



PARISH QUESTION TIME 2018

An Invitation from Cllr Paul Lulham, Chairman of Chilham Parish Council

Dear Parishioner,

Welcome to the third Parish Question Time, which is the Parish Council's annual opinion survey of all households in Chilham, Old Wives Lees and Shottenden.

In order to increase the response rate from last year, this year's questionnaire (overleaf) is limited to 10 simple questions about life in the Parish. Your responses will directly influence the Parish Council's new Conservation Area Management Plan (CAMP), which we have commissioned in order to strengthen our role in the Planning process. We know that Planning and Development are of strong interest and concern to local people, so it is important that as many residents engage in this process as possible.

You are encouraged to attend the exhibition to present the new CAMP which will be held in Chilham Village Hall at 730pm on Thursday 10th May.

We have increased the number of drop-off points for completed questionnaires, which now include Old Wives Lees Village Hall letter box and Bramley Cottage, Soleshill Road, Shottenden as well as Chilham Post Office and Chilham Shop.

After completing the questionnaire, please drop it into one of the drop off points by 7th April 2018.

There is also an online version for those with internet access which can be accessed from the Parish Question Time 2018 page on our website at www.chilhamparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Over the past year, the Parish Council has been working on a number of important projects, including:-

- 1) Supporting the delivery of the "Chilham Chase and Chill" event at Chilham Castle, which will be returning on Monday 28th May this year;
- 2) Delivering further improvements to Taylors Hill Car Park, including new benches, cycle stands and vegetation clearance;
- 3) Completing a community-wide consultation exercise to inform our response to the final draft Ashford Borough Local Plan;
- 4) Organising volunteer litter picks, including participation in the "Great British Spring Clean" earlier this month;
- 5) Bringing forward the delivery of a range of significant projects funded by contributions from the Bagham Place development, including upgraded sports facilities at Chilham Recreation Ground, new equipment for Little Owls Nursery and an adult gym for Old Wives Lees Village Green, which are planned for completion this year.

If there are other initiatives that you think the Parish Council should be leading or supporting, please let us know. We are all volunteers and welcome the opportunity to add value to the work of other community organisations.

With best wishes for 2018.

Paul Lulham
Chair
Chilham Parish Council
1st March 2018



QUESTIONNAIRE

Please note we are delivering one questionnaire to each household but more copies are available in Chilham post office if required.

This list of 10 questions is aimed to find out what people think about their parish in terms of existing facilities and future developments: Please circle the answer that applies to you.

Which part of the parish do you live in ? Chilham Old Wives Lees Shottenden

A COMMUNITY & HOUSING

1 Are residents proud of their village? Usually Sometimes Rarely

2 How do you rate public transport in the parish? Excellent Satisfactory Poor

3 How important are the following housing issues to you?

Please rate the options listed below in order of importance by circling only one number for each option (where 1 is most important and 5 is least important)

a More affordable housing	1	2	3	4	5
b Maintain local character of buildings	1	2	3	4	5
c Restrict new development	1	2	3	4	5
d Strong emphasis on design quality of new housing	1	2	3	4	5
e Availability of green spaces	1	2	3	4	5

B FACILITIES and TOURISM

Most of the following questions relate to Chilham Village but should be answered by all who live in the parish.

4 Do you use local shops in the parish? Often Sometimes Never

Are more shops and services needed? Yes Possibly No

5 Do you use the local surgery? Often Sometimes Never

Does it have adequate facilities? Yes Possibly No

6 Do you work in the parish? Often Sometimes Never

Are more employment opportunities needed? Yes Possibly No

7 Do you use the sports facilities in the parish? Often Sometimes Never

Are more sports and leisure facilities needed? Yes Possibly No

8 Do you support the parish church at Chilham? Often Sometimes Never

Do you think it could be used more for parish activities? Yes Possibly No

9 Do you have children at Chilham Primary School? Yes No

Could the School be used more for community use? Yes Possibly No

10 Do you use Chilham or Old Wives Lees village hall? Often Sometimes Never

Is it easily accessible for you? Yes Possibly No

Please enter your details (in block capitals) in the boxes below

Name:

Address:

Post Code:

Signature:

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