



## **TARRANT MONKTON & LAUNCESTON PARISH COUNCIL**



### **PARISH PLAN REPORT BY THE STEERING GROUP**

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## Vital Villages Parish Plan

### Report by the Steering Group

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## 1. Introduction and Objectives of Parish Plan

- 1.1. Under the auspices of the Vital Villages nationwide initiative by the Countryside Agency, the Parish Council decided to prepare a Parish Plan in March 2004. A meeting was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2004 to appoint a steering group to prepare the Parish Plan.
- 1.2. The following people were appointed to serve on the Steering Group.

Ian Morrison	Chairman
Brian Ramsey	Vice-Chairman
Gerard Wylls	Treasurer
Annie Colligan	Secretary
Lil Stanley	Volunteer Co-ordinator
James Mallett	

- 1.3. The purpose of the Vital Village Parish Plan is to set out the actions that can be taken to maintain and improve the Parish for everyone. In preparing the Plan, the Steering Group has to consider issues such as health and education, affordable housing and other building developments, traffic and transport, landscape and other environmental matters, commercial development, etc.
- 1.4. In particular, the Steering Group was required to
  - a) Investigate and identify support for the Parish Plan.
  - b) Identify sources of funding in addition to the Countryside Agency grant.
  - c) Take responsibility for planning, budgeting and monitoring expenditure on the plan and report back to the Parish Council on these matters.
  - d) Liaise with relevant authorities and organisations to make the plan as effective as possible.
  - e) Identify ways of involving the whole community and gather the views and opinions of as many groups and organisations in the community as possible.
  - f) Determine the types of survey and information gathering to be used.
  - g) Be responsible for the analysis of the survey, and the production and distribution of the final report.
  - h) Identify priorities and timing of local action in the action plan including lead organisations and potential sources of project funding.
  - i) Report to the Parish Council on progress, issues arising and outcomes from the exercise.
- 1.5. This is the final report required under item (g) in the preceding paragraph.
- 1.6. Work on the Parish Plan continued through the summer and autumn of 2004 with regular meetings of the Steering Group in the Village Hall. Several guests were invited to these meetings to discuss aspects of the Village Plan. These included Simon Thompson, Community Fieldworker from Dorset Community Action (DCA); Capt. Jane Stockdale from Blandford Camp; Susan Bennett and Stephen Howard from the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE); Natalie Murray, Rural Housing Enabler from DCA, and Kevin Morris, Policy Manager for the Environment from North Dorset District Council.

- 1.7. During the fete on TV10 race day, Annie Colligan ran a stall at which villagers were able to express their views on the Village Plan. Some useful ideas were obtained.
- 1.8. The Steering Group was fortunate in the help received from the group preparing the Parish Plan for South Tarrant. The South Tarrant Group was able to provide many useful suggestions and several examples of parish plan questionnaires that they had collected from others.
- 1.9. As a result of this early work, the Steering Group confirmed that a Parish Questionnaire would be the best way to determine the opinions of people living in the Parish. The results from the questionnaire would form the basis of the Parish Plan.
- 1.10. In August, a sub-group was formed to prepare the first draft of the questionnaire that was to be sent to all households in the village. The members of the group were Pat Malden, Brian Ramsey, Lil Stanley and Doug Wilton as Chairman. They met four times in August and September and were joined by the rest of the Steering Group for a fifth meeting in October. As a result of these meetings a draft questionnaire was prepared and circulated for comment to the Parish Council, North Dorset District Council and others who had expressed an interest.
- 1.11. The Parish Plan questionnaire was finalised in February 2005 and after some delays in printing was distributed in mid April 2005.
- 1.12. In March 2005, there were 92 households in the Parish including 8 holiday or second homes. Completed questionnaires were received from 58 households (i.e. 63% of those issued) representing 112 adult respondents. The Steering Group estimates that the adult population permanently resident in the Parish in March 2005 was 146, i.e. 77% of the population replied to the Questionnaire.
- 1.13. In addition to the adults, the Steering Group estimates that there were 34 children resident in the Parish in March 2005. This gives a total population of 180 people in 92 dwellings (i.e. 2.0 per dwelling).
- 1.14. This report draws on all the information obtained during our study and our prior knowledge of the Parish. The report contains tables that summarise the results of the questionnaire. (NB: The percentages in these tables, due to rounding to the nearest whole number, do not necessarily add up to 100 %.)
- 1.15. This report makes conclusions as to what actions can and cannot be taken by the Parish Council. In the last section of the report, we present our recommended Action Plan.

## 2. Conclusions and Summary of Questionnaire Replies

### 2.1. General

- 2.1.1. Tarrant Monkton and Launceston is a small, quiet and visually attractive Parish that includes a Conservation Area and is surrounded by countryside of outstanding natural beauty see figure 1.



**Figure 1 - View north through centre of Parish**

- 2.1.2. The Parish covers an area of 1,506 hectares or about 3,700 acres see maps in figure 2 and Appendix A. It is not surprising in such an agreeable place that the main response to the work done for the Parish Plan is that “we do not want any change”.

- 2.1.3. A brief study of old photographs of the Parish shows that there have been significant changes to the built environment in the last 50 or so years for example see figure 3. There is every reason to think that similar changes will continue in the future and hence it is important to identify what it is that the Parishioners want to preserve. The Steering Group has found this difficult as often the desire is to preserve a feeling as much as to preserve tangible attributes. This comes down to the characteristics of the Parishioners and how they interact with each other. The Parish Council and other authorities only have an indirect influence on this aspect of village life. Ultimately, it is the inhabitants who make the Parish not the Parish Council.

- 2.1.4. Blandford Army Camp lies within the Parish boundaries see figure 2. Access to the Camp is restricted for security reasons and in practice the military community in the Camp is separate from the civilian community in the rest of the Parish. As a result, though the Garrison was invited to take part, this report refers only to the civilian community.

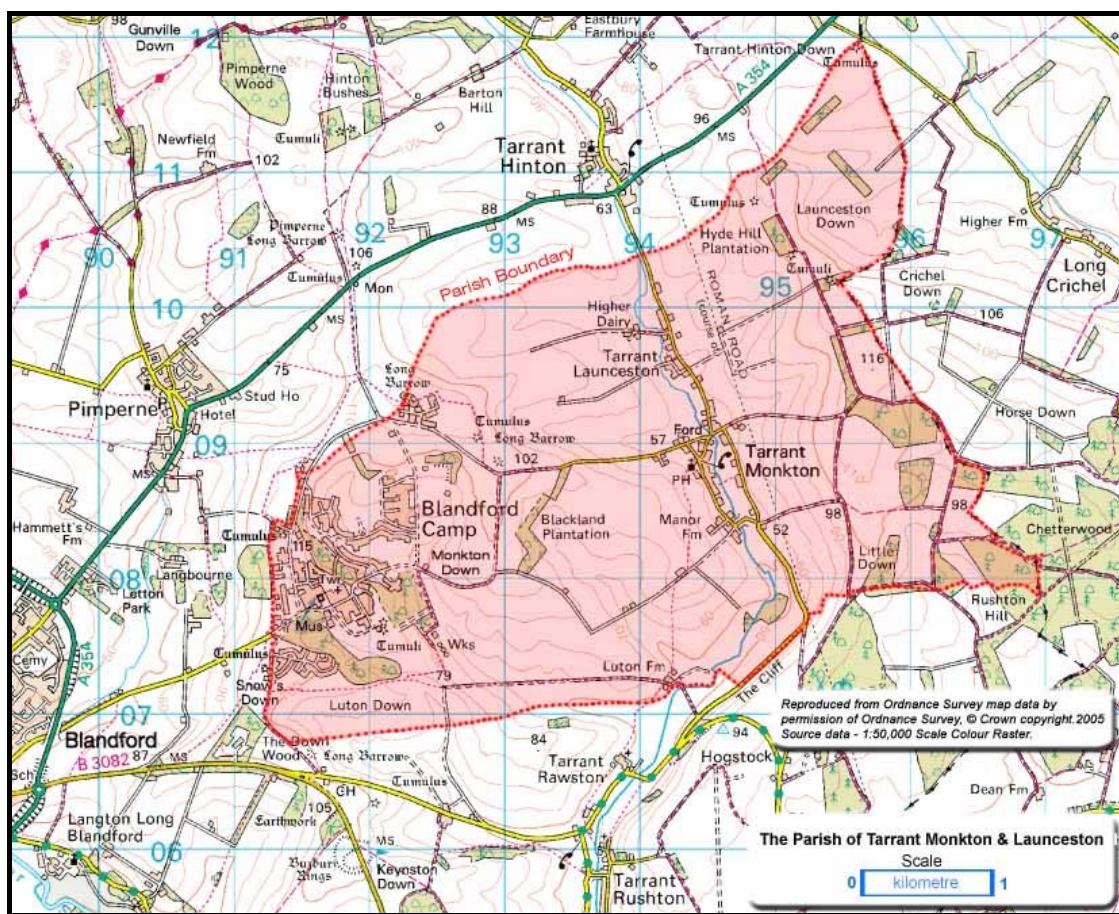


Figure 2 - Map of Parish.



Figure 3 – View from Church towards Splash circa 1955.

## 2.2. Questionnaire Section 1 Household Information

- 2.2.1. One important aspect of the Parish is its small population of about 180 people. By modern British standards, this is a small community.
- 2.2.2. Historically, the population has reduced. Kellys Directory records that in 1861 the population was 350 people and the 1901 Census records 237 people living in the Parish in 76 dwellings (i.e. 3.1 per dwelling). Obviously this reduction reflects the changes in farming practice over the period and the consequent migration from country to town. Only a handful of people are now engaged in farming.
- 2.2.3. Unfortunately, the small population is not reflected in many official statistics. For example the Dorset Data Book 2004 records a population of 2,180 in 555 dwellings. This is because the official statistics usually include the Blandford Army Camp. As the military population is larger than the civilian population aggregating the two gives a misleading impression of the Parish.
- 2.2.4. Section 1 of the questionnaire was intended to provide some basic data on the civilian population.
- 2.2.5. In reply to question 1.2, 107 people gave their gender; 58 female and 49 male. The proportion of females at 54% is larger than the average for North Dorset though this can be accounted for by two or three households without males.
- 2.2.6. The results of the age distribution query (question 1.3) is summarised in the following table.

Age Range (years)	Tarrant Monkton & Launceston respondents		Expected number (North Dorset 2001 Census Data)	
	Number	Cumulative	Number	Cumulative
0 -15	25	25	26	26
16 -18	2	27	4	30
19 - 25	3	30	10	40
26 - 45	30	60	33	73
46 - 59	36	96	25	98
60 - 80	30	126	26	124
over 80	4	130	7	130

- 2.2.7. The results from the questionnaire have been compared to the 2001 Census data for North Dorset. The number of children and people of retired age are much as expected. The age groups from 16 to 25 are significantly under represented and the age group 46 to 59 is significantly over represented.
- 2.2.8. The under representation of the 16 – 25 age groups is likely to be the result of young people leaving the village for further education and employment. This movement has a long history in Dorset and is unlikely to change in the foreseeable future.
- 2.2.9. Of more interest is the over representation of the 46 – 59 age group. In the next 10 to 15 years as these people retire, the number of retired people in the Parish is likely to increase substantially. The proportion of retired people is likely to be well above the national average. This ageing of the population will influence the facilities to be provided in the Parish. Due to the likely age distribution of any newcomers,

this conclusion is unlikely to change significantly even if some people move out of the Parish on retirement.

2.2.10. In reply to question 1.4, 99 out of 106 respondents or 93% said that the Parish was their main residence. Based on their local knowledge, the Steering Group estimate that in March 2005, 84 or 91% of the 92 dwellings in the Parish were permanent homes. Hence the replies to question 1.4 are as expected.

2.2.11. Finally in Section 1, the following table summarises the replies to the question on commuting (question 1.5).

Distance commuted	Number	Proportion of Respondents
Less than 3 miles (includes working at home)	16	15%
More than 3 miles but less than 10 miles	17	15%
Greater than 10 miles	36	33%
Retired or not working or not in education	40	37%

2.2.12. About half of the respondents (48%) commute a significant distance and of those some 70% commute more than 10 miles. The responses on commuting show that the Parish is mainly a residential area for those working outside the Parish and for retired people.

### 2.3. Questionnaire Section 2 Transport and Safety

2.3.1. In this section of the questionnaire we asked five specific questions about transport and road safety and left two spaces for general comments.

2.3.2. Question 2.1 wanted to know if people had transport difficulties. The majority, 96% appear to have adequate arrangements but a small minority 4% or less than 10 people said that they did not have adequate transport. Suggested improvements were

- More public transport
- A daily bus service to connect at Tarrant Hinton with the Salisbury bus
- A mini bus service through the valley to Wimborne.

2.3.3. As most people have adequate private transport it is unlikely that any public transport would be used enough to cover its costs. The mini bus service is probably the best suggestion but even that is only likely to be cost effective if run by volunteer unpaid drivers. This solution has been adopted in other rural communities and may well be feasible for the Tarrant Valley and nearby villages.

2.3.4. The other questions, 2.2 and 2.3 were about road safety. The Steering Group understands that road safety is not a major problem in the Parish though obviously accidents do happen and there is always the risk of serious injury or worse. The responses to the specific questions asked are summarised in the following table.

What measure would you like to improve safety?		Number of respondents	% of total respondents	% not replying
Additional traffic calming measures.	Yes	32	29	21
	No	56	50	
More frequent cutting of hedges.	Yes	43	38	17
	No	50	45	
Footpath adjacent to Valley Road and High Street.	Yes	9	8	32
	No	67	60	
20 mph speed limit on Village Street and Camp Lane.	Yes	51	46	4
	No	57	51	

- 2.3.5. Very few people approved the proposed foot path along Valley Road and the High Street, i.e. along the main road through the valley. However the responses to the other questions are less definite. Opinion appears to be fairly well divided though in each case only a minority voted for the proposal. The general opinion appears to be that no change is required.
- 2.3.6. In the introduction to question 2.2, we said that "*In October 2004 and subject to approval by the Parish and County Councils, D.C.C. agreed to introduce a 30-mph speed limit along the Valley Rd. and High Street.*" At the Parish Council Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2005, after seeing the preliminary results from the Parish Plan questionnaire and taking into account other difficulties, the Parish Council decided not to proceed with the 30 mph speed limit.
- 2.3.7. Are any improvements required to the roads in the Parish? Based on the above it would appear that there is no majority support for improvements. The visual intrusion caused by road signs, speed limits, bumps and other common traffic calming methods concerns many people including all the members of the Steering Group. As the risk from vehicles is believed to be small, this has probably swayed many to vote against or at least not for road improvements.
- 2.3.8. However given the prolonged discussions about road safety in the Parish, there appears to be a need for visually acceptable measures that would alert drivers to the need to slow down and take more care.
- 2.3.9. Hence, some minor improvements that have not been specifically rejected by the responses to the questionnaire may be desirable. The following were suggested in reply to question 2.2(d) asking for suggestions to improve safety.
- Remove all road signs (5 respondents)
  - Coloured chippings in restricted areas (1 respondent)
  - Improve the junction at Guppy's Cottage (3 respondents).

## 2.4. Questionnaire Section 3 Policing and Emergency Services

- 2.4.1. The first two questions in this section (3.1 and 3.2) were intended to find out how much crime occurs in the Parish. The results are summarised in the following tables.

How many times in the last five years has your dwelling in Tarrant Monkton and Launceston been affected by theft or burglary?	14
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Have any of the following affected you in Tarrant Monkton and Launceston?				
		Number of respondents	% of total respondent s	% not replying
Theft or Burglary	Yes	27	24	6
	No	78	70	
Mugging	Yes	0	0	17
	No	93	83	
Vandalism	Yes	5	4	15
	No	90	80	
Drunk or unruly behaviour	Yes	7	6	14
	No	89	79	

2.4.2. There is a small but significant number of theft or burglaries. Vandalism and drunk or unruly behaviour occur occasionally but do not appear to be a major problem. There is no report of mugging.

2.4.3. Overall the Parish appears to be a fairly safe place in which to live. As a result opinion is divided as to whether the police presence should be increased; 41% of respondents saying "yes" and 48% saying "no" with 11% expressing no opinion.

2.4.4. However, several people made impromptu comments about the Police presence; two being unaware of any presence! Obviously there are people in the Parish who feel the need for better policing.

2.4.5. Several comments were made about anti-social behaviour as follows

- Noise and drunkenness at the Langton Arms late at night and after Weddings
- Noise after midnight from the Steam Fair
- Fly tipping in farm gateways
- Burning of animal and garden rubbish
- Danger to the public from the unmarked and unprotected electric fence around the paddock adjacent to the War Memorial.

(The noise problems are discussed later under Environment.)

2.4.6. Fly tipping is an offence and should be referred to the Police. The burning of animal and garden rubbish may be thoughtless but should not be a major problem if done at a suitable time. If the problem persists then the local Parish Councillor should be involved.

2.4.7. The problem with the electric fence is particularly unpleasant. As most residents know of the danger, it is mainly visitors that are at risk. The manufacturers of electric fences publish a Code of Practice on their use and it is hoped that the responsible landowner can be persuaded to follow their recommendations.

2.4.8. In reply to question 3.4 about the Home Watch Scheme, only 67% said that they knew about the scheme and who to contact. This is a disappointing result as there is a substantial minority, about 1 in 3 people who do not know about the Home Watch Scheme. Fortunately, the majority of respondents (71%) think that a Home Watch Scheme increases their security and presumably support it. Obviously, improved publicity for the Home Watch Scheme is desirable.

2.4.9. The last two questions in this section were about the performance of the emergency services. The results are summarised in the following table.

<b>Have you ever had occasion to call any of the emergency services to the parish?</b>		<b>Number of respondents</b>	<b>% of total respondents</b>	<b>% not replying</b>
Police	Yes	29	26	13
	No	69	62	
Ambulance	Yes	22	20	16
	No	72	64	
Dorset Emergency Care Service	Yes	3	3	17
	No	90	80	
Fire Brigade	Yes	13	12	19
	No	78	70	
<b>If you answered 'yes' to the previous question, was the response time reasonable?</b>		<b>Number of respondents saying 'yes'</b>	<b>% of calls</b>	
Police		20	69	
Ambulance		22	100	
Dorset Emergency Care Service		2	50	
Fire Brigade		15	100	

2.4.10. The response times for the Ambulance and Fire Brigade services are satisfactory. The Dorset Emergency Care Service is a relatively new service and this is shown in the tables by the low number of calls. Hopefully their response times will improve as the service develops. Nearly a third of the Police responses were considered unreasonable and one respondent said that they never responded to their call. This is not satisfactory.

## 2.5. Questionnaire Section 4 Planning Matters

2.5.1. Planning is probably the most contentious matter that the Parish Council has to consider. The Parish Council has to be consulted by the Planning Authority but has no authority to decide on planning applications. The Planning Authority responsible for the Parish is North Dorset District Council.

2.5.2. In Appendix B we have included a summary of North Dorset District Council's planning policies for the Parish including a map of the Conservation Area.

2.5.3. The first two questions (4.1 and 4.2) were intended to find out people's attitude to the present layout of the village. The responses are summarised in the following tables.

<b>A feature of the Parish is the open spaces within the Conservation Area including those designated as 'Important Open/Wooded Areas'. Should these spaces be protected from all development?</b>				
		<b>Number of respondents</b>	<b>% of total respondents</b>	<b>% not replying</b>
	Yes	86	77	11
	No	14	13	

**There is always demand for new housing. Would you like to see all new housing developments outside the village Conservation Area?**

	Yes	62	55	8
	No	41	37	

2.5.4. A feature of the village Conservation Area is the virtual absence of any built up street with rows of buildings in close proximity to each other. This gives openness to the village that is in marked contrast to many other English towns and villages see figure 4.



Figure 4 - View of village from south taken in February 1995.

2.5.5. There is a risk that this openness could be lost by infilling between existing buildings. Question 4.8 addressed this problem. The responses to the question are summarised in the following table.

<b>Do you agree that applications for extending and or converting existing properties, adding outbuildings etc. should be opposed by the planning authorities if the additions significantly reduce the existing open space between buildings?</b>			
	<b>Number of respondents</b>	<b>% of total respondents</b>	<b>% not replying</b>
Yes	82	73	8
	21	19	

2.5.6. There are substantial majorities in favour of keeping the open spaces within the Conservation Area (77%) and between existing buildings (73%). There is also a majority (55%) in favour of all new housing developments being outside the Conservation Area. Clearly, the large majority of respondents want to keep the existing open feel to the village, and most want all new housing outside the Conservation Area. The Steering Group agrees with this opinion and thinks it unlikely that any new housing could be built within the Conservation Area without damaging its openness.

2.5.7. Though the majority is opposed to new developments within the Conservation Area, there may be new building elsewhere within the Parish and for alterations and extensions. The responses to question 4.9, summarised in the following table, show that the large majority of people want the style of this building to be controlled.

<b>To ensure that all new building blends into the Parish, would you like the Parish Council to develop an architectural Design Brief for new buildings, alterations and extensions?</b>			
	<b>Number of respondents</b>	<b>% of total respondents</b>	<b>% not replying</b>
Yes	86	77	6
	19	17	

2.5.8. We also asked for peoples' opinions about the visual intrusion of telephone and electric cables. The responses are summarised in the following table.

<b>Do you feel that any of the utilities/services listed below are important to the future of the village?</b>			
<b>Overhead electric cables placed underground?</b>			
	<b>Number of respondents</b>	<b>% of total respondents</b>	<b>% not replying</b>
Yes	70	63	13
	28	25	
<b>Overhead telephone cables placed underground?</b>			
	Yes	66	13
	No	32	

2.5.9. A majority of respondents appear to find overhead cables unsightly and would like them placed underground. However this is likely to be expensive.

2.5.10. Despite the openness of the village there is relatively little public open space. In question 4.4 we sought to find out if this concerned people. The responses to the question are summarised in the following table.

<b>Despite the open nature of the Parish there is little open space accessible to the public. Would you support the development of public open areas and sports grounds for use by both adults and children?</b>			
	<b>Number of respondents</b>	<b>% of total respondents</b>	<b>% not replying</b>
Yes	51	46	12
	48	43	

2.5.11. Obviously opinion is divided. One respondent commented that there was ample open space in the countryside around the village. Also, the present owner of the Langton Arms is happy for village children, when supervised by an adult, to use the pub's play area, and of course most people have access to fair sized gardens.

2.5.12. The question also refers to sports grounds and this is discussed under Village Facilities.

2.5.13. In question 4.7 we asked about people's attitude to non residential developments in the Parish. The results are summarised in the following table.

<b>Would you support the construction or conversion of some buildings within the Parish to small business offices or light industrial use?</b>			
	<b>Number of respondents</b>	<b>% of total respondents</b>	<b>% not replying</b>
Yes	40	36	10
	61	54	

2.5.14. The majority of respondents are against small business and office developments in the Parish. This opinion may have been influenced by the recent conversion of farm buildings in Tarrant Hinton just north of the Parish. At present it is probable that there is no need for similar developments within the Parish.

2.5.15. From time to time various suggestions are made for streetlights or pavements within parts of the Parish. As shown by the responses to questions 4.5 and 4.6 summarised in the following table, the large majority of people do not want streetlights or pavements.

<b>The Parish has no streetlights. Do you want it to stay that way?</b>			
	<b>Number of respondents</b>	<b>% of total respondents</b>	<b>% not replying</b>
Yes	101	90	4
	6	5	

<b>The Parish is without pavements. Do you want it to stay that way?</b>			
	<b>Number of respondents</b>	<b>% of total respondents</b>	<b>% not replying</b>
Yes	105	94	4
	2	2	

2.5.16. In question 4.10 we asked about the need for mains sewerage and gas. The responses are summarised in the following table.

<b>Do you feel that any of the utilities/services listed below are important to the future of the village?</b>			
<b>Mains (communal) sewerage?</b>			
	<b>Number of respondents</b>	<b>% of total respondents</b>	<b>% not replying</b>
Yes	40	36	11
	60	54	
<b>Mains gas supply?</b>			
	Yes	50	45
	No	47	42

2.5.17. Opinion is fairly well divided. There is a small majority for a mains gas supply and a clear majority against mains sewerage.

2.5.18. It is understood that the majority of houses in the Parish drain to septic tanks that discharge to the aquifer. At the present housing density we do not know of any significant pollution. Due to lack of space for a drain field, at least one house drains to a cess pit that has to be pumped out frequently. Obviously this is both inconvenient and expensive for the householder and due to the risk of sewage overflow is not a good solution for the Parish.

2.5.19. If the housing density in the village increases, it may not be feasible to discharge all the additional sewage to septic tanks. Recently, national policy towards the discharge of sewage liquor to the aquifer and the siting of drain fields has changed and become significantly more onerous for the householder. In the long term it seems likely that mains (communal) sewerage will be necessary at least for the village area of the Parish. It should be noted that the Blandford Army Camp already has mains (communal) sewerage.

2.5.20. Due to changes in policy at the national level, there is a possibility that Blandford Army Camp will be converted to civilian use. The population of the Camp is larger than that of the rest of the Parish and could be expected to become even larger if converted to civilian use. Hence such a change would dramatically affect the Parish. In question 4.11 we asked if people would like to preserve the existing civilian Parish. The responses are summarised in the following table

<b>If the Camp is closed and developed for housing should the Parish Council try to amend the Parish boundaries to exclude the Camp area?</b>			
	<b>Number of respondents</b>	<b>% of total respondents</b>	<b>% not replying</b>
Yes	72	64	12
	27	24	

2.5.21. A majority of respondents felt that if converted to civilian use, the Camp should be removed from the Parish. This conditional proposal has been pre-empted by Blandford Town Council who have applied to North Dorset District Council for the Camp to be moved into the town. Blandford's current proposals seem excessive as they are proposing to move all of the Camp area much of which is not developed. There seems to be no reason why the undeveloped areas of historic and scientific interest such as Monkton Down, see figure 2, should not remain within the parish of Tarrant Monkton and Launceston.

2.5.22. Finally in section 4 we asked if people knew of a need for accommodation in the Parish for those with a local connection who cannot afford to rent or buy on the open market. Forty two people (38%) said that they did know of such a need. This information will be passed to the appropriate authorities so that some action can be taken.

## 2.6. Questionnaire Section 5 Village Facilities

2.6.1. The Village Hall is the main non-commercial village facility and we asked question 5.1 to find out how often it was used. The results are summarised in the following table.

<b>How often do you use the Village Hall?</b>			
	<b>Number of respondents</b>	<b>% of total respondents</b>	<b>% not replying</b>
Weekly	9	8	4
Monthly	9	8	
Occasionally	74	66	
Never	15	13	

2.6.2. The Village Hall is used regularly for the Parish Council meetings, Wednesday coffee mornings, French Speaking Club and the Bridge Club and this is reflected in the 18% of respondents who use the Village Hall at least once a month. The majority of people (66%) use the Village Hall occasionally for events such as the Flower Show, Home Produce Sale, Cider Competition and quizzes.



**Figure 5 – Parish Plan Steering Group meeting in Village Hall**

2.6.3. In question 5.2 we asked how people would like to use the Village Hall. Many suggestions were received and these are tabulated in Appendix C. This list has been passed to the Village Hall Committee for action. Thanks go to all who contributed.

2.6.4. In question 5.3 we asked about three specific proposals for facilities that had been put to us during our preliminary enquiries. The results are given in the following table.

Which of the following would you welcome in the Parish?				
		Number of respondents	% of total respondents	% not replying
Tennis Court	Yes	51	46	17
	No	42	38	
A Village Green	Yes	69	62	14
	No	27	24	
A safe route (pathway) to Blandford for cyclists and pedestrians.	Yes	69	62	15
	No	26	23	

2.6.5. There is no majority for a public tennis court presumably because there are other courts available either in Blandford or privately owned. However, both the Village Green and a pathway to Blandford were supported by a clear majority of respondents.

2.6.6. If a Village Green was available it could become a useful facility especially for visitors and the older population of the village whose numbers are expected to increase in the medium term, see section 2.2 above.

2.6.7. Before security was increased, civilians from the Parish were able to go through the Army Camp to Blandford. A preliminary survey suggests that a new pathway around the southern side of the security fence could be provided without any major work being required. This route much of which is already a public right of way has to be cleared by the Army for security and maintenance of the fence and they may well be able to upgrade the existing track to provide a suitable pathway from the Parish into Blandford.

2.6.8. It is not economic to provide many public facilities in villages. Village residents have to use the facilities in their local town, in our case Blandford. In question 5.4 we asked what public facilities in Blandford did people use. The results are given in the following table.

		Number of respondents	% of total respondents	% not replying
Outdoor sports, e.g. football, tennis or athletics.	Yes	11	10	21
	No	77	69	
Indoor sports, e.g. squash or gymnastics	Yes	13	12	22
	No	74	66	
Skate park	Yes	0	0	25
	No	84	75	
Swimming	Yes	38	34	14
	No	58	52	
Library	Yes	63	56	12
	No	36	32	

2.6.9. The swimming and library facilities are used most often. We also asked what other facilities were used; ones that we had not listed. Many of the responses referred to commercial rather than publicly provided facilities. In addition to the medical and educational facilities in the town, the publicly provided and club facilities used included car parks, Learn Direct and evening classes, Milldown Walk and play park, public toilets, recycling centre, cricket and rugby clubs. Obviously, with the exception of the skate park, parishioners do make good use of the facilities provided in Blandford.

2.6.10. The main criticisms of the facilities were

- better reference section in the library
- more car parking, free and easier to use
- less restrictions on the use of the swimming pool
- less unpleasant traffic wardens, and
- “nicer” and cleaner toilets.

2.6.11. Finally in the section on the Village Facilities, we asked which features of the Parish are important to preserve, see figure 6. As shown in the following table the majority of people want to maintain everything we listed.

		<b>Number of respondents</b>	<b>% of total respondents</b>	<b>% not replying</b>
The Church	Yes	104	93	7
	No	0	0	
The Village Hall	Yes	99	88	6
	No	6	5	
The Telephone Box	Yes	87	78	12
	No	12	11	
The Langton Arms	Yes	100	89	6
	No	5	4	
The Splash and Pack Horse Bridge	Yes	106	95	5
	No	0	0	



Figure 6 - Village Facilities and War Memorial

## 2.7. Questionnaire Section 6 Environment

2.7.1. In question 6.1 we asked what things people thought were important in maintaining the rural aspect of the Parish. The answers are given in the following table and show again that the respondents want to preserve everything we mentioned!

		Number of respondents	% of total respondents	% not replying
Preservation of existing trees in key areas.	Yes	103	92	5
	No	3	3	
Planting of additional trees	Yes	81	72	13
	No	17	15	
Preservation of wild flowers in designated areas	Yes	99	88	10
	No	2	2	
Preservation of wildlife habitat	Yes	101	90	9
	No	1	1	

2.7.2. In our preliminary investigations we identified a number of potential problems. In question 6.2, we asked if these problems were of concern. The responses are summarised in the following table.

		Number of respondents	% of total respondents	% not replying
Pollution of the River Tarrant	Yes	80	71	17
	No	13	12	
Over extraction of water from beneath the Tarrant Valley	Yes	86	77	14
	No	10	9	
Groundwater flooding caused by a high water table	Yes	46	41	21
	No	43	38	
Fouling of public areas by dog faeces	Yes	66	59	18
	No	26	23	
Non essential public signs	Yes	68	61	18
	No	24	21	
Light pollution	Yes	35	31	20
	No	55	49	
Noise nuisance	Yes	40	36	19
	No	51	46	

2.7.3. All of the potential problems concerned a significant number of people. Obviously, some of the problems are very local and do not affect the entire Parish.

2.7.4. It is interesting that a large majority of people is concerned about over extraction of water from beneath the Tarrant Valley presumably because they see the Tarrant drying up most summers. In common with many other streams on chalk, the Tarrant is a “winter bourne”. It is a natural feature of these rivers to dry up during the summer and it would be difficult to show that this was due to or had been increased significantly by extraction of water from the aquifers beneath the Tarrant Valley. If drying of the Tarrant during the summer is due to pumping then the pumping is also beneficial as it will reduce the risk of groundwater flooding in winter.

2.7.5. We also asked people to identify the source of any light pollution or noise nuisance. The following table summarises the responses.

Light Pollution		Noise nuisance	
	No. affected		No. affected
Langton Arms	7	Langton Arms	7
Blandford Army Camp	10	Traffic from Langton Arms	3
Security lights on houses	6	Steam Fair	6
Wimborne and Blandford	3	Military helicopters	4
Manor Farm Dairy	1	Private aircraft (see table below)	2
		Strimmers	1
		Stationary cars revving	1
		Dog barking	1
		Rooks	1
		Dixon's lorries starting up early a.m.	1
		Raves	1
		Unannounced fireworks	1

2.7.6. Obviously the Parish Council can do little about light pollution from Wimborne, Blandford and the Army Camp. Details of the other lights causing pollution are not known but it is likely that the lights have been installed mainly for security reasons. This is reasonable even though it may detract from the rural environment. If the lights are causing a serious nuisance then the Parish Council may be able to persuade the owner to reduce the intensity of the light, or fix a time switch or a movement detector to turn off the lights when not needed. Please raise this at a Council Meeting. You may even reduce the owner's electricity bill significantly!

2.7.7. Generally, the nuisance caused by noise is more serious. What is music to your ears may well be an awful row to your neighbour. Noise can lead to stress and make life miserable, especially repetitive noise when people are trying to sleep.

2.7.8. Historically, noise from the Steam Fair and the Langton Arms have caused real problems for the Parish and this is reflected in the table above. Of course only parts of the Parish are affected.

2.7.9. Recently, under the auspices of the Parish Council, a meeting was held in the Langton Arms at which all of those affected by noise from the Langton Arms were invited to attend. This meeting appears to have gone a long way to ending the

ill feeling that has been caused by noise and complaints about noise from the Langton Arms.

- 2.7.10. We have considered whether there is anything else that the Parish Council should do especially about noise from the Steam Fair. In this country, people are legally entitled to live without undue nuisance from their neighbours. But as people have different noise sensitivities and expectations it is difficult to know when noise becomes a real nuisance.
- 2.7.11. Recently, this problem has been addressed by the Government and relatively new legislation has established an objective standard for night noise (i.e. noise between the 2300 and 0700) that in principle is the same as speeding in a car. The noise can be measured by approved means and it is either above or below the permitted level. It is now an offence to cause a night noise that exceeds the permitted level.
- 2.7.12. If the new noise limit is adhered to then it is unlikely that anybody in the Parish will suffer significantly from noise at night. For noise at other times it is still necessary to show that the noise is a statutory nuisance.
- 2.7.13. The measurement of noise is not straight forward and the Government has decided that normally the measurements should be made and the noise legislation enforced by District Councils. Though the Parish Council has extensive powers to act on behalf of Parishioners, it is difficult to envisage any circumstances when they would become directly involved in the measurement of noise or the enforcement of noise legislation.
- 2.7.14. If you are concerned about noise from any source you should contact North Dorset District Council for further information and to take the necessary measurements. However, we understand that North Dorset District Council has not yet implemented the “night noise” regulations and are still using the old statutory nuisance law.
- 2.7.15. Finally on the subject of noise, the Steam Fair and the Langton Arms both operate under licence and genuine complaints about noise or any other nuisance should be made to the licensing authority, i.e. to North Dorset District Council. The new Licensing Act 2003 sets out as one of its objectives “*the prevention of unreasonable diminution of the living and working amenity and environment of interested parties in the vicinity of the premises balancing those matters against the benefits to be derived from the leisure amenity of such premises.*”. Anyone living nearby is an interested party.
- 2.7.16. From our preliminary investigations it was obvious that the Steam Fair concerns several people. In question 6.3 we asked “Should the Parish Council closely monitor any proposed growth or additional activities at the Dorset Steam Fair?” as shown in the following table there is a large majority of respondents saying “yes”.

Number of respondents		% of total respondents	% not replying
Yes	93	83	6
No	12	11	

- 2.7.17. In question 6.4 we asked if people were concerned or bothered by low flying aircraft. As shown in the following table a sizable minority were affected.

Number of respondents		% of total respondents	% not replying
Yes	44	39	
No	61	54	6

2.7.18. Finally in this section we asked if there were any eyesores in the Parish and what action would they like the Council to take. The following table summarises the responses. They are largely self explanatory though not all practical.

Eyesore	Number of complaints	Suggested action
Depth marker at Splash	6	Remove it Use nicer materials Reduce its height
New lighting in front of Langton Arms	2	
Large vehicles parked in front of Dormers	13	Remove Screen behind a hedge Put behind house Keep elsewhere
Overhead power and telephone cables	2	Put underground
Village Hall	2	Rebuild
Paddock adjacent to War Memorial – excessive animal droppings – too many enclosures and horse jumps	3	Inform RSPCA
Old garage adjacent to Splash Cottage	1	
Rubbish bags put out before collection day	1	
White rails attached to Packhorse Bridge	1	Consult NDDC
Dangerous old signs by Splash	1	
Rusty bollards by Splash	1	Remove
Velux roof lights when visible from road	1	Inc. in Architectural Brief.
Road signs especially in area of Splash	1	
Cars parked in road	1	
1950's bungalows	1	

## 2.8. Questionnaire Section 7 General

2.8.1. In this section we asked people two questions

- What are the main reasons you live in Tarrant Monkton and Launceston?
- If you feel any subjects have been missed in this questionnaire please add your views here

2.8.2. We asked the first question to obtain an overall impression of how residents view life in the village. A wide variety of responses were received and they are summarised in the following table.

Main Reason for Living in Tarrant Monkton & Launceston	Number
Peace/ peaceful atmosphere/ quiet/ tranquillity	38
Beautiful/ outstanding beauty/ visually attractive/ aesthetically pleasing lovely scenery/area/ delightful	17
Community/ friendly atmosphere/ spirit/ thriving active community	16
Great pub (11) with good food (1) within walking distance (1)	13
Rural/ atmosphere/ character/ life	10
Accessible countryside/ views	9
Easy access by car to urban facilities/ coast/ West Country	7
Work/ close to work	6
Born and brought up here/ local ties/ lived here for generations and have much family history / lived here 60 years/ lived here 36 years	5
Small community/ village	4
Cannot think of a better place to live/ love it here/ fabulous place	3
Good neighbours/ the people	3
Weekending escaping London/ away from “rat race”/ non commuter feel	3
Near schools	3
Care about environment	2
Nice property	2
Quaint/ attractive cottages	2
Space/ open space	2
Conservation area/ open areas	2
Low volume of traffic/ no main road	2
Church	2
Safe area low crime and vandalism	1
Extra freedom for children & young adults to get out and about without having to be constantly monitored or restrained.	1
Nice place to bring up children	1
No streetlights, traffic calming signs, humps, pavements and ugly additions from towns that ruin the countryside.	1
Large garden	1
Ability to keep livestock	1
To help preserve existing village life.	1
Originally came here because excellent shop & post office & weekly vans with fresh vegetables etc. bread and fish & bus service. Now good newspaper service.	1
River	1

2.8.3. Of the 160 reasons given 83 (52%) are based on environmental considerations, 53 (33%) on community considerations, 16 (10%) are due to the location of the Parish with the remainder 8 (5%) giving miscellaneous reasons. Of course many people will be here for several reasons and not solely for the main reason given. The strong emphasis on environmental considerations is not surprising and explains why people want to preserve things as they are.

2.8.4. Finally at the end of the questionnaire we included a “catch all” question, question 7.2, in case we had omitted something important and to give people the opportunity to comment. Unsolicited comments made in the margins have been grouped in with the responses to this question 7.2.

Question No.	Comment	Number of respondents making comment
7.2	<i>If you feel any subjects have been missed in this questionnaire please add your views here.</i>	
	NDDC Planning refusals - inconsistent & illogical.	2
	Property owners should have more influence.	2
	Too many trees.	2
	Redundant farm building development acceptable if it does not generate heavy traffic growth.	2
	Parish Council should not have approved planning application for land between Rosemary Cottage and Owl Cottage.	1
	Village shop & banking facilities needed.	1
	Recycling of plastic should be available.	1
	Disagree with people trying to close pub.	1
	Lack of parking space in centre of village.	1
	Too many cars parked on road. Should build lay-byes on owners' land at owners' expense and impose retrospectively.	1
	Homewatch scheme should be more active with meetings especially for newcomers.	1
	Character of village diminished by second homes and holiday lets.	1
	Affordable housing for village children.	1
	Against development in areas marked in green. ( <i>i.e. in Important Open or Wooded Areas</i> )	1
	Garden extensions should be acceptable.	1
	Settlement boundary should be extended	1
	It is antisocial of riparian owners upstream to cut weed and send it downstream.	1
	Support for riparian owners in maintaining river	1
	Groundwater extraction offsets flood risk.	1
	New house building would be acceptable if it is environmentally sound, in small units, high density and of low visual impact. Not Wimpey estates.	1
	Attitude of police officers attending scene of crime far from satisfactory	1
	Few supporters for church.	1
	Question 6.1 should have had a "comments" section, because there are other elements that maintain the "rural" aspect, such as : preservation of hedges, verges, use of "rural" building materials, etc	1
	Many questions were biased and not appropriate to a survey such as this one, (e.g. questions 2.2, 4.2, 4.4, 4.11)	1
	The summary and analysis of this questionnaire should be done by a neutral party- -i.e. NOT the Parish Plan Steering Group.	1
4.8	<i>Do you agree that applications for extending and or converting existing properties, adding outbuildings etc. should be opposed by the planning authorities if the additions significantly reduce the existing open space between buildings?</i>	
	Should be judged on the merit of the scheme.	3
	Everyone should have the right to develop their property but the criteria for obtaining Planning Permission should be open and fair.	1

Question No.	Comment	Number of respondents making comment
4.9	<i>To ensure that all new building blends into the Parish, would you like the Parish Council to develop an architectural Design Brief for new buildings, alterations and extensions?</i>	
	If this would assist in gaining Planning Permission.	1
	What is the Conservation Officer for?	1
	NO - welcome creativity.	1
4.10	<i>Do you feel that any of the utilities or services listed below are important to the future of the village? (i.e. Mains sewerage, mains gas supply and overhead cables placed underground.)</i>	
	Utilities and services are desirable but how would they be funded.	1
	The need may change if there is more development in the village.	1
4.11	<i>If the Camp is closed and developed for housing should the Parish Council try to amend the Parish boundaries to exclude the Camp area?</i>	
	The possibility of the Parish Council trying to amend Parish boundaries in the event of Blandford Camp closing required further discussion and clarification once a decision had been made.	6
5.3	<i>Which of the following would you welcome in the Parish? (i.e. tennis court, village green, pathway to Blandford.)</i>	
	Cricket pitch.	2
	Boules/petanque.	1
	Yes - should also include a BBQ area.	1
	Definitely – Camp Lane (Rural track or pavement?).	2
	Across the camp.	1
5.4	<i>If you use any of the public facilities in Blandford, what improvements would you like?</i>	
	The greatest response to improvements to public facilities in Blandford was for parking (more, easier, free).	
5.5	<i>Which of the following are important to preserve as features of the Parish?</i>	
	Although the Langton Arms was overwhelmingly regarded as being important to preserve there were comments that “the bars needed the character putting back” and that it should be “a country pub only”.	

### 3. Recommendations for Action Plan

3.1. In this section we make proposals for the Parish Action Plan. These proposals follow on from the questionnaire and our soundings of opinion in the Parish as discussed above in this report. Our recommended Parish Action Plan is given in tabular form. The sections of this report relevant to each proposed action are given in the table.

3.2. The actions have been ranked into three priorities.

Priority A actions are urgent and should be progressed rapidly to obtain the necessary funding.

Priority B actions are not urgent but should be done as soon as possible.

Priority C actions should be carried out when circumstances or resources permit

3.3. The likely cost to the Parish Council of each action is also indicated by a cost category

Category 0 covers those actions with no significant cost, typically less than £100.

Category 1 covers those actions with costs up to £1,000

Category 2 covers those actions with costs up to £5,000

Category 3 covers those actions with costs in excess of £5,000.

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Action Number	Priority	Cost Category	Description of Action	Report References	
<b><u>Transport and Safety</u></b>					
1	B	0	Contact other Tarrant Valley and nearby Parishes to find out if there is a more widespread need for a mini bus service. If there is a need, develop a proposal for the service.	2.3.3	
2	B	3	Determine in conjunction with the Highway Authority, the visually acceptable measures that could be taken to improve road safety in the Parish especially at the corner near Guppy's Cottage. Develop proposals for public consultation.	2.3.4 - 9	
<b><u>Policing and Emergency Services</u></b>					
3	B	0	Contact senior Police Officers to let them know of the concerns expressed about the policing of the Parish. Seek improvements in policing of the Parish.	2.4.1 – 4 & 2.4.9 - 10	
4	B	0	Contact those responsible for the Home Watch Scheme to ensure that it is working properly and that all Parishioners know of its existence, especially those who have come to the Parish in the last five years.	2.4.8	
5	B	0	Take effective measures to prevent people, especially visitors to the village, receiving an electric shock from unguarded and unmarked electric fences.	2.4.7	
<b><u>Planning Matters</u></b>					
6	C	0	In assessing and making recommendations on planning matters pay particular attention to maintaining the openness of the village Conservation Area.	2.5.4 - 6	
7	C	0	In assessing and making recommendations on planning matters pay particular attention to preserving the Church, the Village Hall, the Telephone Box, the Langton Arms, the Splash and Pack Horse Bridge.	2.6.11	
8	C	2	Develop an architectural Design Brief for the guidance of those responsible for all new building, extension and conversions in the Parish.	2.5.7	

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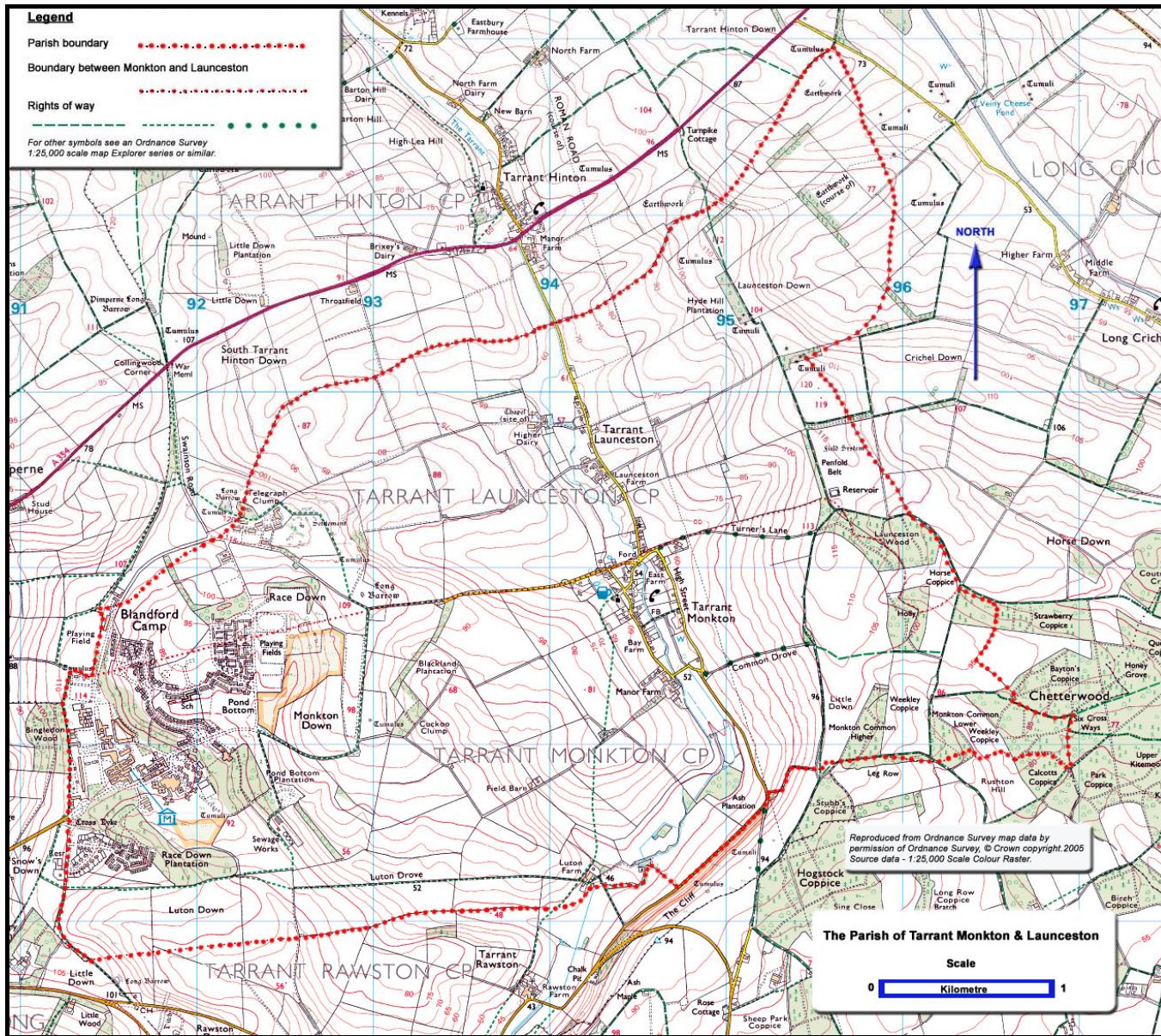
Action Number	Priority	Cost Category	Description of Action	Report References
9	C	3	As finance allows, arrange to bury all overhead cables both telephone and electric supply cables.	2.5.8
10	B	0	Notify North Dorset District Council of the need for social housing for those who cannot afford to rent or buy on the open market.	2.5.22
<b><u>Village Facilities</u></b>				
11	A	2	Develop proposals for a “village green” on the public land adjacent to the Splash. Determine possible sources of financial support and develop preliminary schemes for public consultation.	2.5.10 – 11, 2.6.4 – 6 & Appendix D
12	A	3	Investigate improving and upgrading the Village Hall and its immediate grounds. Determine possible sources of financial support. Appoint an architect to prepare outline schemes for approval by the Parish Council and Village Hall Committee. Prepare approved schemes for public consultation.	2.6.1 – 3 & Appendix D
13	A	3	Investigate the possibility of creating a village centre by visually linking the Splash, the “village green” and the Village Hall. The link to be achieved by minimizing road signs in the area and paving the road in a surface distinctive from the existing “black top”.	As actions 11 & 12 plus 2.3.8 - 9
14	C	1	Contact the Army authorities at Blandford Camp and establish the practicality of making a public pathway to Blandford. Develop a practical scheme for public consultation.	2.6.7
<b><u>Environment</u></b>				
15	B	0	Monitor sources of noise in the Parish and take pro-active action to minimise the effects of any nuisance.	2.7.5, 2.7.7 - 15
16	B	0	Ask North Dorset District Council when the new “night noise” regulations will be applied to the Parish (i.e. the Noise Act 1996 as amended by the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003).	2.7.5, 2.7.7 - 15
17	C	0	Closely monitor any proposed growth or additional activities at the site of the Dorset Steam Fair.	2.7.16

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**APPENDIX A**

**Map of Parish  
(1:25,000 scale data)**



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**APPENDIX B**

**SUMMARY OF PLANNING POLICIES**

Extracts from the  
**North Dorset District-Wide Local Plan to 2011**  
(1<sup>st</sup> Revision)  
Adopted 31st January 2003

**1**

Summary of relevant policies

**2**

Proposals Map Inset No. 52

## **SUMMARY OF POLICIES RELEVANT TO PROPOSALS MAP INSET 52**

The following is a summary of the policies relevant to the attached "North Dorset District Local Plan 2003 Proposals Map Sheet 52". Full details can be obtained from NDDC offices or from web pages at "www.northdorsetlocalplan.co.uk".

### **Policy 1.6 Development in the Countryside**

In the countryside areas beyond the defined settlement boundaries, most forms of residential and commercial development for general needs will not be permitted. The following uses however, may be granted permission, subject to the relevant policy and assessment criteria;

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|--|--|
| (i) Development required for Agriculture and Forestry                | (v) Housing; Dwelling extensions & replacements            |
| (ii) Rural Buildings; Re-use & Adaptation                            | (vi) Employment; Development for Local Needs               |
| (iii) Rural "Exception" Sites for Affordable Housing for Local Needs | (vii) Countryside Tourism                                  |
| (iv) Housing for Agricultural & Forestry Needs                       | (viii) Countryside Recreation                              |
|  | (ix) Infrastructure (e.g. roads, sewers, energy, telecoms) |

### **Policy 1.7 Development within Settlement Boundaries**

Development will only be approved within Settlement Boundaries if the proposal satisfies the Standard Assessment Criteria Policy.

### **Policy 1.9 Important Open or Wooded Areas**

Designated Important Open or Wooded Areas will be protected from development.

### **Policy 1.12 River Valleys**

Development will not be permitted within the River Valley areas defined on the Proposals Maps where;

- (i) the water quality of the river would be adversely affected by effluent pollution from the development.
- (ii) the wildlife and their habitats, the vegetation and the landscape of the river valleys would be adversely affected by the development.

### **Policy 1.24 Character of Conservation Areas**

The District Council will pay special regard to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of Conservation Areas. Proposals for any new development, alterations and changes of use of existing buildings and land, which have an adverse effect on the character or appearance of the Conservation Area, will not be permitted.

### **Policy 1.25 Demolition in Conservation Areas**

Proposals involving the demolition of unlisted buildings which make a positive contribution to the character or appearance of the Conservation Area will not be permitted unless;

- (i) all reasonable efforts to sustain the existing use or find viable new uses have been explored and failed;
- (ii) the preservation of the building in some form of charitable or community ownership is not possible or suitable;
- (iii) re-development would bring substantial benefits for the community which would decisively outweigh the loss resulting from demolition.

### **Policy 1.26 Advertisements in Conservation Areas**

Proposals to replace traditional fascia signs and hanging signs will be resisted. The Council will not permit new advertisements or alterations to existing ones that will have an adverse effect on the character or appearance of the Conservation Area.

### **Policy 1.27 Shopfronts in Conservation Areas... (not applicable to Tarrant Monkton & Launceston)**

### **Policy 1.28 Archaeological Remains of National Importance**

Permission will not be granted for development, which would have an adverse effect upon nationally important archaeological remains and their settings, whether scheduled, or not.

### **Policy 1.29 Archaeological Remains of Local Importance**

Wherever possible archaeological remains should be preserved in situ. Permission will not be granted for development on sites containing locally important archaeological remains unless preservation in situ is not appropriate and the importance of the development outweighs the local value of the remains. In such circumstances no development should take place until a reputable investigations body has carried out satisfactory archaeological investigations.

### **Policy 1.30 Archaeological Evaluations**

Where archaeological remains may be affected by development proposals the Local Planning Authority may require;

- (i) the submission of archaeological evaluations with planning applications to define the character and condition of the remains, the likely impact of the development and the possible means of mitigating these effects;
- (ii) by the use of planning conditions, archaeological investigation prior to the commencement of development for which planning permission has been granted;
- (iii) archaeological monitoring during that development.

### **Policy 1.32 Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty**

Development proposals within the AONBs will only be permitted where they are in accordance with the policies of this local plan and provided that;

- (i) the siting and scale of development is sympathetic with the landscape of the AONB in general and of the particular locality;
- (ii) standards of landscaping and design are high, using materials which are appropriate to the locality and reflect the character of the area;
- (iii) in the case of major commercial and industrial development proposals, there is a proven national need, no suitable site is available outside the AONBs and the development would be of benefit to present and future social and economic needs of the locality.

### **Policy 1.33 Landscape Character Areas**

Within each of the Landscape Character Areas, defined on the Proposals Map, development should be situated and designed so as to integrate with the distinctive landscape character of the area. This will be particularly important within the designated Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the Environmentally Sensitive Area.

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**APPENDIX C**

**Village Hall Activities**

## Village Hall Activities

Suggested Activity	Number of suggestions
Art classes	3
Flower arranging	1
Films	4
Sales and Exhibitions	1
Cider tasting	1
Internet café, café, OAP's lunch club	1
DVD/Video centre	1
Playgroup or nursery	1
Dancing	1
Table Tennis	2
Concerts	1
Cycling	1
Shop	1
Computer classes	1
Play readings	1
Fundraising parties	1
Amateur theatricals, Pantomime	1
Craft/Skills courses	1
Cream Teas	1
Quizzes	2
Beetle Drives	1
Music/Art appreciation	1
Homewatch talks	1
Summer Fete	1
Youth Group	2
Bring and Buy	1
Bristol University Study Days	1
Activities for children 8yr olds +	1
None – poor venue/bad lighting	1
None	2
Whist Drives	1

Support for keep fit classes, yoga or other physical exercise events as suggested in the questionnaire	Number of suggestions
Yes	20
No	15
Possibly if outside normal working hours	5
Keep Fit	4
Yoga	4
Exercise Classes	3
Aerobics	1

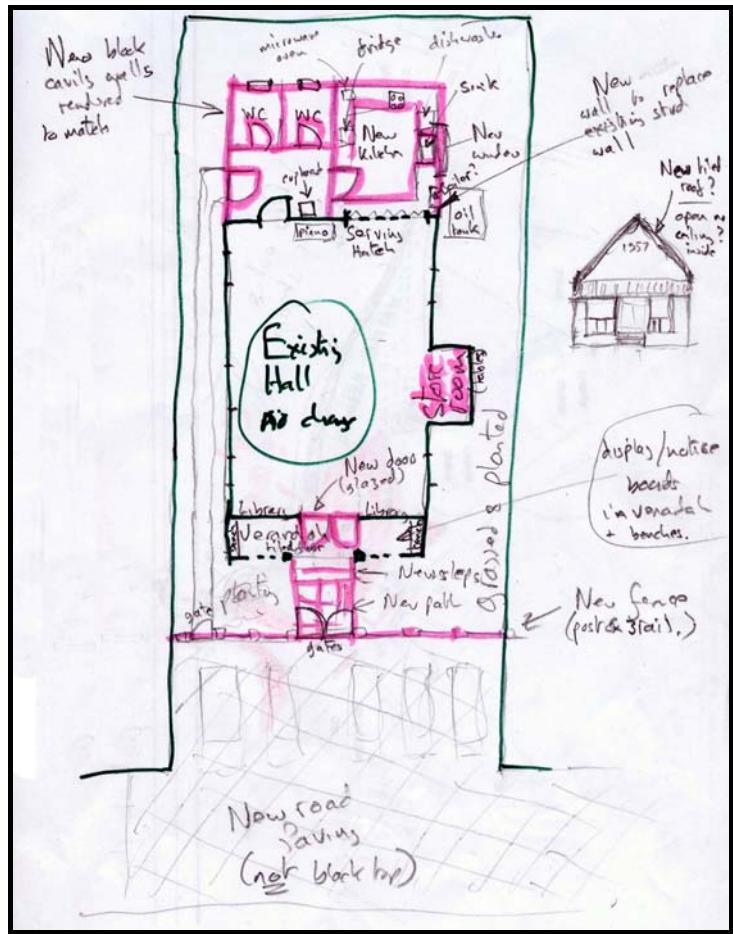
Note:- Opinion was evenly divided between those wishing to support physical activities in the Village Hall or not.

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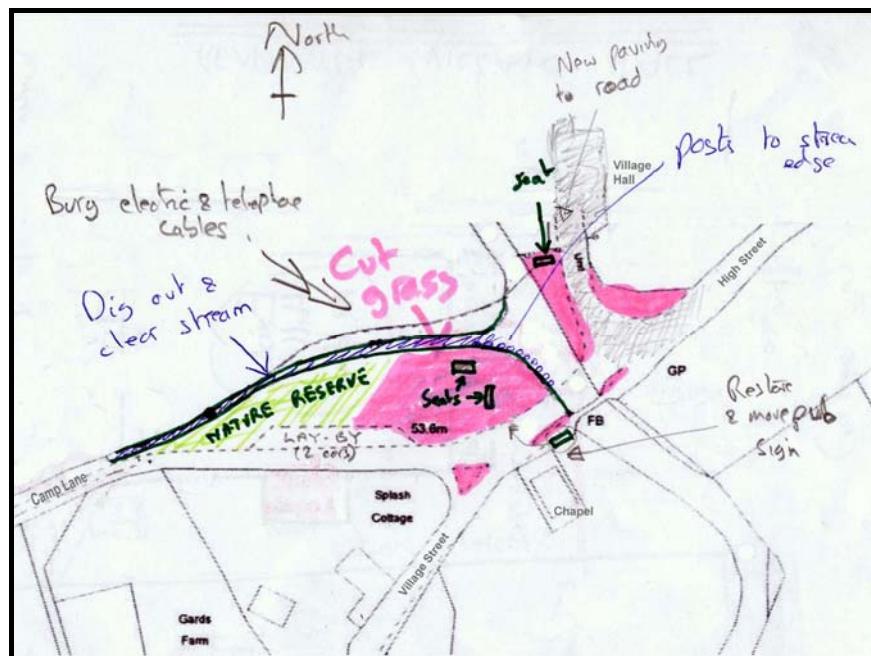
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**APPENDIX D**

**Proposal Sketches  
showing  
Improvements to the Village Hall  
and  
New Village Green**



## **Figure A - Village Hall Improvements**



## **Figure B - Proposed Village Green**