

RESIDENTS COMMENTS FROM PARISH COUNCIL OPEN DAY 12 NOVEMBER 2018

Highways/County

- Speed limit 30mph from Maypole to Becketts
- No need for speed bumps on Shawhurst Lane
- Speed humps are pointless when the bus flies over them at 50mph
- Red lines (no parking) outside Woodrush and the library
- Double yellow lines painted on road to reduce parking by shops on May Lane, very difficult to drive out of Lee Road as cannot see if safe
- Stop parking on both sides of the corners on Forest Way, it is a danger for school kids, cannot cross in safety and ambulances and fire brigade have difficulty getting to sheltered accommodation
- Parking one side of road at top of Falstaff Ave
- Speed bumps on Silver Street
- Gorsey Lane – weight restriction, make one way, much bolder visible signs, 30mph, speed humps
- Majors Green – traffic speed control, crossings for pedestrians, better pavements and stop cars parking on existing pavements
- Houndsfield Lane – speed control
- Speed Cameras
- Stop parking outside school, Shawhurst Lane
- Parking by schools, enforced, double yellow lines
- Parking on roads near Whitlock's end is becoming a problem
- Cutting of grass verges on country lanes more often, Trees and shrubs growing on some verges due to lack of cutting
- School parking
- The Parish Council should encourage the adoption of streets to make pavements friendly clearing leaves/snow etc and provide litter grabs
- Parking is an issue at the Hub which is an excellent facility
- Crossing by elderly complex Shawhurst Lane, cross to go to shops and cars still speed on that stretch
- Install speed cameras on Houndsfield lane
- Speed cameras on Hollywood Lane
- No more road bumps, better service to Maypole, crime prevention important, definitely more cameras
- Why do zebra crossing cost such an extremely high cost, 30K?
- Take the stupid mini island out near the Jet Petrol Station - with response saying "No Way"
- Speed bumps needed on Silver Street
- Just generally speed bumps
- Speed bumps needed on Hollywood Lane
- Speed bumps taken out, they are a distraction – with comment saying - " I agree"
- Speed bumps Middle Lane and a weight restriction
- Speeding at school times, £250 fine
- Removing the speed humps outside Woodrush and then putting them back – complete waste of money
- Widening the pavement up to Whitlocks End Station
- Schools need a dedicated traffic officer

Trains

- Improve parking at the railway station
- Include wythall station on west midlands trains website

Lighting

- Improve street lighting after 1am
- More street lighting needed in Dyas Rd
- Street lighting in Grimpits lane, Lillycroft lane and Goodrest lane plus that general area, also gritting services
- Help reduce crime by having street lights, Dyas Rd, Fenton Rd, Simon Rd, Corbett Rd, Heath Rd – plunged into total darkness in the winter
- Improv street lighting throughout the area
- Haslucks green Rd, Peterbrook Rd improve street lighting

Buses

- Bus consultation has been appalling, we do not know what the proposed routes are now, although they are going out to tender, we need a direct route to Solihull for residents
- More frequent buses, why some 50 buses terminate at Becketts
- The S3 service needs improving
- Buses
- If bus services are cut, pay for a small bus to go to Whitlock's end station and the maypole
- Join up public transport to Whitlock's end train station
- Buses – not just to the maypole, s3 users are in Peterbrook Rd, Haslucks green road too

Planning

- Being on the borders of Birmingham and Solihull we are inundated with planning proposals on the extremities of their catchments. Majors green won't be green too much longer – another comment “totally agree”
- Please ensure the green gap from Dark Lane to Birmingham

Grit Bins

- Use bins to prevent people having falls, especially the elderly

Policing

- More police on foot
- Extra policing is only a small part of the problem, extra PCSO will make no difference to crime levels the solutions at a national level, e.g. criminal justice system does not work

Various

- Please support wythall/woodrush library service during cuts
- Both walking groups are great ideas, information needs to be circulated about when and where in various places not just face books
- To encourage more walkers, we need lane hedges cut back as it can become quite dangerous walking in the road
- Although the pc pays the services of the lengthsman, the state of the footpaths/surface overgrown by grass verges to recover footpath for example, treatment of weeds, overgrown the roads/gutters, improve overall appearance of the village, to make villagers proud and hopefully encourage more walking, personal initiative to pick up local litter outside their homes/in their street
- Finance to improving footpath services
- If the county council has no cash, wythall parish council does have reserves. It is difficult as you don't wish to set a precedent but footpath services are very poor.

- Kerb local shops alcohol licences, they encourage drinking
- I think these are good initiative, of the sort that we haven't had before, I enjoy wythall wanders
- Where are children's groups facilities?
- Change B38 postcode, car and house insurance is cheaper if it is a Bromsgrove postcode
- National obesity crisis – suggestion to improve pavements and strongly discourage use of cars for very local school runs
- Encourage Wythall community association to self-generate more income via the Community Club, to negate the need for grants to be given, that could be 12k benefit to Wythall Parish Council
- Wythall Park could be listed as an asset of community value by the parish council
- Wythall park should be protected as an asset
- What does 1k for noticeboards cover
- Why is the budget 1K for noticeboard and 3k for a bench – are they being gold plated – comment “agrees”
- Why can't these be purchased local and fitted by a local contractor who presumably would not rip us off
- Do more – be accountable, do not increase the precept, stop playing politics, the parish is not a political party and the ratepayers make it so
- Parish council to purchase litter picking equipment for areas to borrow
- If you don't like wythall – MOVE!!

Wythall Cemetery

- Cemetery costs for graves are too high, if you reduce them you may generate more income
- Excess cemetery income should provide facilities for the elderly such as seats, particularly en-route and for dropped kerbs for scooter users
- Biffa bin at cemetery remains heavy for elderly family members, regrettably many flower wrappings appear in the hedge bottoms and the wind lifts from crass cutting/turf containers, as simple black type bin an advantage

Parish Office

- Could the parish office be situated in the hub two days a week with reduced hours
- Could the local council office open later than 2pm, even if it means closing on another day, at present you are unavailable to many residents
- Wythall PC to be encourage to provide a hub of local knowledge, extending to calendar of events, to prevent duplication and events happening on the same day, community /development is so important
- Save a little money by shutting the parish office once or twice a week saving on wages, electric etc
- Save money by shutting the Council Offices and needless destruction of trees

