

WEST DEAN PARISH COUNCIL

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At the beginning of 2005 the Parish Council arranged for every house to receive a questionnaire which asked for opinions and suggestions regarding the parish. Just over 50% of these were returned and represented 164 people.

A summary of the usage of village facilities shows that:

74	use the shop
7	use the church
30	use the pub
15	use W.D. Social Club
15	use the school
6	use the bowls/football
8	use the play park
36	use W.D. gardens

Other comments received include

1. Do you think West Deann needs and would be able to support a village hall?
46 said Yes, 41 said No.
2. Do you think West Dean needs more streetlighting?
21 said Yes, 43 said No.
Would you be willing to pay towards this?
6 said Yes 43 aid No
3. Would you be interested in such events as - drama, tai chi, clubs for older people, exercise classes, history of West Dean?
158 said Yes, but only 17 would be willing to help.
4. Do you have any concerns with these in the village?

Drugs	None
Security/vandalism	20 said yes
Policing	23 said yes
Rubbish	18 said yes
Dog fouling	26 said yes
Cycling/motorcycling	23 said yes

Comments in general include:

Improvement to the play ground - in view of the fact that only 2 use this daily, 1 weekly, and 6 monthly, the Parish Council does not consider this expense to be warranted.

Speed of traffic and condition of the roads - these are not the responsibility of the Parish Council, all we can do is report these matters to WSCC The Parish Council installed street lights and for 40 years campaigned to get the speed limit.

Housing should be provided for 'local people' at affordable rents - this is in the hands of the District Council and the Edward James Foundation, the Parish Council provide information when tenants are decided. We now have eight of this e of housing in the village and there is always the desire for more.