoor fitness equipment (eg pull up bars) - trim trail similar to the one recently installed in Swindon at the King Richard play park, Blunsdon St Andrew.

Buy grass verges to create as many tarmac pavements as possible for school children to walk home. Walking on current grass verges is avoided because they are muddy so children walk in the road. Very dangerous.

Also provide car parking for High Road playing field by using some of the playing field to increase car park.

Maintained/improved play equipment at the High Road and the Lotts rather than a third site at the Bradstone.

Footpath/Cycle path off road at Friday Hams Lane.

Fill in the missing pavements around the village and along B road by the church.

N/A

A cycle path around one of the local lakes.

More children's play equipment at both The Lotts and High Road - both areas North and south.

Improve the very dangerous footpath crossing on the Thames Path at its junction with the B4696

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

1) would be good to consult the scouts/cubs; 2) small workshop that could be used by school, scouts and a community repair cafe; 3) Men's Shed - see UK Men's Shed Association, 4) Archery/air rifle butts (again maybe of interest to Scouts); 5) sensory space and activities for children with autism; 6) community radio station; 7) site for the soon to be world famous Ashton Keynes lifting stones.

Make MUGA in to a Skateboard park giving somewhere for teenagers to go.

Floodlights at Bradstone for evening events. Smarter venue for "special" village occasions. Festivals, weddings, etc.

Encourage better bus link to a station

N/A

A pavement from the pub, north along High Rd to the Thames Path opposite The Long House.

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

Activities e.g. cycling, sports, gardening need facilities, but also groups to encourage full use ("build it and they will come" tends not to work). Flexibility also important ie use changes over time so space and facilities need to be

adaptable.

If providing a cafe at Bradstone, problems might arise about staffing. Golf clubs/pubs all currently have problems getting staff.

A successful Village Shop is essential for AK.

Don't try and compete with pub, shop, village hall and existing Jennie's cafe

No

Proper waste provision at the playground areas (often overflowing or non existent)

Response #43

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Both play parks in the village have seen updates in the past but I feel more could be done. The lotts for example has quite a few items that are out of order or been removed

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

There may be sufficient funds to work with e Winterbourne Monktonowned various funding organisations to set up the White Hart as a village owned pub. Please talk to the Winterbourne Monkton people who run on this basis.

Response #44

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Lots play park in particular is in need of updating.

The only thing I feel is urgent is the parking facility at High Road playing field when there is football on a Sunday the road becomes dangerous and hazardous

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

I feel that the Bradstone idea is great and would.possinly generate more money with a cafe as many people walk the Thames path and would I am sure use it.. Also could the hall etc be hired out as a venue for parties as the parking there is much better than the village hall.

Response #45

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Designated pathway from Wheatleys farm to the village

Gravel footpaths for dog walkers would be helpful so they may be used all year

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

Flower containers in village similar to Cricklade

No

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

No

Response #46

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Upgrade to stiles on footpaths replacing existing wooden ones for metal swing gates. The existing arrangement does not allow older folk to climb the wooden stiles safely thus negating footpath facilities

If bradstone utilised more. Safe access from the village in terms of footpaths/ cycle paths is important. And to school.

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

Book exchange at café

Library/ book sharing/ swap space for all ages.

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

How to stop motorist using AK as a short cut. Speed control measures; village entrance signage, speed bumps, road narrowing with give way.

Response #47

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

A sidewalk between Gosditch and the derry

Paths along Fridays ham to the village and sorting road edges there - essential work

The survey would be better if the categories were slightly different. There are a number of options which would be of no use to me but I can see they would be good for others so I have put maybe because I don't want my views to count against what would be useful for others

Footpaths are already plentiful in and around the village - we are very lucky in this respect and don't need more - but maintenance can sometimes be a bit hit and miss particularly during the wet season meaning some stretches are impassable (ie cut through near Waterhay becomes a quagmire and route further on towards Waterhay car park and back towards Cleveland completely waterlogged - though there is obviously a clue in the name!). Thought this was the responsibility of the various landowners but if anything could be done to improve that would be good.

High Road Building - facilities definitely need a revamp and clean up - really busy esp. during football season and for those playing tennis, families visiting the park to play. Nothing grand needed but decent basics would be great.

Feel The Lotts playground has been a bit neglected and could be a bit of a hidden gem for younger families if given a bit of a makeover.

Car parking generally is a nightmare through the village esp. of course at school times, So many more families not walking or biking to school as we did but driving in from elsewhere, parking on and ruining verges and all driving far too fast. Have had my wing mirror broken by parent on way to school along Fridays Ham Lane. They don't slow down or wait. It gets incredibly blocked all along the High Road. People don't want to walk any further than necessary but if options could be improved this may help and would be extremely welcome (the only useful reason in securing an appropriate plot of land perhaps? Though not sure where?!)

Feels like there is an accident waiting to happen. Speed is a big concern. Can there be additional school signs as on Broadway Lane in South Cerney? Or "20mph is Plenty"?, flashing speed signs at certain times of day?, white gate like entrance signs "You are now entering Ashton Keynes" aimed per South Cerney on Fridays Ham Lane, B4696 and High Road? Increasing speeds a real worry when potholes abound and esp. when roads closed and we are used as a cut through. Trying to attempt to cross B4696 to follow the Thames path is precarious at the best of times. Appreciate this may not be doable within CIL fund parameters but need something to change in this respect.

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

Put on classes during the day and evening such as Pilates, yoga, keep it. These classes are definitely missing for those that can't travel outside of the village

If you want to do stuff at Bradstone please tidy up / sort housing for the machinery, other equipment etc. which now seems to spill out all around the back of the pavilion and on to the main ground which looks a mess. Thank goodness that rusty and broken old ramp eventually went. Broken noticeboard on end of building also looks rubbish.

Probably not something that can be done with CIL money but improving / tidying the village road signs would be good - bent, rusty - need a spruce up. Add "Please take your litter home" signs along Fridays Ham Lane. People on the cut through taking liberties and just chuck rubbish out of their cars. Disappointing.

Ensure the only Grade II listed building in the village - the church is watertight and conserved for generations to come - it needs a new boiler and windows and roof repaired.

Ensure the village shop, hall and pub are encouraged to thrive.

Village Hall Pre School outside area could do with a spruce up. There was always an idea to try to move this up to the main school site...?

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

Poor pathways, potholes, parking on the high road especially when football matches are on

Very easy to spend money but need to really consider the ongoing logistics and maintenance if you go down the route of completely reinventing Bradstone and running a cafe / bar there ... needs to be thought about as a business in that case with management committee in place, staffing costs and all that goes with that. Could be style over substance.

Who is going to regularly use this? It can be busy during the day once or twice a week for cricket and football and when the cycling clubs meet for their races plus the pavilion is used a bit on the odd evening for rehearsals / meetings but dog walking in and around there almost daily you might see 5 other people there max and barely anyone using the muga! Is that really going to suddenly change and if it did, won't that be to the detriment of our shop, hall and pub who are all trying to keep themselves going?

There are a lot of families in the village but there are a lot more living further afield now and as we discovered at the Xmas Tree Festival they don't want to necessarily come back into the village at weekends as that's when they do other stuff. Security is also a real consideration. Suggest much better to enhance what we already have in place to provide wider benefits for a greater number of people than put all eggs in one basket at Bradstone in the hope that the people will come. They don't come to the muga now!

Response #48

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

Would rather money be spent mainly on one project ie Bradstone pavilion and do it well, rather than bits here and there and not a centrepiece.

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

Bradstone pavilion could be a real community hub.

Concentrate on this, in my opinion

Response #49

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

I think anything extra will enhance the village and Bradstone field is a great location so to enhance it would be good
Would like to see the money spent in the 'hub' of the village (ie close to the High Road) for close access for all parishioners. On all the facilities in that 'central area' eg play parks , shop, village hall, BBQ area. The ideas for the Bradstone are nice but being on the edge of the village, won't provide benefit for all.

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

Would like the PC to consider the purchase of the White Hart pub and secure it as a village asset in the 'hub of the village'

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

Concern that the focus seems to be heavily pro the Bradstone, when this is a facility on the edge of the village, which even with investment would only benefit a small% of the population

Response #50

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Improving the playarea on the high road with approved installations and modern robust equipment will attract people from outside of the village and assist with home grown. Sort the car parks out to maximise the space and reduce the

traffic build up on the roads and green areas of both high road and Bradstones

All weather activity pitch with 4G/ Astro turf.... See down Ampney as a great example

A cafe in the centre of the village for the community, both young and old, would be much appreciated. The High Road is the most obvious choice as there are recreational facilities already on site but if the shop could be expanded into the village hall to include a small cafe then this could be a facility that is frequented regularly and would become a positive village asset.

Safe footpath around the corner of the high road to the 30mph sign (end of the houses). Cycle path and/or footpath connecting Spine Road junction to the village - that section at North End from the turnoff to the village up to Spine Rd junction is horrible for walkers and cyclists and there isn't a nearby alternative

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

Good access patches to and from the potential paddle court at Bradstones with lighting

I would probably look to discourage using ham lane as a rat run and slow down traffic from the triangle junction to the last turn in the village that leads to the new houses. Particularly the tipper lorry's , I'm amazed a child hasn't been seriously injured or worse on that stretch of road. Boring use of money but might save a life.

If we bought a small plot of available land in the village we could have allotments that as a village we had previously.

A secure field for dogs, of which there are numerous in this village, would be incredible although expensive!

Might be impossible because it's a freehold and private business but for me retaining the pub as a village asset is crucial. Could some money be used for small improvements in the pub eg refurbish toilets, install wood burning stove?

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

Tidy the mess up! Each building and surrounding area is a mess, let's build a proper garage for the support equipment/ ancillaries that is both secure and pragmatic

As above using the money to set up a community asset which competes with the pub (eg permanent Bradstone sports bar) would be bad.

Response #51

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Thinking forward to purchase lake 82 and adjoining land will prevent future development and expand the social and wellbeing relaxing areas for the whole community

We are being surrounded by more and more developments

We do a lot for children but would rather see investment in areas that help older as well as younger people such as footpaths to safely get around the village and use what we have available

Car parking along high road is really bad during football games and drop off/pick up from school which can make it really difficult to pass through during these times. This is why I agreed with buying land if it becomes available for overflow during these times to prevent the road blocking up.

I think the village could benefit from some more footpaths along the roads to improve pedestrian safety when out walking/running

Footpaths needed along High Road, Rixon Gate to Four Acre Close, and Happy Land.

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

Speed monitoring equipment and a safe pedestrian path along Rixon Gate

The current road is very unsafe and with increasing traffic it will only be a short time before we have a fatal accident

Nicer signage and improve village identity around the village, including North End which often feels separated from the village. Nice benches for people to sit and enjoy the village. Not everything needs to be at Bradstone end of village.

Improve accessibility of some footpaths. Scissor gates are not helpful and overgrown footpaths are also dangerous

WiFi/signal mast in the village

Anything to stop traffic speeding past Four Acre Close.

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

Road speeds and footpaths are not adequate

The car park at the Bradstone field is a dust bowl for most of the year, as a resident close by we witness people driving in a daft speeds kicking up a dust plume.

Accessibility if poor. Lack of footpaths and verges are getting dangerous due to vehicles driving over them and speeds. Parking through out the village on the roads is getting ridiculous.

N/A

See 16 above.

Response #52

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Outer perimeter of Bradstone playing fields including the Millenium green area. Make the track as long as possible so it joins up with other cycle paths at the Waterhay.

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

Could we also buy one pickleball net which could be used for hire in the village hall. The badminton court you use to play pickleball on is already market out in the hall.

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

No

Response #53

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Cycle path for Happy Land so access to Bradstone is safe.

Response #54

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Footpath between Park Place and The Lotts is in bad condition.

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

Benches around the Millennium Green and woods

Benches on playing field

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

Bradstones is not central to the village and is not particularly safe for children to get to.

Cannot see a cafe there will be viable.

Response #55

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

This survey is designed to get people to say what they would like up at Bradstone It pre supposes investment in Bradstone I personally think a cafe for the village would be a good idea but not at Bradstone It should be in the high road pavilion - where older folk can get to it more easily The high road pavilion is at the centre of the village - Bradstone is on the outskirts. A sports bar would likely kill the pub as would facilities to watch sports matches there.

Na

We should focus on them high road play area as a community centre close to all villagers unlike Bradstone and the small building should be expanded to do much of what is proposed for Bradstone Equually focus on our central facilities such as the shop and the village hall. We should not waste CIL money on facilities at Bradstone which w ill

not be used. Yes basic repairs and sporting facilities in the netball courts.

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

Yes. The thing that makes this village so attractive is the river Some of the CIL monies should be used to clear it I know it is a riparian responsibility to clear the river your property fronts but not everyone does and the parish council have shown themselves to be unwilling to ask riparian owners to clear their section and then follow through with action with Wiltshire Any clearance could be a one off with the riparian owners told that and that it is their responsibility to keep it in the good position a clearance would achieve This is also a flooding/safety issue and would not cost much Like the idea of a sociable centre at Bradstone - cafe, bar, TV sports coverage. Also a pétanque court at Bradstone or, even better (no dogs), at the High Road playing field.

Fully support re-development of Bradstone as a sports pavilion to become a focal point for sports and recreation in AK. It's a lovely facility that is currently under utilised. Friday nights junior cricket in AK is a great example of how busy the club house could be, in the future.

The high point in the village is the river. This should be maintained to a high standard using as a first off Parish council funds to help and advise Riparian owners to subsequently maintain the condition.

The impact of the quarry shows we should pr the villa from further proposals by buying local land areas . As the cost is limited to agricultural land price relatively large average is possible for a small outlay

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

Yes The way this survey is completely biased towards the use of Bradstone

Na

Yes I am concerned that a bias towards the Bradstone facility which is too remote for most villagers is presented here.

Yes improve it but the bulk of the CIL spend should focus the central facilities such and appearance of Asht Keynes . S key safety issue not covered is the lack of footpaths from the park Okace junction with the High rd down to the Derry Happy Land Bridge and then sling Happy Land. With recent A 419 diversions this has been a set problem.

Response #56

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

Permanent and obvious 'dogs on lead' signs at Bradstone.

Yes. Permanent prominent dogs on leads sign at bradstone.

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

Put skatepark in it will make me active and people will use it all the time unlike the other stuff.

Response #57

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Improve existing footpaths by making the stiles more easily to climb over

Upkeep and making safe of current RoW. Thames path crossing zone across busy b4696

Make the Bradstone clubhouse a more desirable place to go. Take a look at the Poulton Cricket Clubhouse for some ideas.

Footpaths along high road, Happy Land and a safe path to the Bradstone

More accessibility to the building at the bradstone and maybe even installing a sports bar would be absolutely

exceptional, I'm 20 years old and have many friends in the village and we would all come down as much as week can.

It gives the younger people and many adults a great chance to socialise more m.

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

Help the church towards the heating system

Air source heat pumps for village hall

Create safe crossing zone on Thames path b4696, measures to prevent parking on the same area to allow for visibility to safely cross.

Not specifically - however if the decision is made to improve the Bradstone Clubhouse facilities a clear focus of design & scope is required. Otherwise the CIL money is likely to be piecemeal across the village.

Development of high road recreational facilities as this is used a lot over the weekends for kids football.

Some sort of traffic calming or width restriction rather than notices that will stop lorries coming through the village with barriers for emergency services. Access would still be available via other routes

Better waste can facilities. Better storage for ground keeping equipment

Planters for flower displays around the village.

Look into flooding issues. How is the water supposed to flow thru and around surrounding areas. So many ditches are blocked by driveways and private landowners (eg fishing lakes) have no idea as to there responsibilities.

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

Only that Brad stone is on the outskirts of the village, is it not a bit out of the way for a cafe?

Would the local cafes round about suffer and indeed the village shop

This is a community infrastructure fund that seems to only focus on Bradstone. The Village is still in the dark ages in reference to modern communications with limited phone and internet services. These aspects play as an important part of community life as fitness/ well being at only bradstone.

Any improvements should be for the benefit of the villagers as a priority. We do not want to encourage too many outside groups to just use the village facilities for their own specific purposes (ie. The current situation with the Bradstone facility for cycle events - which currently do not specifically benefit the village).

Spending all the CIL on Bradstone when it's not used, managed. Will there be a medium term plan?. Running a cafe onsite would be expensive, what's your ROI. Example netball court. Complete waist of money. Too far out of AK.

Perhaps better use in current facilities at playing field high road. More accessible for families - play equipment, tennis, kids football.

With increased useage improved facilities for collecting waste

Need to make better use of the hard surface area

I live near Bradstone and I have concerns about it being used regularly for noisy evening events.

The footbridge over to Bradstone often has cars parked up to it ... it causes traffic chaos, and often means people have to enter the road to get past ... it's dangerous. It needs some no parking signs.

I'm not keen on lots of regular late night activity (eg a bar, football) that encourage a lot of outside village participation. It should be focused on activities for villagers and not trying to make a profit by providing facilities for people far and wide.

Obviously Weddings, firework nights are not regular and therefore do not fall into my concern.

Response #58

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

The Bradstone could provide a social working environment during the day for people who work from home. Charge £10/£15 for unlimited coffee and using wi-fi

Response #59

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Path around the village that was accessible all year round
High Road toilets and changing facilities are high priority
It would be good to lay a bike path along the main road.
A loop system for hearing aids in the village hall would be great.

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

No

If we are considering funding astro turf pitches for football and cricket nets, could the tennis club be considered for some help with resurfacing & replacing fencing at the current courts. This desperately needs doing and the club is short around £20k to just get this work done. The club would also like to replace the tennis hut but doesn't have any funds for this.

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

The concentration on Bradstone facilities is too great

This is based on the previous survey that only 40 responded to and most villagers had no knowledge of

No

I think all the ideas for Bradstone are good but don't believe a cafe would get enough trade to be viable. I would be cautious about spending too much money on Bradstone when other village facilities need support.

Response #60

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

All my "essential" ticks are things the whole village needs, not just those who are or might be interested in sports. I feel that money spent at the Bradstone could be as wasted as the money spent on the basket-ball court - unless safer pedestrian access is put in first. The Bradstone is potentially a great facility, in the wrong place. Footpaths - wherever people have to walk in the road now ie along High Road, Happy Land and Rixon Gate within the 30mph speed limit. The VH car-park is regularly flooded and subsides, it needs deeper work than just topping up with gravel. Shop extension - we have a successful shop which is cramped for space. The stage is barely used, the space under and to the side is either unused/is a dumping area or used by only 1 or 2 groups. The whole village would be served by extending the shop and maybe incorporating a cafe. This would also serve walkers. High Road car-parking - it's a nightmare navigating High Road at most times of day. Again, some improvements in parking would benefit us all, especially if paved footpaths were provided to save people walking in the road.

Footpath along from coxs hill/church walk to the high road. Cycle path not sure where but to Bradstones from the High Road/shop somehow.

We need footpaths to connect the new development that used to be Wheatleys Farm to Piper's Rise (or somewhere similar) so that people have a safe way to get to and from the rest of the village; this will be particularly important once gravel extraction begins. Also, if we want a cafe, it should be done as an extension to the village shop (using the stage area of the village hall. Also, it's always struck me as strange that there are no toilets at the High Road playing fields; many of us don't live close enough to just nip home.

Cycle paths and footpaths around the lakes to be more substantial

I feel that Bradstone is too remote from the village centre. We already have a pub, which needs supporting rather than competing with. Better to upgrade the playing field pavilion, which is used regularly by the junior football and look at other improvements like footpaths.

Lake would be good but hard to police. Sports bar would be good

Proper footpath along Happy Land and footpath all the way to Bradstone

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

AK has no comfortable, attractive meeting space for small groups, or quiet activities like yoga. The idea for outdoor yoga is a sort-of recognition of this, but in reality outdoor yoga would only be appealing on nice days in the summer. The function room at the pub could serve as a meeting room, but is dark and unattractive. Could a sub-lease of this room be taken by the PC and some of CIL money be spent on doing it up? Have you thought about using the CIL

money as "seedcorn" for getting grants eg for the roof or the toilets at Bradstone, thereby making the CIL money go further? The VH got grants for a lot of the work they did in the last 10 years, including raising nearly half of the cost of the floor from events in the hall itself. If you want to encourage people to use the Bradstone, try involving residents in raising money, so we take ownership of the results. Ideally I would like to see the PC, the VH committee and shop and maybe the pub seen as whole-village facilities which can have an investment strategy which would benefit the village as well as walkers, visitors etc making any available money (including grants) go as far as possible.

Outdoor gym equipment would be great to use free of charge to keep active for all ages. A lake would be amazing as I am an outdoor swimmer as I know others are in the village.

Demolish the stage in the village hall at set it up as a cafe for all of the village to use.

N/A

Maybe offer a limited or fixed value matched funding scheme to other village clubs/groups to encourage them to raise money to improve facilities.

We need the padel courts!

Revamp the pub

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

I am saddened by what seems to be the narrow focus of the group just on the Bradstone. The CIL money should be seen as a resource for the whole community, not spent on ideas some of which to me seem like pie-in-the-sky (eg outdoor table tennis, a prime target for graffiti, not to mention mould, moss, bird droppings etc). There is a road safety issue which faces all of us who walk around parts of the village every day. Things like footpaths where there are none should be addressed first. Anyway, surely the Sports Council are the first port of call for grants for installing new sports facilities?

No

There seems to be a very strong emphasis on improving sports facilities, which excludes people like me who are unable to exercise.

N/A

No

Concerned too much attention (and money!) focused on Bradstone. There are other sports facilities i.e. tennis club which needs to resurface and re-fence High Road courts. A bar facility at Bradstone might take custom away from The Pub.

Response #61

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

Use some of the money to fight future unpopular planning applications (eg landfill, holiday parks, etc.) and to lobby for basic infrastructure improvements (eg potholes, drainage)

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

Is there a deadline for spending the money? If not, then don't rush to spend it on the Bradstone, and in particular don't waste it on over spec design (eg bifold doors are not the most economical option)

Response #62

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

High road playground has recently been redone but toilets etc could be useful.

Cycle paths would be nice but the roads aren't wide enough I don't think but it would be good to have options for the kids that currently cycle on the main roads in the dark without lights.

A pumptrack for bikes in bradstone

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

Pumptrack

To install more dog waste bins, and have bags readily available. Ensure that emptying the bins at the Bradstone entrance (via the bridge along the footpath) occurs more regularly.

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

Make a pumptrack

Response #63

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Many elderly people have mentioned to me the Church Path Avenue(path up to the church from church walk) is very difficult to navigate with sticks , frames and mobility scooters because it is such poor condition . It really needs a proper resurfacing not patching .

The footpath (Thames path) from church walk to the B road needs attention as narrow and often muddy & slippery .

I'm concerned about children walking from Back Street to school with the volume of traffic coming into the village at beginning and end of school times they have no path or protection as cars drive so fast.

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

For the last 12 or so years the Parish Council has talked about getting gates for the village. Can some money be used for that? There are few activities for non-sporty men - could a Men's Shed or similar be set up? Why hasn't the gym equipment been installed? Can mirrors be placed a dangerous junctions, e.g. High Rd/ Back St? Improved lighting. Footpaths made easier, clearer and stiles sorted. Stiles are broken, too high, covered in barbed wire. They are serious health & safety issues, especially in the fields near rag mans lane, and the fields out towards the chancel in Leigh. The church car park is in need of resurfacing . It gets very muddy at times for villagers visiting the graveyard & funerals & weddings

Could we have more bird / bat boxes in the village eg Bradstone & churchyard

Repair verges & signage for speed on the A4696 on entrance / exit village . 20 mile an hour in the village as people use the high road / happy land it as a rat run.

Parking at school times management system ?

How exactly will the village engage / physically link with Kings Water - will there be a foot path / cycle path ?

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

The whole survey is skewed towards the development of the Bradstone. This will be great for the cricket and football, but won't benefit the rest of the community at all. A cafe is unlikely to be viable without other activities happening there like at Fentons in Sth Cerney. The pub struggles to make a profit so a regular bar at the Bradstone would be detrimental to an established business and community asset.

AK festival takes place every three years and last time didn't use the Bradstone as marquee hire was so expensive.

Why doesn't the Parish Council apply for a grant to replace the roof and do up the toilets?

The Village Hall serves the community much more than the Bradstone. How can the hall benefit from the funding? And what about the school?

Footpaths. Stiles unsafe. Road 60mph by the new houses maisey mews/heavens rise. This should be 30mph like the

rest of the village as its built up houses. Also, the parking near rag mans lane is a dumping ground. Signage and cameras to prevent our village become a tip. River cleared. Bushes and trees maintained. House on high street with huge willow tree hanging over the path is unsightly.

Thankyou for the opportunity to raise other things . Felt the decisions being made around the CIL money previously not well communicated & had no idea what was happening other than the odd rumour
Please keep up the comms !

If a considerable amount of money is to be spent on the Bradstone please don't forget the elderly in the CIL money spend . I think many would find it difficult to get to / access the Bradstone & not feel if only sports etc not relevant to them . Make sure , if not there that they are thought about somewhere / how so they might benefit too.

Let's hope the money will provide the opportunity for a wider number of people to participate in village life & take more of a lead on activities.

Also what ever we gain from this we need to ensure we can maintain it in the future . Had that been taken into account ?

Response #64

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Footpath all along high rd

Cycle path up Cox's hill to join the cycle path on spine road, to Kings Meadow development.. Or along Thames Path to Somerford Keynes - to enable SKeynes residents to cycle to school and enable more holiday makers from lower mill to access pub, shop etc facilities.

Footpath or curbing along high road between Church Walk and Gosditch - grassed edging being rapidly eroded by traffic and children have to walk to school on the

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

As above

Repairing river edges eg Church Walk. Removing silt from river which is filling up with silt behind Mill House.

20mph zone in village/traffic calming measures.

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

No, thanks for all your hard work on this!!

Response #65

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

Please consider a bike track for the kids to get outside !

Response #66

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Of course the greater the facilities the village has the more attractive it is. The high road playpark was updated recently as was the lotts park. However rather than duplicating facilities, i think the money should be focussed on creating something new, so pickle ball and padel facilities appeal a lot. Having a clubhouse that is open an appealing to visit would also be great.

I also like the idea of providing facilities for older kids, but wonder how this would be managed to avoid vandalism/drug

use.

Somewhere off the road for a cyclepath. Pavements would be good in some areas, such as the northern and southern ends of the high road.

village hall car park permanent surface

Pedestrian approach routes to Bradstone are very poor. Existing footpaths stop short of the grounds, there is no street lighting near the entrance, walking in the road is dangerous as the road is narrow, it can be quite busy and driver sight lines are not very good. There needs to be a footpath along High Road to link the football/playing grounds with the centre of the village. Extending it further south beyond the junction with The Derry/Happy Land to give residents of the new houses access to the centre of the village. There needs to be a footpath along the length of Happy Land to link High Road with The Meade and giving safe access to the post box in Happy Land. This path would also improve pedestrian access to Bradstone. There is no footpath along sections of Park Place and Fore Street linking eastern parts of the village to High Road/White Hart/shop/school buses.

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

No

Providing better off-road car parking for parents bringing their children to High Road to catch the buses departing from Ellison's and taking children to school along Gosditch. Also, car parking outside the High Road playing fields is a hazard on a regular basis.

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

Important to concentrate on one (maybe 2) key impactful projects rather than spread the investment thinly and minimising the impact.

This questionnaire seems a little loaded towards Bradstone and so this seems like a justification exercise.

Bradstone is too far out of the village to be useful to local people

Bradstone is not located very centrally to the village. Access to it is poor. Conversely, the centre of the village has a shop, the village hall and The White Hart pub. Improving the attractiveness of these amenities for both residents and walkers should be a priority. Better car parking to facilitate use of the shop/pub (or simply to reduce congestion in the area due to the 'school run'). A cafe would benefit the shop/village hall by attracting more people. The shop does a reasonable trade servicing walkers during the season. A cafe would make the offer much better.

Response #67

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Would like to see modest improvements to Branstone clubhouse but fear it is too far from village for regular use.

Would have preferred more investment in high road facilities which are at least central to the village.

Additional footpaths to link areas across AK and beyond

Definite need to have safe cycle paths/routes out of the village to connect with the cycle paths on the Spine Road.

Using Bradstone land as a partial cycle route to link with footpath AKEY41 would enable a safe route avoiding Rixon Gate and leading to Fridays Ham Lane, and thence to the Spine Road cycle network.

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

..... and a river runs through it! AK is defined by its riverside setting, even featuring on the opening credits for the 2012 Olympic Games. But it has dried up over the summer in recent years and with climate change this is likely to become more frequent.

So make use of the CIL windfall to enable the village to have a river running through it throughout the year, and for the benefit of all.

This may not be as crazy/far-fetched as it sounds. Two main elements:

1. drill a bore hole in field above Church Walk and install a pump, powered by solar power;
2. construct a series of weirs (dams) from Church Walk to bottom of High Road to hold back water - a series of

cascading pools.

Clearly a number of issues to address but it could work. Pumping would only be required from the bore hole when river drying up ie in hot weather when should be enough sun to power the pumps; and only enough water would need to be abstracted to keep the pools topped up; and water returned to the water table through seepage through the river bed (ie water recycled?)

It could work.

We definitely need to provide CIL support for the Village Hall as the primary village amenity and hub. Numerous worthwhile projects could be funded by CIL money, some of which are - car park repair, audio/visual equipment update, Ashton Keynes pre-school room flooring upgrade.

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

Traffic

CIL money needs to be allocated to a number of projects and amenity requirements. The results of this survey should guide where this should be directed.

Response #68

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Village Hall car park definitely needs sorted. Cycle path to avoid Rixon Gate to get safely out of the village by bike. Village Hall facilities need improvements.

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

Repair the broken footpaths in the village - such as the footpath from Park Place to The Mead which is breaking up and people can trip on and fall into the ditch.

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

Use the money for the best improvement of village amenities.

Response #69

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

I'd like better cycle/foot access to the Jennie's kitchen junction. Walking or cycling with the family along Rixon gate is dangerous. This would open up the village to the water park network.

Creating social areas within the village is a good idea.

Response #70

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

None

Any efforts to provide drainage for footpaths would be appreciated - often it's only the Thame path west that's passable. Any increase in the footpath network would be great, both for walking and running.

Cycling options for younger children avoiding busy roads are limited. A cycle path from Rixon Gate/Kent End junction to Jennie's kitchen (possibly linking with existing bridleways) would give access to the Cerney Wick road (therefore Cricklade & South Cerney). A cycle path from where the Thames crosses the B4696 around the lake to the Spine Road (e.g. Cirencester Water Ski Club) would be great for cycles to Oaksey, Cirencester, Somerford etc.

More/refreshed high road play equipment would be great, e.g. a replacement climbing frame & extending the obstacle course.

Securing land in any form seems great to protect the village from over-development and to potentially provide for future community use.

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

No Bradstone could become the focal point of the village

There were some ideas in a recent tennis survey around floodlights and/or moving courts to Bradstone. The high road tennis location does not seem appropriate for floodlights, whereas Bradstone does and potentially combines with the Padel/Pickle ball court ideas, or enabling evening football sessions in the winter.

The Minety playing field club house seems to be a great example of a community centre, providing somewhere to meet and socialise and provides refreshments that are very good value.

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

Ensure the money is spent wisely and get volunteers to help with small jobs like painting etc

£70k seems a lot of money given the size of the Bradstone roof, please ensure the village receives value for money on the limited funds available.

Any improvements to Bradstone should be robust against vandalism and damage.

Response #71

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Footpaths to ensure infant and child safety. Especially on High Rd, Happy Land and Rixon Gate where the cars drive at significantly over 30mph and get very close to pedestrians (too close to children). Cycle paths linking nearby things to do - Ashton Road and Spine Road are far too dangerous to cycle on with youngsters. The large gravel lorries show no courtesy or mercy on those roads. And why are gravel lorries beginning to drive through the village?

High road, church paths

The footpath is essential, 2 main ones for safety and aesthetics. We need a new footpath opposite the cider press new houses, because people will brake their ankle running on that verge. This path should connect around the park on the high road, so you can safely walk from village shop to the park, and around the park past the cider press and to happy land. The second path should be connecting the new houses at heavens gate nearby to the cider press as you leave the village to the Leigh, as I drive to work that way, I see many school kids walking dangerously on an un lit road. This ties in with urgently sorting out high road parking, sort that gravel car park out, knock those posts down, extend the gravel so more cars can fit on. Unfortunately there are too many people from outside the village playing football (not when I played) which is great but we need a car park and a path for all these people. It's grid lock. Finally extending the village shop would make it so much more appealing, potentially get a chain in like South Cerney have the co op recently, very successful. People would then go to the shop. I attend various village hall events, and the stage is outdated, un safe, and unused, it takes up far too much space which is better utilised as a shop extension.

Better lighting required

A BBQ area that could be hired.

Better footpath upkeep

Village Hall is in the centre of the village and is well used. Any improvements would be a great asset to the village community.

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

Traffic calming measures in the village, as in Oaksey (which has pavements AND traffic calming measures).

Ditch clearance and maintenance. Since the ditches were done at The Derry, the flooding on the junction of High Rd & The Derry hasn't happened.

Wall repairs along the river on the High Rd.

Support pub if possible would be better , also provide money to other clubs such as badminton, bowls etc

We have lost our pubs, which I know is a separate story, but it all plays into it. The horse and jockey went, and the wheat one on back street went, and when the white hart closed for an extended period in January we all thought the worst. Pubs are what keep us workers happy mid week, catching up with people from the community, old school pals, friends, family etc. The village used to be lively, we need to bring this back. So having a bar at Bradstone would be a good idea, it's a bit out of the way however, but manageable. Pool tables in Cirencester, even bog standard ones charge £1 a game, get some darts, much more room at Bradstone rather than white hart. If it were possible I would support the white hart and revamp the pub, very outdated.

I think £70,000 is absurd for a new roof, I could do it for less, you might as well knock the building down and start again. If it's a refurb which I agree with, gut it out, get a large patio extension, cafe setup with bar, pool tables, nice chill calm vibe for young and old. Would need an employee or 2 to manage when open. Update the high road toilets in pavilion- nasty.

More street lights

No but I do think the money should be spent on the whole Bradstone field and amenities to create a sports, active area with clubhouse facilities.

The one remaining village pub could do with a financial injection. It is also in the centre of the village and well used

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

Flood risk. The water has been bad along Back Street and Happy Land this year. With stagnant still water remaining for a long time and not draining. Ditch maintenance should / could hopefully resolve this.

They seem to assume the Bradstone is the main recipient which only serves small percentage of people

As mentioned above. But more crucially the money should not be 100% spent on Bradstone, its far away in the village, not at its core, far more people are older and don't want just a sport centre. I think maximum 50% on Bradstone, everyone agrees with the footpaths, for safety. Have no idea why the cider press or the heavens gate lot didn't rebuild the roads, I guess they come under highways, but that should not be an excuse. I think the muga into paddle is an easy fix, and big money spinner, paddle costs a fortune everywhere. Much more flexible, suits young and adults, already space to build another court next to it. Revamp the Bradstone, add better bar and patio.

No

I don't understand why so many ideas are directed at the Bradstone. It is not at the centre and a long walk for most people. Money should be spent on keeping the centre of the village financially sound

Response #72

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

To extend the footpath from Grove farm to the playing field would make it much safer for all the children.

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Village shop most important, a great asset to our Village too small at present needs far more room but staff and customers alike.

Many of the footpaths are tricky to cycle on and flood in the winter. Basketball pitch is useless. Could someone start walking football or five side?

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

A cafe at Bradstone would be too remote. A Village café needs to be more central and nb there is Jennys cafe. The Village pool would be a much better location.

If one idea is bigger than the shock, why not use the extra space to provide additional facilities for café style refreshments?

They used to be boules/petanque and it was very rarely used so why reintroduced it?

Who's going to run these activities and maintain the equipment?

For large events such as cycle events end of season football and bonfire night, parking needs to be supervised to prevent parking on the road/bend, verges and residents drives.

What were digital land or a lake be used for? Access? parking?

None

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The church needs three phase electrics.

When it rains flooding occurred next to the verges. There are several places where it's happens.(it devalue houses on the market.)

Heaters in the car because it's cold.

Bifold doors and renovation of Bradstone clubhouse would be good.

Refurbish the pub beer garden, it is very messy and unkempt.

Swimming lake?

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

See above.

Primary concern is using this money on facilities that will never be used Eg the basketball court. To my money is only been used for it intended purpose once and is now only used by people exercising their dogs or a place for teenagers together. Money would be much better to spend on improving existing facilities making Bradstone lighter more aesthetically pleasing inside, that condition and furniture. Also improve the toilet for non-sports events.

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The new postbox is too complicated to understand (Rixon)!

Can we have a simple postbox by the Village shop, please? It's a long walk especially for the elderly, unless you live close.

Response #73

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Play equipment at both the lotts and the playing field has been condemned and hasn't been replaced. It needs to be replaced with something similar.(the big slide at the lotts was replaced with a tiny slide).

I would like more carpark spaces made for high Road Plainfield parents Park " nose to tail" along happy land on one busy match days, which make it difficult to get in or out of our own driveways.

Improving the drainage and surface of the Village wall car park would be a very good idea as I have seen many of the elderly stumble on the uneven surface.

The car park becomes practically unusable if we have heavy rain as the puddles are so large that you have to wait to and from your car

The Thames path between Church walk and the B4696 - I know you might say it is the responsibility of national trails but mostly used by AK residents. It gets very muddy especially by the Thames water plant or is bumpy at the field end. So it needs levelling and covering. MOT type 1 scalplings to solidify it.

1) the Village Hall acoustics are not good. Is this can be improved at an affordable cost it should be done so that films etc can be heard more easily.

2) the Village shop expansion. The shop needs space to provide for cooking facilities in order to be able to sell hot fresh food. Has been requested by many customers. The shop also needs more space to provide an even better range.

I think the smallest skate park would be popular for a wide range of both girls and boys probably at Bradstone.

Outside adult exercise equipment, it's much needed. NB we don't all play or want competitive sports!

Anything would be done at Bradstone it must be regularly cleaned and main thing a lot depends on how likely folks are to clear up and the cleaning arrangements.

High Road playing field- needs a 25 x 15 covered hard service with a permanent roof so undercover area. No sides but with electrics and lightning. With a booking system (at the shop) for Bands, toddlers, parties. Sides could be let down on windy nights. A tarpaulin material permanently stored in the upper roof. Needs lighting. Approximate cost £50,000. New tennis pavilion or playing Field building.

A simple undercover structure which I predict would be used winter and summer, small charge for non-residents. (there is an accompanying drawing on the form - which has details of the electric points undercover, tarmac or concrete base, solar panel panels on the roof, attractive metal structures, inside that had the ability to unfurl against wind,)

More climbing frames/adventure playground for older children.

Outdoor trampoline

Adult adult exercise equipment eg. Cross trainers outside.

Just want to add that extending the Village shop will be even more beneficial in the future with the increased costs associated with transport to towns.

I think a café in the village would be a great idea. I love the idea of it being at Bradstone and creating a hub for slightly older children/ teen teenagers and sports.

However, if this isn't possible having a café at high Road would also be good.

I have seen it mentioned that a café would compete with the pub or shop but neither of them provide these facilities and I don't believe they can so I don't see the competition.

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

Tidying up or levelling the high road path and verges. It is very hard for people with them walking difficulties to walk up and down the road.

The dead state of the Village verges and pathways is poor. In magician the bank of the river Thames in Kirk war is collapsing into the river and needs major repair for many years. Mike Seymour did try to maintain this but some areas need made to work historically this was maintained by the water authority who had a full-time team but they are no more, so no proper maintenance is ever done. When a large polar appeared in the bank where the wall had collapsed, the parish Stuart solution was to put a traffic cone in the hole and it stayed there for months and has not been properly mended since.

I am concerned about the generally poor upkeep of the Village eg the eroded verges and overgrown and uncleared footpaths. Heavy vehicles on the highway road are a particular problem. Some of the footpaths used to be cleared regularly now it seems many or ignored or apparently not 'adopted'. Presumably the precept should really pay for this update. It shouldn't just be erratic 'fire fighting'.

The Riverbank on Thames Walk is collapsing and needs proper rebuilding before there is an accident. The only action we have noticed this is the putting of cones or red and white tape along the bank from time to time. And don't mention "the Parish Steward"!

Slightly concerned about the sewage connection on Cox's Hill for the new development at Kings water. Good money be used to improve this?

Men, the potholes and curbs around the village.

Upgrade the pavilion in the highroad playing building establish a café there.

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

You envisage Bradstone full of fun for fireworks and music festival. Both these events are very successful and don't need to be indoors at Bradstone!

The fireworks had doors, etc outside and the music festival is in a marquee!

Bradstone is not in a dreadful state. If it is to be refurbished, then putting solar panels and making it wheelchair accessible would be sensible.

Please make any improvements to any sports areas so that the areas are all inclusive. The areas we have at the moment seem very segregated or exclusive to certain sports clubs.

I have seen it stated that the development of Bradstone is not intended to compete with other existing facilities in the Village eg. Village Hall, pub, school Hall, Church. If a big screen and bar are opened at Bradstone, this will be in direct competition with the pub and a café will do the same. Bradstone has had the MUGA for a number of years and it has only little use. Is it because the location and access is poor and how will the proposals change that?

Thanks to the PC for issuing this questionnaire to get the full views of the Village.

Some concern some proposal might compete with existing facilities eg. The Village Hall and the White Hart. An 'out of town' venue could bring traffic (parking?) into the village and not be a Village amenity.

FYI

I was slightly involved when Bradstone was originally purchased by the Village and remembered the effort in Goodwill that was there at the time. I think it is failing for the Village for several reasons but chiefly its peripheral location and lack of cleaning, maintenance and management. I remember social events, parties., quizzes, a youth club, and 'twinning' playing boules. Put volunteers move on and lifestyles change etc. I remember renting it for a daytime event, it was filthy! The carpet, toilet and bar. It took hours to clean and make respectable for use. I have heard the same story from others. Cricket always seemed to take priority, others could take it or leave it.

Attracting unparented children day or night to Bradstone would endanger lives with the Blind Bend from Friday Ham Lane. EG cycling or walking and even mums and prams.

I do not think that it's a café at Bradstone is viable. I doubt that they commercial venture would survive.

I am concerned that the weighting of responses means that there will be more responses (as they have the time and inclination) from elderly people in the village who may want different things to the younger people. I feel that teenagers are very under served. Please take this into consideration when considering what is most popular amongst villagers. Having heard some of the elderly opinions of the pathways in the Village, I understand their concerns, but is this not the responsibility of the council for regular upkeep anyway? This money is a one off opportunity and spending it in areas that should already be looked after feels an incorrect view to me.

Response #74

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Outdoor gym in High Road or Lotts Playgrounds would be good, astro pitches would be amazing, i like all things i put yes definitely to
padel

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

paddle courts
padel

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

paddle courts
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Response #75

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

I am happy to see a significant portion of the CIL money spent on the Bradstone Pavilion, but not all of it. Bradstone needs to be updated, but not over-developed to the extent that it becomes a 'white elephant'.

I support the idea of the MUGA being developed for paddle ball/pickle ball. However, if this is installed and run by a third party, safeguards will need to be put in place to enable reasonable use by residents.

Refurbishment of Bradstone would help it being let for corporate days (which currently happens on a very small scale), but again safeguards will need to be put in place to enable any paddle ball/pickle ball to be available as part of a corporate lettings package.

I think that the idea of a daily cafe at Bradstone is a complete non-starter, but I do think that such a cafe in an upgraded High Road Pavilion would be an interesting idea.

I think the High Road park building could do with investment in the toilets and a freshen up generally.

If we have two playgrounds in the village for smaller children, I would prioritise something for older children and teens as there is little for them.

Gym equipment better play equipment

Not sure

Not sure

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

Like the idea of the Bradstone being utilised more as a community hub. Maybe a drop in morning or evening for people to get to know each other, reduce loneliness and encourage people to connect- book club, games night, repair cafe.

Young people could volunteer as part of Duke of Edinburgh and add to their work experience on CV.

Roads

Not sure

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

Communal areas for BBQ, skateboarding etc is a concern as people don't always respect it, especially if people outside of the community come, could damage property and leave litter etc. Might need lighting and CCTV. We do see a lot of littering and vandalism so something to consider.

Not sure

Not sure

Response #76

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

I'd say the high road clubhouse is more important than the bradstone one given more people use it (popularity of the football clubs). The bradstone clubhouse needs updating and better advertisement on what it can be used for/costs etc.

In terms of footpaths, it would be good to see some sort of crossing on the Thames path over the main road before someone gets hurt - that may be outside of our control though.

It would be nice to have a cycle path around the village. JK's kitchen is nice to visit but cycling up Fridays ham lane is precarious given how narrow the road is, especially with young children. Perhaps the cycle path could use part of the bradstone fields until a certain point. A cycle path out of the village towards Keynes water park would also make sense and would mean Kings water residents are able to cycle into the village. Again, cycling from coxs hill to the water park is dangerous when the spine road junction is taken into account.

The playground at the high road, although recently re-done, isn't great. The zip wire is now not worth using for example so that could be re-done.

A small Astro pitch with floodlights at bradstone would be handy as it would mean the football clubs could train midweek in the winter without needing to pay money to the Cirencester arena or another sports hall. I don't think it should be large though. Big enough for one age group to have a kickabout as the different age groups could share it through the week. I also don't think it should be hired out externally as it would get ruined and would need more management. It needs to be small enough to keep the beauty of bradstone intact.

To four lakes and the vending machine at waterhay

Gravel footpath along high road - currently quite dangerous.

Pickleball courts - could easily convert one of high road courts into 4 pickleball - very accessible sport for all ages and abilities.

More play equipment in the lotts & highroad parks

Parking and pavements along the High Road need improving and pavements extending fully along the High Road. Please no speed humps. If money to be spent on a cafe it would be better in the tennis court park or village hall or in a bigger shop. I don't think a cafe would be used at Bradstone. A larger shop would be a big boost and probably generate more money for the village. With more space the shop could do hot food/snacks and more hot drinks. The Blunsdon village community shop and cafe are combined and the cafe is very popular. Astro turf football pitch if it is prioritised for local people. I believe money should be spent on the High Road park facilities rather than Bradstone. I do not think Bradstone will be used as its not at the heart of the village.

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

I think the pub could be turned into a really profitable business if it had some investment. It would cost a lot but a new kitchen at least would be good.

No

Refurbish street furniture and signage Eg white railings high road/happy land, bus shelters, street signs, benches etc. all looking tired and shabby.

Sluice gate for river - to help stop drying out in summer.

Paint pub windows and sign!

More maintenance on the river

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

No

Ideas should complement, not compete with, the pub. Creating a quality facility at Bradstone for all not just sports clubs

Response #77

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Play area at cricket ground to encourage families

toilets at high road playing fields .Need footpath from new houses at wheatleys into village for safety.

Extend village shop

More climbing equipment for children aged over 7

Flood defence, improve drainage,preschool, village hall, village shop.

All support all residents in the village not just sports clubs

traffic calming - people +CHILDREN walking in the roads no PAVEMENTS , very dangerous

Invest in the shop - they lack storage and have no hot water. This would benefit most people in the village, whereas Bradstone would benefit only a few as it doesn't get used. Who would run a cafe all day? It won't work. The shop is the most important

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

safer roads, one way streets and pavements. pavements essential for children going to school and elderly and people with mobility scooters

improved access to Bradstone car park - a small car park for anyone to use coming for a picnic or to use the muga, one before the padlock gate - so still no general access to pavilion or main car park.

Tarmac village hall carpark

No

Help with church heating and improvement to the path from church walk to the church.

anything to benefit the children + youngsters

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

The church path in church walk needs to be levelled to enable wheelchair and elderly access and a level walking platform.

need more indoor sports facilities not changed outdoor sports facilities

No

Questionnaire very focused on Bradstone. I don't think this is good use of money. Need investment in village centre.

Support of Bradstone for a small percentage of the village and essentially a business who's users should pay footpaths + pavements are a worry -eg gosditch pavement repaired with humps - the path behind grass verges in between post box +horse and jockey

Bradstone would benefit only a few as it doesn't get used. Who would run a cafe all day? It won't work. The shop is the most important

Response #78

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Village shop with a cafe

Air source heat pumps for village hall. Improve car park surface for village hall.

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

Contribution to the church. And cafe in the village shop. More street lighting including alley ways. Visible speed restrictions in the village.

KEEPIN VILLAGE HALL OPEN

The school? Have they been contacted?

Establish a purpose built car park at the rear of the school to stop school related cars from using Gosditch all day during school hours

Replace existing wooden stiles with kissing gates around the village as they are impractical/unusable for most people.

The stils servicing The Mill Field are particularly bad

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

The school? Have they been contacted?

Only to ensure the large sum of money is not wasted on frivolous projects

Response #79

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Update playground equipment at the Lotts

Clubhouse style project at the Bradstone waste of money. Would impact footfall at the White Hart which is already at risk. Must be kept going

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

Keep the Lotts playground at a good standard

A new bench would be good

Response #80

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Better network of cycle paths which link up to create loops. Dog / child agility/obstacle course in Millenium for dogs & people to run over.

BMX style track for youngsters. There are a group of boys that build jumps etc in the small woods leading to the lake.

They deserve some aid and encouragement

Continue the footpath on the high road to the Derry and Heavens Rise

Footpath from the high road down Happy land

Footpath along High Road from Church Walk to the White Hart

High road PF building, verandah, hard standing outside existing building

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

Investment in wildlife and nature trails through village itself and through it's green spaces & footpaths - signposted trails, guided walks, trail challenges to encourage children. Better cycle access to all playing fields (high road, Bradstone and millennium green) - use existing footpaths (flip into bridleways) to create better network. Wildflower verges :)

Food and drink served at clubhouse to encourage new members and spectators

The church heating fund.

The church is used by all village communities for church services, funerals, weddings, christenings, concerts and other social events, so it is essential to be warm. The new heating system is very costly so please consider helping with the cost

I would suggest we look at the bigger picture, individual items coming later.

Great idea to develop Bradstone to properly appeal to people so people will want to use. I believe everything should be at Bradstone. To get ideas and inspiration I would suggest looking at other villages facilities and asking how they achieved this. For example Down Ampney and Shrivenham. Cricket/tennis/football/petanque/athletics track. The problem would be how to acquire adequate funding. National lottery funding?

Traffic calming on High Road. Wanting flash 20mph as enter village and other key places

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

No options here for church or school investment which are both eligible for cil funds.

Potholes

Attempting to run a staffed cafe at the Bradstone would be a serious financial drain

Response #81

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Not know

Boules at Bradstone. Cricklade have one. Match that I guess.

The majority of users of Bradstone area are walkers (with and without dogs), having a proper around the lake path for walkers, cyclists, joggers etc would give the village a nice asset, whilst also enhancing the Bradstone as an exercise hub.

A kids cycling area with bumps etc needs thinking about for health and safety reasons, but I encourage it if it can be safe for users and pedestrians alike. Current ad hoc jump in woodland is a H&S risk. Suggest a route around outside of Bradstone/ Millennium green area, avoiding foot paths.

I'm all for the extra sports facilities but obviously make sure there is demand for it, I suspect many would be very occasional users, but you've got to start somewhere.

Good quality footpaths and cycleways that are accessible for all, are extremely difficult to maintain in the area, particularly due to the high winter groundwater levels. Creating paths that are flood resistant and therefore low maintenance can be expensive - one of the reasons that the Trust's own Cleveland Lakes path is now frequently closed. We'd love to make this path and others in the area more tolerant of flooding (which will only get worse with climate change), but Wiltshire Council do not have the budget to make upgrades to footpaths, and the grant funding streams that the Trust relies on can be limited in scope and size.

Acquiring land and lakes is the best surefire way to protect it from inappropriate development, but those opportunities don't come along very often. The Trust is always looking for such opportunities, with a view to managing more space for nature and for the local community, but will undoubtedly need the support of external funders. With the increasing pressure to develop more lakeside property, there is a risk that opportunities are lost if funding is not available. CIL money could at the very least provide a valuable source of match funding for other grants such as National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

Suggest the money is focused in just a couple of areas for max impact/benefit. Prefer this to be the Bradstone plus the church, which badly needs 3 phase electricity to make its provision of a new functioning and sustainable heating system affordable - much needed to ensure this historic building can be used as a centre for our community too - music events, parties, meetings as well as church services weddings etc, with Bradstone focussing on sport/activities.

A food bar■■■

As above, purchase and create a nice lakeside route.

It would be great to see better and more cohesive interpretation boards around the parish, highlighting important wildlife and landscape features, and signposting defined routes for people to enjoy.

School parking

A work hub for people working from home

Secure dog exercise field

Work hub at Bradstone

Secure dog field

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

No

Unconfined teenage bike jumps currently being utilised are an accident waiting to happen. I've been knocked over twice by cyclists. There's room for all, just keep it safe.

Response #82

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Footpath from Church walk to churchyard urgently needs attention. It's currently not a safe surface for those visiting graves to use

Example of playground equipment would be to look at Down Ampney

20mph restrictions on High Road with paving

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

Use some money to invest in young people eg support Beavers Scouts or a youth group/event for secondary school kids

Need to improve car park to the churchyard. If the footpath is awful people have to drive to visit graves and in winter the car park surface is poor. Church can't afford to resurface and it is mostly used by the community

Help fund the tennis court with lighting and a clubhouse

Cafe does not need to be in the pavilion utilities and village hall also more central. Keep pavilion for sports for the young

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

Focus should be on maintaining life in the village centre not on the fringes

Cafe should be village hall/ shop area

Better use of the pavillion on the playing field not just a football facility

How do you intend to run a cafe at Bradstone when you can't get volunteers to work in the village shop

Pavements on the playground end of High Road and along Happy land would be good for walks in the village and

people with prams

Response #83

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

A cycle path to Bradstone

Entry stile to Bradstone tidied up

Adults somewhere to have work Hub like Fentons

Preference would be not to dilute this capital to too many projects. A large investment to the Bradstone to significantly update and refurbish would get my vote. The Bradstone is out dated. Capital money does not come round often so future funding for the Bradstone is unlikely. Do it now and safeguard the building into the future. Too many projects would require on going repairs and maintenance Do you really want more play equipment that needs to be looked after? There is loads dotted around the village. A sensory garden require ongoing upkeep. Who would do that?

Final say... be kind and give the church it's 3 phase.

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

Think with roof cost at Bradstone refurb, hope for cycle path/track somewhere for whole family to safely walk/ ride at Bradstone with cafe for all with employed staff. Village parking better, village hall spruced up. There won't be much left in the pot?

30mph in village. Our village shop is a huge asset for village. Back car park for shop/village hall could be better aesthetically ie surface

A village sign saying High Road Playing Field, Bradstone sport/cafe, village shop, village hall.

Safer parking for school parent ..think in hand?

3 phase electricity for the Church. Please support them with funding for the electricity into the building if nothing else.

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

People from outside village turning and parking on B4696 near church.

Causes hazard for all especially when the weather warms up, lots of litter left.

Response #84

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Walking to and from school to be safer with the fast cars coming so close. Not to be scared when scootering or cycling to school.

Could we have a toddler area ? Because the zipline is more fun for the little kids. But the big kids get bored on it. They need better stuff to play on - like a wall you run up in parkour. And a water plan area with a stream and pump and dams.

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

Ice cream parlour like Winstones on the common please.

Response #85

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

A cycle path on Friday's Ham Lane, though space wise can't see this would be feasible. Still missing creative playground equipment e.g. pirate ship. Would like to create opportunity for teen meeting point and social space as not catered for currently. Appreciate issues with safeguarding, but perhaps suitable space and look into logistics later.

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

No

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

The survey seems very Bradstone focused. There is more that could be done for the village than that.

Response #86

Column 2 — Other Comments & Ideas

The idea of opening a café/sports bar in Bradstone would be a great addition to the area. It would provide a safe and welcoming space for young people to go, offering an alternative to the park. Creating an environment where staff are present would also give both children and parents a stronger sense of security, making it a place the whole community can enjoy.

Response #87

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Bradstone for a cafe/ bar.
Padel courts

Response #88

Column 1 — Suggestions for Facilities & Improvements

Footpath styles need improvement. Lotts playground improvement to tower/slide. Perhaps another slides.
Footpaths need upgrades styles, quite a few are falling apart. Lotts playground is rather depressing.
I'm feeling Bradstone could become the base for all sports (crickets/foot/ball/tennis). The playing fields more for smaller activities, village gatherings. Maybe improve existing hut. Also to extend shop to make café.

Column 3 — Concerns & Wider Reflections

Tidy up back area of the White Hart, toilets painted. The back room often to be used for various activities and meetings - not now. General state takes much to be desired.
