



Ashton Keynes Parish Council

CIL Working Group Village Survey May 2026

437
Respondents

The Parish Council expanded the CIL Working Group to ensure that it was representative of a wide breadth of village stakeholders. The CIL Working Group carried out a village wide survey to understand everyone's views on the priorities for village investment. Here are the CIL Working Group's recommendations to the Parish Council on next steps, subject to costings and consents.

Further information at:
<https://www.akpc.org.uk/index.php/parish-council-cil>

Our Village, Our Future — CIL Survey Recommendations

Bradstone Refurbishment

The survey showed Bradstone is our most underused facility — primarily because there is currently nothing to do there. Villagers strongly backed investment to make it a hub for community recreation which would generate sufficient revenue to sustain itself long-term.

› The CIL Working Group recommends that the Parish Council explores how best to renovate the Bradstone building and improve the wider site to fulfil the village's needs — including the options of a café, adding a veranda, a big screen for sports match viewing, adding table tennis, padel and pickle courts, cricket nets, a pump track/skatepark and pétanque. The CIL Working Group hopes that grant applications could boost funding.

Village Hall

The survey endorsed that the Village Hall is a much-loved central asset and the CIL Working Group appreciates that its volunteers have worked tirelessly to maintain and improve it over many years. The CIL Working Group understands that two key current needs are to upgrade the audio system as well as to improve the Village Hall's car park.

› The CIL Working Group understands that the Parish Council is already exploring how to improve the Village Hall car park.

› The CIL Working Group recommends that the Parish Council liaises with the Village Hall Committee to understand how best to support its other key needs.

High Road & Lotts facilities

The survey showed wide support for improving the High Road and Lotts facilities. In particular, the building at the High Road and play equipment at the Lotts playground.

› The CIL Working Group understands that the Parish Council is already exploring High Road building upgrades, including the toilets, shelter and refreshment facilities, as well as better storage.

› The CIL Working Group understands that the Parish Council is in the process of ordering new play equipment for both the Lotts and the High Road playgrounds.

› The CIL Working Group recommends that the Parish Council also explores any easy win High Road car park improvements.

Cycle Connectivity

Better cycle links were widely supported in the survey, but the CIL Working Group felt that tackling the full network in one go risked spreading volunteer and financial resources too thinly.

› The CIL Working Group recommends that the Parish Council explores improved cycle access around Bradstone as an achievable first step, while keeping broader cycle connectivity firmly on the agenda for future investment if there are volunteers available.

Footpaths & Road Safety

Better footpaths and improved road safety were among the most widely requested changes in the survey. The CIL Working Group noted that several of the concerns raised (eg broken stiles) were already being progressed by the Parish Council but worried that footpath and road safety improvements are subject to lengthy Highways approvals and there was a risk of spreading volunteer and financial resources too thinly.

› The CIL Working Group recommends that the Parish Council explores forming a dedicated Road Safety Working Group as well as exploring expanding its current Footpaths Working Group if there are volunteers available. See next box on this too →

Holy Cross Church and the White Hart

The survey findings showed that Holy Cross Church and the White Hart pub are considered key village facilities. Some popular suggestions — including giving monies to the White Hart and funding which relates to religious activities of the Church — unfortunately fall outside what the Parish Council is allowed to fund. This is not a reflection of their value to the village.

› The CIL Working Group does however recommend that the Parish Council explores whether it can resurface the footpath to the Church.

Making improvements to our lovely village, relies entirely on the energy and action of volunteers. If you feel strongly about any of the survey outcomes, please consider volunteering to help make them a reality. To get involved or be added to the email distribution list for updates, please email clerk@akpc.org.uk