

***Q1 Do you feel the current level of sport/activity/recreation/leisure pursuit provision in the Parish suits the needs of the community now and in future? Please answer on a scale of 1-5 where 1 represents not at all, and 5 represents fully meets needs.***

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Binsted is a growing village with an increasing number of families. This is great to see but necessitates the expansion of facilities for the future.

Parish has numerous, well documents walks for my dogs. I understand that cricket & football are also available.

The facilities need to be adaptable to future generations' needs. More and more time seems to be spent on technology pastimes than on outdoor activities. But, the facilities should remain available to encourage getting out into the fresh air and being active. Adaptable, because at times some activities will be more popular than others.

A Bentley and Binsted Cycling club would be a good idea.

It appears everything revolves around cricket. Can a way not be found to play cricket but not at the expense of other sports and activities.

I do not use the facilities so do not feel able to respond.

Vitally important that recreation field(s) continue to cater for the primary Summer and Winter sports (i.e. cricket and football) uninterrupted.

It would be great to have more varied sports for children who attend the local primary school. This would encourage more outside social activity and community spirit!

With pub failing, would really like to see more activity in the pavilion, which is at the heart of the village

Pavilion is rather old now and in need of upgrading

There is a large demographic of young families in the village and unfortunately it feels as if they are not being given the chance to use the facilities as much as might be possible if there were better facilities at the recreation ground which is a brilliant community asset which should be the hub of the village!

I would like to see use of the Binsted Cricket Pavilion increased: there is no reason why cricketers, footballers and those using the ground for other sports should not be able to have a drink, cup of tea, sandwich etc. after their game, especially as the Cedars is (sadly) semi-defunct. Those who have purchased properties adjoining the recreation ground have no basis for complaining that it is used for recreation!

The pavilion space at Binsted Rec is small and not well suited to the dual roles of the parish committee meetings and as a sports changing facility. Summer and winter sports at the recreation ground are vibrant, but an upgrade to the facilities would be welcome. To allow a bar, separate changing rooms for umpires and ladies, larger changing rooms etc. would be welcome. Such a facility would provide a centrally based community resource which could be rented for other purposes too. It would be nice to see the Oval returned to regular use. The area supports many adult and children's sports teams and space such as the Oval should be cherished. With the increase in new build housing in the area, these community spaces need to be developed for community leisure activities such as sports.

Need better changing rooms. Future needs unknown

The Rec has certainly improved as a venue for the community to play sport and run events but could be improved further with improvements to the pavilion and Cricket nets etc.

Investment required to improve the facilities offered in the Pavilion.

Pavilion is not finished and needs bigger changing rooms,

Sport is clearly a driver of health and community. The more the better.

Would it be possible to paint some lines around the basketball ring (free-throw line, 3 pt Line etc)? I'm hoping that this might discourage people from parking directly under the basketball

ring when there are other spaces available. As it is, we have a basketball ring that nobody can use, as most of the time there is a car parked directly underneath it.

The tennis court is private should be open to all. A running track round the edge. We all want to get fitter for free our large rec is sitting doing very little. Not everything has to be for the children. Teenagers and adults would like to use this area also. Social club would be great.

We are new to the area and not fully aware of what activities are provided. However what I would like to see is a varied programme that offers something for everyone in the community that improves health and wellbeing and reduces social isolation

The current pavilion needs to be upgraded so that the facilities within the building meet the needs for the number of growing sports clubs that use it, this includes bigger changing rooms, the need to have a separate room to the parish so Rhea can have their own secure area and a room for referees and umpires to use

Need space for football & cricket to run at same time

Could do with permanent lights on pitches, and all weather shelters for players and supporters I think that the recreation ground is well used and for a small village it has been fantastic in recent years to see the rec regularly utilised for football and cricket. This has provided wonderful sporting opportunities for the young people in the area. The tennis court is also very good.

There is a growing community of young children in the village who will need an increasing amount of these pursuits to keep them fully occupied, healthy and motivated over the next few years. While there are some good facilities now they are not perfect and quite limited in scope.

There are a good range of activities offered - but most organised activities are for the younger children. It would be good if older children could be considered in organised activities - after all this is the age range where lethargy and obesity are likely to kick-in.

The real answer is I don't really know but there is no option for this reply. I imagine that as the recreation ground at Binsted is always busy that it suits current needs.

With the Cedars pubs future in question, turning the pavilion into a social club would be a great asset to the village, especially with the growing number of people young and old using the rec for various sporting activities

There are no sport or recreation activities in Bucks Horn Oak. We do not have a village focal point and Binsted is too dangerous to walk or cycle to. Our children do not have a local outlet they can get to.

Whilst the facilities at the rec are good they are also ageing and limited in scope. We have a large and on the whole young, 6 to 10 year old population today who, in just a few years time, will be teenagers and will have a whole new set of needs to keep them entertained.

Without something I can see them gathering under the lights of the pavilion

Maybe introduce more sports activities for girls.

The ground and also the playground are very good. The Pavilion definitely needed to be refurbished to make more useable. Ideally a small indoor soft play area, a counter where people can buy drinks and snacks or even canteen!! It will definitely encourage more people to use the facilities.

Inevitably with such a large parish area it arguably perhaps depends on where you live.

The football, tennis and cricket are great for the young families. The recreation ground is a massive asset for the older generation who find local footpaths unsteady under foot. It's also a great picnic area for all to use when the cricket is not on. The cricket takes up far too much time over the season which excludes ALL other recreation users.

Not sure how to answer 'meets future needs'. I do feel that there is an imbalance of resources currently; cricket seems to be the only recipient of benefits and resources.

The rise in sporting activities has largely been fuelled by the trend towards more young

families moving in to the area, this is something I commend as it both keeps the children and adults of the area active, social and offers activities that can be appreciated by the whole community. I would also note that the increase in sport seems to be revitalizing the community spirit, something which is to be encouraged. I note that there are a lot of sporting clubs which are run from the recreation ground in Binsted that are attended by parishioners from the entire parish as well as outside the parish which are fully inclusive for both boys and girls and cover a wide range of age groups. Unfortunately that means that when hosting home games for either football, cricket, rounders or any future clubs that may arise sufficient provision for home and away male and female changing rooms are not currently available. So far our parish should be very proud of the way that it has provided activities for youngsters in the area to cater for the more recent rise, however there is soon to be a large number of teenagers in the village and if we do not make provision for less structured but supervised leisure activities such as a youth club linked to the various sporting clubs then we run the risk of teenagers pursuing less supervised activities. Teenagers do not want to do things with their parents at all times. A lack of leisure options for teenagers without any form of supervision could lead to antisocial behavior which would be a great shame as we are and should be very proud of the children of our Parish.

Not sure how we can predict future needs

There is an interest in sport and the village has done a lot to support this, however the facilities of the cricket pavilion does not suit the needs for example there are no girls changing rooms. More mixed sports need dual changing rooms. Also the school often use the sports areas, the children have to get changed at school and walk up to the rec. However there are no changing facilities at the school and they currently change in the classrooms/toilets so it would be great if the school could use the rec and change there. The children in the village are currently primary school age but as they grow there is nothing for them in the village. If we can extend the cricket pavilion to have an additional room that can be rented out for events and also be set up as a youth club, with table football/ pool table etc to provide them a safe area for them to socialise. We have had many issues over the years with the village pub, and unless it gets updated then it will not support future needs.

Sporting activity is heavily biased towards male participants. The level of cricket played on the Binsted Recreation ground is beyond saturation point. If it were only Binsted cricket teams using the recreation ground the balance would be far fairer to all who wish to enjoy the recreation ground, even if it is just to sit quietly or watch the sunset. Why are so many Rowledge teams using the Binsted Recreation ground when they have both a cricket and recreation ground. I know that we are in the same parish, but Binsted village recreation ground should be accessible by villagers for the majority of the time.

Current facilities provide only very basic sporting/activity provision. The size/number of changing rooms in the Pavilion is very restrictive. Child protection legislation suggests juniors need to have separate facilities to adults, and of course boys separate from girls - currently the home / away with open showering in both does not give adequate segregation. The carpeting in both the pavilion and the Wickham mean that neither can be easily used for any hard floor activities, and gets muddy / stays muddy. The mean age of the village is reducing, we have more young families. At the moment the largest age group is under 12, with a large cohort being in the 6-10 age group. Right now the children's play area is adequate, but very soon the large majority of the parish's children will outgrow this. If the Parish wants to keep our youth fit and healthy we need to seriously think of facilities and clubs that will provide focus as they grow up. The future approach needs to cover sport but also safe space for both sporty and non-sporty youth to meet and play together.

what exactly are the Parish Council's obligations and powers in sport & recreation - isn't this an EHDC responsibility?

Our recreation ground has become a cricket ground and nothing else. We want our rec back to use over the weekend and week day evening. The cricket is play far to much and other grounds should be use instead

The parish need to advertise the sports and activities it supports in a proactive way. It also needs to inform the community of the types of sport and activities it potentially could support.

Improve the pavilion facilities and create one single sporting entity under name of Binsted Sporting Club to maximise community involvement & sport participation

Better wet weather and winter facilities would be of benefit as well as floodlit facilities

Not sure

It's so lovely to see the Rec used so fully by all ages . The junior cricket evenings are a joy to see .

My observation is that this should be about b-a-l-a-n-c-e. There are a number of sporting and leisure locations across the Parish - some used extensively by different parts of the community to greater / lesser extent - some not at all. The facilities may not be adequate today for some of them - and building provision for the future IS important. However - and this played out in a very visible way in the recent Parish meeting - we have an abundance of resources across the Parish (The Oval for example must be the village's best kept secret).

Many are not actually used today. I don't believe the full complement of resources is being considered to balance the needs of a diverse community - wherever they happen to be within the parish. As with all walks of life, the 'vocal few' should not simply walk over the needs of the rest of the community - some of whom look at the recreation ground in Binsted as just that - a recreation ground. The Parish Council should put together an INDEPENDENT plan for the facilities that's completely objective and which ensures that the locations have good quality resources aligned to them to encourage usage. I'm not sure that's the case currently - certainly some of the statements made were less than impartial.

***Q2 Do you feel the current level of sport/activity/recreation/leisure pursuit provision in the Parish suits the needs of the community for specific age groups both now and in future? Please answer on a scale of 1-5 where 1 represents not at all, and 5 represents fully meets needs.***

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Am not really sure how other people feel, my needs are met.

The elderly residents seem to have many activities to engage in and so do the younger, pre-school children. I think the primary school and secondary school ages have less to get involved in.

Maybe introduce bowls or croquet for the seniors

I do not use the facilities - nor did my children.

There's a lot of space for dog walkers, tennis ground, allotments and bowls for the older generation but I feel the younger children and teenagers need more variety of play equipment and indoor activities.

The elderly are very isolated in the village and public transport availability doesn't support them leaving

Whilst the Wickham institute does host one toddler event a week and a few sessions for older people there is definitely scope to do more for young families with children here as well as at the recreation ground. For instance the promotion of the hall for birthday parties could be done to more of an extent and possibly some more kit bought for people to use their to entertain children etc.

See my comment above regarding the Pavilion

See earlier comments re the facilities at Binsted Rec, the need to bring the Oval into use, and the likely future pressures from local population growth. It is important to ensure a good regular sporting heart at the centre of the village which binds young and old to the facilities through regular community centric activity

Future OK as long as no reduction in current provision

Young people need space and good facilities, I think these could be improved.

move the parish office to a separate room and not where teas are served

not close enough to the youth bit. But as before. Anything that can be done to encourage sport is a good thing

As above, it would be nice if we could use the basketball ring that is already in place.

I think that with the recreation ground we have a good space for football and cricket. We also have a wonderful tennis court. What we are lacking is some indoor space e.g. changing facilities and decent toilets and somewhere to serve refreshments. The football club is not allowed in the Pavilion and is therefore unable to offer refreshments to opponents. Most clubs offer toilets and refreshments to visiting teams. In the winter it can be very cold and windy at the rec and it would be nice for spectators to have somewhere to shelter if needed, I think that there would also be a very good market for tea and coffee etc. at such times and this could help to generate further income for the community and village sports teams. We do have the Wickham Institute but an indoor area would also be good for provision of exercises classes for children and adults e.g. pilates, dance, keep fit etc.

Don't feel qualified to comment on senior needs - yet!

Not enough facilities for young people. We have a growing population of young children who will soon become teenagers and need more safe, community friendly facilities to occupy them. Will also help with fitness, wellbeing, and prevent them from getting involved in anti-social behaviour.

No idea

There is nothing! We don't even have a community hall yet the community is growing. There

are currently 13 new houses that have / are in the process of being built in BHO

I've often thought a couple of boules tracks might bring the senior citizens together. This together with a communal village facility that can double as a youth club / village bar / sports club would I am sure would unite the village which is split between pub users village fete committee, Wickham institute users.

Very limited activities for all

The question is very dependent on the type of activity which an individual may or may not want to do with the district council really responsible for 'higher order' type sport/leisure resources.

Again, I cannot give an answer for the future! As my previous answer, cricket seems to dominate. There is little provision for girls/ladies

As well as investing in the future needs of the parish children and young adults we should also make greater provision for elderly people to socialize and allot of older gentlemen and ladies can be intimidated by a pub atmosphere, as such it would be great to try and offer more elderly entertainments and sporting activities such as the croquet which is also played on a Friday over the summer months and perhaps a weekly or monthly bingo evening or something at the recreation ground would be a great way to get them to socialize more.

See previous comment

I would like to see more sports for girls/women/senior women

Binsted is very fortunate to have two village facilities - Wickham hall and the Pavilion/Rec. Sadly neither are fit for youth activities. The Wickham has indoor space, & kitchen facilities, but none outdoors. We've used for young children's parties, and adult sit down events.... but is not ideal for ages 8-25 The Pavilion lacks useable indoor space, or kitchen facilities to be hired as a children's party venue.

The need for some kind of all-weather (astro pitch) facility does already exist, but will become more in demand in the future

I understand that you want activities as it is a lovely space. We also need time for our children to play and us adults to meet up without the threat of getting hit with a cricket ball I think we need to be realistic - we cannot expect the Parish to meet everyone's requirements fabulously in the future (to do so would probably cost more than the coffers can realistically provide). If you try to do everything for everyone you will end up (unless there is some "anonymous benefactor" on hand to magically provide a bottomless pit of money) tin-cupping and spreading investments across too few intentions with less than quality outcomes for all. Back to my previous point this needs to be about b-a-l-a-n-c-e ensuring that you don't over-index on one thing (I believe the unending debate about cricket raised its ugly head in the meeting - as an "objective observer" I'd agree) - and ensure the needs across the community are met. For example, the question of changing rooms in the Pavilion was raised. Ensuring these are up to scratch would (or rather should) benefit all "teams" playing sport on the recreation ground (cricket, football, tennis, bowling - even tiddlywinks if need be) - regardless of the age of players. Therefore - this kind of investment seems eminently sensible. I know absolutely nothing about cricket - and am quite happy to be challenged on the following [an objective observation made by someone with a commercial and practical mind - not swayed by opinions that others force on me]. Given the level of investment made in the resources for improvements to the Binsted Recreation ground I'd question whether these resources could not have been put into improvements to the Oval (which reading various reports on the internet has a long, relevant history with the game) which might have been offered to Rowledge (it's also a bit handier for access) as their secondary location for cricket - avoiding the associated gripes which mean the Binsted Recreation ground is not available for - er - recreation at various times during the cricket season (I'd add for football practise where the seasons cross over etc.) - or local fun cricket / rounders etc. Capitalising on the history

and with some commercial input - this could have been turned into something that the village was proud of - and which even brings in a revenue stream rather than being an expense....but as I say, clearly I know nothing of cricket.

***Q3 Do you feel the current mix of sport/activity/recreation/leisure pursuit provision in the Parish suits the needs of the community NOW and IN THE FUTURE? Looking at the various suggested activities below, please answer on a scale of 1-5 where 1 represents not at all, and 5 represents fully meets needs.***

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I have no idea what the Parish plans are for the future mix of sport/activity/recreation/leisure pursuits in the future so I marked them all 1.

I don't see any provision of these opportunities in the station road area

Difficult to comment on the other items as we do not engage in them.

There's a lot of great ideas above but less than half are carried out.

The building of some more equipment for children to use would be brilliant as we need to encourage them to keep fit and maintain regular exercise in their lifestyles. A weekly cycling awareness course could be provided or soft tennis indoors

sorry but with a growing community of youngsters there needs to be sports that are popular with them. For example: BASKETBALL, rugby and even football where there is no support. There is a great deal of competition for the use of community assets at Binsted Rec. The pavilion is not well suited as a meeting venue and as a sports pavilion. The pavilion should be developed to improve its function and expand its use. Sports recreation should be at the heart of this. Increased changing facilities, more accessibility to the wider community - eg changing rooms that encourage mixed gender/age sports teams, the addition of better hospitality facilities for visiting teams (bar, teas etc.). The Oval should also be brought back into use as a community sports asset

Again, as long as the current provision doesn't reduce the future should be fine

Improved changing facilities in the pavilion would help a lot of the sports played at Binsted. bespoke Umpires rooms

From netball down I didn't know the answer. Sport can bring communities together.

NOT EVEN A MENTION OF BASKETBALL! It is one of the MOST PLAYED sport in the UK for 14-25 year olds "Every week, 175,000 people between 14 and 25 play, as many as play cricket and golf combined" <https://inews.co.uk/sport/other/basketball-popular-inclusive-britain-giving-up/> We have a decent ring, yet it is totally ignored. It seems even hot air ballooning is given higher priority, this is ridiculous.

I do not personally agree with Hot air ballooning. The pilots do not respect rules and regulations; they constantly fly below restricted heights e.g. over farms etc. causing distress to animals that are grazing in fields. They also land in fields without gaining land owners permission.

great space for a possible activity centre for local area

These suggestions offer a wide programme of activities, my question would be do you plan to offer anything for people with learning or physical disabilities? As there is a substantial older population in the area, are you thinking in terms of "Falls Prevention". In addition to physical activities do you plan to offer weight management support for adult, families and/or children?

I have scored various activities above 1 e.g. netball, swimming etc because there is no provision for them currently in Binsted and I therefore don't feel that the provision does suit the needs of the community for the future (I hope that I have understood the question correctly!) It would be fantastic to have netball courts which could also be used for other sports etc basketball, tennis etc. I have score cycling fairly low, because although Binsted is a beautiful place to cycle around there are no cycle lanes. The roads are narrow and a lot of cars drive fast along the narrow country lanes making it a fairly dangerous place to cycle. There are also quite a few pot holes in the road and I have had to assist (and call an ambulance) for a cycle who had a nasty crash due to a large pot hole. Cricket and football is

currently very good but we may need even better football facilities in the future e.g. a pavillion / indoor space.

Confusing question. It asked whether current provision is adequate now and in future. But loads of activities on there nor currently aware of...?

I may have missed understiid the question - cricket and football are currently well represented - however are run voluntarily by some very dedicated individuals, however the future of these activities could be under threat when those volunteers are unable to continue. I think we need to look at activities that represents an aging population both children and adults. There is very little movement in the village and people will age here so the activities need to be looked at regularly to support the future ageing

No idea what the current mix is.

An upgraded Pavilion would facilitate and provide more for all both now and in the future. Perhaps to minimise cost or to deliver a return on investment a permanent licensed cafe with pavilion management rights might meet the needs of all include sports, recreation (walkers, cyclists etc.) and maximise what are quite amazing views from the most northerly village in the SDNP

All the ideas for the future are great but I've had to answer '1' as the question is Do I think the current mix of activities is suitable provision for the future - table tennis, trim trail etc... there's none of those there now

Limited sports activities, no options to use anything if weather is not good

It would be good to have more provision of activities for our young families - youth clubs for example

As above some of these activities simply aren't applicable at parish level in my opinion.

It would be nice to have areas devoted to camping, hot air ballooning, trim trail but I cannot see that this could be accommodated on the recreation ground.

I have not commented on some of the above items as I do not believe a parish can be expected to provide provision for all possible activities. Items such as swimming should be covered by sport centres which in the case of our parish should be overseen by HDC & SDNP. With regard to hot air ballooning it is a sport which is only likely to entice a fairly low number of people, in my opinion village funds should not go on activities unless they are likely to benefit more than just a couple of parishioners. That said we have a number of balloon flights over Binsted on a daily basis they are lovely to watch, so there must already be enough infrastructure in the area to enable it anyway. With regard to roller-skating / a skate park would be another great way of entertaining older children/teenagers. My issue regarding cyclists is to do with the poor quality of roads in the area and the lack of connected paths for off road cyclists including younger children to enable them to navigate the area without the need to go on some quite dangerous roads.

Again, cricket is so dominant during the Summer months other sports cannot either get on to the recreation ground or organise in advance. Camping, ballooning, cycling, trim trail could all be accommodated on the areas currently used for grazing. The Oval must be brought into use for an alternative cricket venue and made available for football. The Oval could be a fantastic dedicated cricket ground with all the history that goes with it - perhaps the Rowledge teams that use the recreation ground could play at the Oval instead?

Don't quite understand the question - are you asking if I want provision in the future for the given activities? Or are you asking if I think we already have facilities that will cover these in future... Transforming the Tennis court into a multi-purpose Tennis / netball / Basketball / 5 a side football pitch would be a great use of space. Current location of the basketball net in car park is not great... only used during the sunshine, which generally means people are on the Rec and so the car park is full.

please don't waste money on activities that only have: - only transitory attraction, - require

on-going funding to maintain facilities - are/should be available at commercial facilities. Football is played far too much and do us cricket. All other activities are acceptable in small amounts. We pay for the ground let us use it for a meeting place with friends. Maybe picnics. I have to travel to Four Marks for Archery. There is no facility for archery locally and certainly no provision for indoor shooting during the winter.

I do not think that some of the above future activities are appropriate for the BPC to offer even if there a demand e.g. Camping, Hot air ballooning (disturbance to equine community and danger to riders), roller-skating. Much more provision should be made for family activities e.g. walking, picnicking, nature study

Not sure a lot of the non-ball sports are one that a parish council can or want to supply e.g. swimming, archery, climbing wall, hot air ballooning

This questionnaire misses out the obvious - balancing "importance" versus provision. It's asking us to determine whether (for example) swimming is seen as a priority for the community in the future. If I mark this as low, there's an implication that I think it's important. I have no knowledge of whether it will be or it won't be. Again, there is a practical issue here - would I, as a member of the community - expect the Parish to offer swimming facilities (I use this as a simple example but it applies to many on the list). I actually wouldn't - since I don't believe a Parish should provide this resource to its community - and if I were thus inclined (i.e. wanting to keep fit by swimming) I'd probably hop on my bicycle to go to the swimming pool in Alton (or gird electric mobility scooter)

***Q4 The Recreation Ground and Pavilion, in the centre of Binsted village, are widely used by community sports teams, the school, parish council and as a venue for the annual fete. Please answer on a scale of 1-5 where 1 represents not at all, and 5 represents fully meets needs. If you have further ideas, suggestions and feedback on this asset please add it below.***

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Options for expansion of both the recreation ground and the pavilion should be explored to cater for a growing population and demand.

Defibrillator was a great addition. The Pavilion could benefit from some sort of concessions stand that would allow refreshments during game days.

Have only visited Binsted once so am unaware of what it has to offer. Too far away from where we live

The changing rooms at the pavilion should be open more freely especially for teams travelling a long distance for football matches

It would be great to see the field & pavilion used as a focal point for village events and a wide range of sports. Upgrading the pavilion would be really help in this. While cricket is obviously popular, Friday is a great evening there in the summer. Can we not do the same for Football?

We have been to the Recreation Ground for the fete - and it seemed fit for the purpose. I find it difficult to predict for the future. I have not used the Pavilion.

Changing rooms far too small I am not convinced that the pavilion should be used for meetings

This all needs updated

The village need to try to encourage private providers to start using the pavilion for things such as Pilates and yoga which are very popular with all sections of society. Perhaps by advertising the costs of hiring the venues more widely to show that they are affordable to be used widely.

Binsted Cricket strip has improved immensely and is now at a very high standard. This is incredibly important for the development of youth players and for team success at the heart of the community. The pavilion facilities are well maintained but are small, and lack changing room space, or hospitality areas for visiting teams – e.g. a bar, an area to serve teas, a cricket scoring area. There remains a conflict between the use of the pavilion. As a community asset, its use should not be governed by the needs of the parish council for an occasional meeting venue.

As stated above, those playing games and sports on the recreation ground should be able to use the pavilion for recreational purposes (tea, a glass of beer etc.) after their game, especially in light of the moribund state of the Cedars. Objectors adjoining the recreation ground have no valid basis for objecting to the pavilion's use in connection with recreation!

Improvements to the pavilion changing facilities and the nets would help.

The Pavilion is a fantastic resource but one that desperately needs updating to meet the needs of the wider Parish community. It would be great if the Pavilion was able to provide more facilities both for sports teams and the wider community and serve as a venue for all to enjoy. This might include extending changing rooms, adding a bar, adding a Parish office.

Pavilion is not finished and needs bigger changing rooms, bespoke Umpires rooms move the parish office to a separate room and not where teas are served go a level up and put some bigger function room and maybe bar etc

Again I am not sure what is on offer, however can see lots of opportunities for the Parish Council to influence the Health and wellbeing of residents. Is there potential to install an outdoor gym?

I feel that the Pavilion probably meets the needs of the parish council e.g. is used for their meetings and I think that it may be used for cricket matches. However, it is not available for use at other times as far as I am aware. The football club are unable to use the Pavilion - for understandable reasons regarding keeping it clean however, I think that they could really do with some indoor space as they are using the rec in the winter when it is wet and cold!

The pavilion is a great opportunity to provide additional community facilities, particularly for young people. If extended modestly, it could provide indoor sports facilities and a social hub for young and old alike. The pavilion at Hawkley CC is a great example of what a community hub could look like within Binsted to provide additional facilities, which currently are sadly lacking. In addition, the changing facilities are currently sub-standard and discourage children participating in sports.

Based on the uncertainty of the pub - we need to make the pavilion more social - with the ability to arrange regular village activities which relate to sports | activities schedules or stand-alone events.

Again not certain about the mix and where increased activity might come from and have chosen option 3 on the assumption that the Pavilion is not big enough and that more car parking is needed.

Upgrade the pavilion to facilitate more usage including netball on the tennis court, youth club, bar / permanent licensed cafe / petanque or boule and perhaps (if we could get funding - but the field on the left (with your back to the pavilion) and grass over for those to walk their dogs and picnic whilst others are enjoying their sporting pursuits. This could be funded through the sale of the Blacknest rec or even a swap of land

Cannot answer the above because we are in BHO so we are unaware of what is in Binsted.

We would like either a safe appropriate route for our children to be able to get to Binsted or provisions made in BHO

Really grotty - not enough facilities - not big enough - not appealing

Pavilion hardly can be used for anything apart from changing rooms

Predicting future needs is really dependant on understanding the likely make up of the resident population in the proposed time frame

Too much time taken up with Rowledge cricket matches.

It would be good to have a storage area for equipment when not in use as the equipment left on the recreation ground all year spoils the natural beauty. I believe the recreation ground should be kept as natural as possible (I don't understand why the posts have been installed all around the perimeter). It is not a sports ground but a recreation area where sport is also played.

They require more changing rooms to cater for mixed teams, they could do with a warm viewing area which could also be a meeting place for the elderly and we could also make use of it for teenage recreation as well such as youth clubs linked to the various sporting clubs.

The parish clerk clearly does not have sufficient office space.

Its difficult to predict future needs Things do appear to be extremely cricket focused at present, you would be forgiven for thinking that you were walking up to and on to Binsted cricket club rather than a village Rec

Again, the recreation ground is not available to villagers for numerous days/evenings during the Summer. The Pavilion has been adequate for the BPC use and the annual Fete teas and cricket teas. There is a need to extend the changing/showering facilities to additionally provide for female and disabled use. The Pavilion could be extended on the left hand side to provide these extra facilities. At the moment the Pavilion sits very well within the context of the beautiful recreation ground. There is already far too much equipment on the recreation ground, especially the wicket covers that are unsightly, dangerous for dogs and children with their sharp aluminium corners and they ruin the grass beneath. They only seem to be used

infrequently. We are in danger of 'urbanising' the recreation ground that is unique in its splendid location and part of the South Downs National Park. It should be kept as natural as possible and care taken with the ecology. There is/was a healthy bat population using the rec for both roosting and as a hunting ground. This has been compromised by the Pavilion lighting and in particular the floodlights on the front of the Pavilion. Was there an ecology report commissioned prior to installing lighting as there should have been? Please see the Dark Skies website for advice, please do not pollute our wonderful space with unnecessary light. Could we encourage the Farnham Astrological Society back to Binsted to resume star gazing?

The size and quality of the facilities on the Rec currently compare favourably with other parishes. The improvements to the child play area, picnic benches, ground, tennis court, and the cricket square are all noticeable. The Pavilion is the major constraint. The size and facilities compare badly against other local parishes. Is there space to expand the footprint of the pavilion backwards / eastwards?

I believe both facilities are just about fit for purpose now, but will need expansion and development in time

Additional land in proximity to the current ground should be purchased to provide additional facilities. It is better to consolidate the cost of this with the current ground which is in the ideal location in the centre of the village

Facilities need to be improved and the pavilion can become central asset to the parish  
Pavillion is sub-standard and could be greatly improved.

I'd like to see the statistics for use of the Recreation Ground and the Pavilion; who uses it and when / for what purpose. Back to the point I have laboured already this is about b-a-l-a-n-c-e - and I'd suggest that if you have a little analysis of the use of both facilities this would be helpful in determining how balanced it is currently and indeed, based on a future plan - to start to see how that balance changes in the future. I have heard (I'm sure via rumour and speculation) that there is an intention to place a bar and eating facilities for the 'chosen few' in the Pavilion. Frankly, I don't understand why the Parish Council has steadfastly avoided the topic of the village pub in any discussions. I KNOW the Pub is not the Parish Council's jurisdiction - however - my understanding is that the parish council is there to support the needs of the community. Whilst I know this includes "power to provide and equip buildings for use of clubs having athletic, social or recreational objectives" I'd question whether making future investments into new facilities in the Pavilion (when with the Parish Council's support I'm sure a suitable medium term plan for the pub could be discussed and agreed) is a wise use of funding given all the other conflicting and urgent priorities that the Parish Council undoubtedly has to juggle. I know that in 2011 the government issued guidance for Parish Councils on their potential role in the continuation of public house services in villages where this was deemed unviable - but again I'm left wondering whether there is some additional motive behind this "rumoured" intention for the Pavilion which once more is imbalanced - not to the advantage of the many - rather the few.

***Q5 The Oval (of the original Oval cricketing fame) situated behind the Forest Inn at Holt Pound, not in use currently. Please answer on a scale of 1-5 where 1 represents not at all, and 5 represents fully meets needs. If you have further ideas, suggestions and feedback on this asset please add it below.***

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Seems like a unique jewel that could be developed. I would suggest that the council explores professional partnerships to develop the site.

No idea where it is

Should be used for its true potential! Could be another cricket venue for Rowledge and a source of revenue for the parish

As it stands not many people are aware of it. Can it be used?

Didn't know this existed, we have 2 cricket pitches!!!!!!

Unable to comment.

It would be ideal for future use for wider sports but there would need to be extensive (and costly) drainage

Didn't know this existed

Is currently not suitable for sporting activity - uneven surface and poor drainage. No pavilion  
Perhaps a regular maintenance programme could be put in place to enable the local clubs to use this or alternatively for an alternative use to be given to it, such as a bmx track or skate park for local children and young adults.

It is a crying shame that such an historic site is not in use. With increasing new build in that part of the pariah and the increasing size of nearby schools, it is clear that current sports facilities will be under even more pressure in the future. The ground should be brought back into Cricket and football usage - drainage etc are needed, and a community pavilion and changing facilities are needed.

Unusable.

It would be great to use this area for community sport and events.

This is an historic site that could add value to the Parish in terms of visiting teams wishing to play on the Oval.

Could this be a new cricket pitch that would be great

Plan to invest in the original Oval (located beside pub in Holt Pound) currently RCC has the lease and cannot play cricket until the outfield has had drainage put in and a club house built. Not particularly relevant to me, I just want to be able to use the basketball ring that is already there.

Have not visited so cannot make comment

Don't even know about it.

There are not enough cricket pitches around in the parishes to use and this would be great to get up, and running again especially with the history behind it

I don't know much about this but as it is currently not in use, I don't see how it can be meeting any needs now or in the future!

Doesn't meet any needs as it stands. Should the Q be about whether we want to invest in it and use it? Would rather prioritise what we do have first - the Rec - and then if there is a way...? But seems very long term to me.

Not in use, but could be used in the future?

Unknown

Not in use as far as I am aware

Sporting history and should be renovated and returned to use with lottery funding. Sub Committee anyone

We would very much like something appropriate for BHO as we have no location for what is

a very sociable village to meet. There are not recreation facilities for our children. Make more of its history. Spruce it up and market it as an asset mire effectively.

Never seen it

The Oval should be brought back into use to provide further safe recreational space with different activities provided for than at the Rec Binsted. It should be developed as a general amenity space with parking, a building for shelter and toilets etc. as well as youth playground area or trim trail.

The use or lack of it might be around accessibility and awareness as well as what similar alternatives already exist nearby. If the historic cricket association effectively restricts how the ground is used then this is a potential constraint which needs to be considered against future use.

Sell it and use the money to turn the phone box into a library.

Why has this not been made into a cricket ground? This would relieve the recreation ground and just Binsted cricket team could play in Binsted. When Rowledge use the Binsted recreation ground there is an issue with parking and traffic using the recreation ground entrance. The BPC argued against the proposed new access for the Cedars sighting diesel fumes to Ivy Cottage but the situation with the entrance to the recreation ground is actually worse because it impacts two properties and gardens.

Can't believe this unique piece of history is not being used to its full potential

I believe that as the recreation ground in Binsted already has a large number of clubs being run which entice allot of the surrounding areas, investment should be made towards that first to bring it up to a better standard before anyone looks at spending money on the resurrection of the old oval to some of its former glory. That said the oval could be made greater use of in its current guise with less investment for activities such as camping, archery, football or even rounders. Perhaps the council may want to offer the use of that ground to local cubs, scout, brownie, guide or sport clubs who may wish to make greater use of the place.

No facilities attached to the ground, the ground itself is not up to use for any real competitive sport.

With its history and positioning it seems a real shame that cricket is not being played at the oval The parish of Binsted appears to be quite focused on cricket and yet this asset is not being used for what it was meant for. It would be a real shame if the oval is left ignored and unused

very few people in the local area know that the oval cricket ground was the forerunner of the famous oval ground, it should be used as a cricket ground or any other ball sport.

This should be used to support local sports we are lacking athletics and cycling facilities in this area, the nearest athletics club is in Aldershot and there is a long waiting list, additionally there is a need for local childrens' cycle clubs (there is one in Wrecclesham that has have over 100 children on the waiting list!)

What a terrible waste of an asset and a beautiful one at that! Who knew it was there? This should be used for cricket as it was intended.

the location of the oval doesn't lend itself to a safe easy to access venue for children of the Parish vs the Rec in the centre of Binsted. My preference would be to see investment in the Binsted Pavilion prior to green field investment in the Oval. Is there any chance of interesting England Cricket / Sky / Surrey Cricket etc. to buy into the facility based on its unique history?? It seems overkill for the parish to have another Cricket facility. The parish/region lacks all weather facilities - 3G/astro pitches. if there was interest to develop the site as an all-weather facility for multiple sports that would get my vote - but i don't think Parish funds should go into that

just enjoy it as open space!

This is a completely wasted facility which has huge potential for the future. It offers huge

space, parking and is ideally situated for local residents as well as visitors to Alice Holt, Birdworld and other local attractions. It could generate a substantial income for the parish if developed correctly into something like an all-weather sports facility which could be used by parish sports clubs and rented out to other users. A joint venture with other local businesses could be a way of funding the development.

Any available funds to make this asset of use to the parish should be devoted to the Oval in preference to land elsewhere in the parish

It would help if the community were aware of this facility, at the moment it is used by a few dog walkers. A children's playground with adequate parking

Depends on whether you plan to invest there although it is not as accessible as a location for the majority of the parish

I think I've already covered this in my suggestion in response to a previous question. Put it to use. Leverage the heritage that it clearly has with fully fledged and interested cricketers in the area and turn it into an ASSET for the village - rather than a forgotten waste-land. In my mind, an asset is something that maintains or grows its value over time - that's nurtured in some way. We should turn this into something that the village is rightly proud of, that people are keen to use and benefit from - and which forms a part of the "beating heart" of the village (as let's face it on the basis of the discussion at the recent meeting I think it's in need of a bit of a zap from the defib machine that's now proudly hanging in the Binsted Recreation Ground).

***Q6 The Allotment field and Recreation fields on the opposite side of the road to the Jolly Farmer, 200m towards Bentley, rented out currently for grazing and generating a minimal return. Please answer on a scale of 1-5 where 1 represents not at all, and 5 represents fully meets needs. If you have further ideas, suggestions and feedback please add it below.***

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There is actually a drainage problem on the border with Alice Holt Forest in the field 200 m toward Bentley that makes the footpath there extremely wet. The footpath is in the forest but the drainage problem is in the council's field. Is there enough space to grow grapes? How about Binsted Wines?

I imagine it is good grazing land

Again another area that should be utilised to its full potential, why is it not generating more income????!

It good to have this land free of any type of housing/business development.

Not aware of this either! Haven't seen this, no sure what it could be used for.

No comment.

We currently have no use for this

Would love to see something here. Lots of kids have swimming lessons and parents pay a fortune for this. It would be an excellent resource.

Not familiar with these

Not particularly relevant to me, I just want to be able to use the basketball ring that is already located on the rec.

Cannot comment as not seen

Sell and put the money into Binsted rec. Where people use.

No idea what they are. Could they be sold to fund developments elsewhere? How does it benefit the parish otherwise?

Not sure, could be but not sure what it could provide

Unknown

No idea how much competition there is for grazing in the parish so can't say. If this is the only site available and non-one else wants it then the answer is 5.

Sell it or land swap it for the field next to the pavilion then we can also move and develop the kids playground that is dangerous and exposed to well hit cricket balls and low overhead powerlines

See previous comments - we would very much like something for BHO where we can safely get to / walk to and our children can.

Could be a good area - easily accessible

Don't even know where that is

The allotment and recreation fields should be brought back into use for allotments and general amenity space with a skate park, outside table tennis etc. Parking, shelter etc. would also enhance the space and make it more useable. The footpaths and tracks leading to the space could be made more user-friendly by making them hard top paths etc.

As owner of one of the two houses adjacent the Blacknest Road playing field then there is obviously an interest in the future plans of the asset. At the same time we also have some understanding as to the issues and problems which the field suffers from particularly in terms of the actual ground conditions. There are some particular physical aspects to this field I am aware of which must ultimately influence how and what the land is used for. The soil is very heavy clay which is extremely poor draining hence the ponding and flooding which the field suffers from, most noticeably next to the road. The lack of any meaningful rural ditch along the road frontage probably exacerbates this issue and I annually dig a trench in the roadside verge to enable the lowest corner of the field (adjacent to our property) to drain and which

subsequently runs into the ditch in front of our house. I believe there is an historic land drain diagonally across the field probably 2/3rds in from the road but the effectiveness of this unclear. Beyond the maintenance of the hedges/boundaries and the cutting of the grass I am not aware of any works to try and improve the quality of the ground or drainage. It is of course also located within the South Downs National Park so is subject to certain constraints from this perspective. Nevertheless it would be beneficial for the parish if it could generate some form of revenue but conversely to try and make it suitable for a useable sports field would I believe require a significant amount of investment in creating an acceptable surface and a cost in maintaining it over the longer term. Of course, there is also no immediate off road car parking or pavements for that matter which, with the traffic to the Blacknest Industrial Estate, makes this relatively inaccessible and isolated. Even a simple exercise trail of some sort is still in a location which is relatively inaccessible and I would have concern with the amount/speed of traffic for runners/cyclists attempting to use the road to access the site. The oval in Rowledge does at least have the adjacent pub car park making it more accessible and safe. Finding a use other than grazing is challenging, unless there is some form of arable which is commercially viable or government policy begins to offer grants for sustainable environmentally beneficial projects through the farm subsidy replacement. If the field was left fallow/planted for wildlife that might be a valid benefit to the area if walkers have suitable access.

Could these be used for camping, particularly with the proximity to the Jolly Farmer or, possibly, for a football pitch so that football can be played during the Summer as well. Most residents probably are not even aware that it is owned by the parish as it has done little for the parish and I doubt it brings in much revenue for the parish either. It is not in a great location for access as there is already a known traffic issue in that area and making greater use of it would just exacerbate the issue. I strongly believe this land would best serve the parish if it were sold with exception to the track at the back which could be used to provide a better link for cyclists and horse riders towards Alice Holt. The funds could go on less of a dead cause such as investment in the Pavilion.

We should sell this land and put to the pavilion extension.

Camping, climbing frame, assault course, hot air ballooning - there must be some activities that could really utilise these spaces.

difficult to answer without knowing the planning restrictions around these assets. Location wise they are not ideally suited as a sports / recreational facility. Would there be any interest from locals/farmers/animal grazers to purchase these fields and realise income for the Parish? either use it to generate more rental income, or bring into use as informal leisure open space. The 'Rec' and 'Allotments' have been rented out for grazing for many years and I believe the reason is simple: the land is heavy clay and whilst it grows good grass and on a slope, it drains extremely poorly. The allotments get so wet over the winter months that they cannot be used and in the Rec, there is a large area of standing water for many months of the year near the Blacknest Road, complete with rushes! I don't believe that these fields are suitable for anything apart from grazing and at least they do generate an income and don't cost the council in terms of upkeep, as the tenants take care of this.

I agree that some change of use should be considered but I and most of the Blacknest community would be opposed to such activities as off-road motorbike riding, football and camping. Any change of use should be in keeping with the rural location within the SDNP. Furthermore the allotment and much of the lower part of the Recreation field cannot be used for ANY activity in winter due the lying water and boggy nature of the ground. There is a general feeling in the parish to which I agree that families are not catered for and I would suggest a major part of the Recreation field is developed as a small wildlife meadow with a tree planting programme and a small play equipment area. This would enable families to

come to a quiet and safe environment for picnics, games and dog walking. A parking area at the bottom of the field would have to be provided off the Blacknest road. The only issue here is that entry to and exit from the land would be from and to the busy Blacknest road. I feel that the Allotment should be for horse grazing which is kept in good condition funded by the current lessee. The Horses would provide another interest to families picnicking in the wildlife meadow. The Recreation ground is bordered by a bridle path into the forest and families could continue their walk knowing that their car was parked safely and close to their return journey. The Recreation ground in Binsted village cannot provide this degree of safety and quiet family time

Could be used as picnic & rounders area

If the intention is to retain this as grazing, fine - does this represent opportunity for the village in some way (I know not how). If I take an earlier question, perhaps this is a potential site for hot air balloon landings; for a trim trail to be created; for dog agility training perhaps....gymkhanas in the summer etc. Is this viewed as a flat asset or a useable one?

***Q7 Car parking strip opposite Binsted Church. Please answer on a scale of 1-5 where 1 represents not at all, and 5 represents fully meets needs. If you have further ideas, suggestions and feedback please add it below.***

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Went to a play at the Wickham institute and it was a nightmare parking. Is there a way to share the school car park when school is not in session? N.B. - Thank you very much for resisting temptation for car parking charges!!!

Don't go to Binsted

Not big enough to support parking for church, Wickham Institute and the school

This is very well used for the school, Church and Wickham Inst. If it could be made more accessible by the trimming of the hedges then it may allow for one more, much needed space.

Got to try to enlarge this surely. School time, weddings, total nightmare.

More parking is needed when the Church is in use.

Please consider how this could be improved

We need more parking due to people wanting to access the hall, church, school, dog walking and residence.

We use this space when attending Wykeham hall. It's very difficult to park safely

No view

Nothing can be done about enlarging it: but something could perhaps be done to stop it being used by persons other than those attending the Church or Wickham Institute - ie. enforcing the present bye-law.

Not particularly relevant to me, I just want to be able to use the basketball ring that is already located on the rec.

The car park is too small for facilities that use it. Car park users for church, school and village hall park on both sides of the road outside the church and along the strip near the school which prevents not only farm machinery to get through the village but could potentially stop emergency vehicles attending a fire or life threatening injuries. It also causes problems for pedestrians as they have to walk on the remaining roadway.

Providing car parking is an important thing for the community. This area is well used and I imagine that if it were used for something else other than for parking cars in the cars would park down the road and there would be more congestion on the road.

There is not enough parking for either church Wickham or school

Puts me off using The Wickham as parking is so poor but unless adjoining landowner will sell to enable more spaces little can be done. Same with the Recreation Ground.

Rent / buy the field behind as it can also become an overflow for the rec whose car park is also inadequate

Not relevant to us

Totally inadequate for car parking for church, Wickham Institute and school. Possibility of church young some the diocesan owned land behind the vicarage for a better carpark?

Already gets filled up quickly

Too close to the ground, very dangerous for children. People should park opposite and walk to the ground

This space is not big enough and ideally needs to be expanded.

We need to sort out the car parking for the school, church and Wickham Institute. There is land behind the vicarage that was set to become a car park but this was shelved?

This space is totally inadequate when used by the church the village hall and especially when children are dropped and collected from school

We may need more space in the future to cater for the use of the Wickham and church, however I think there is little that can be improved, it is as big as it is and it is needed for cars

to park when attending Church or the Wickham and also it is used during school pickup time.  
No adequate in size for future use

During times when either the church or Wickham institute are being used this parking facility is totally inadequate. People parking on the Roadside opposite render this part of the village quite dangerous to negotiate. This area is also used twice daily when children are dropped off and collected from school, having witnessed this area at these times I'm amazed that a serious accident is not a regular occurrence

should be made larger

church and village hall needs parking, often there is not enough parking there. parents also have to use it as there is no parking at the school

Parking for the school, church and Wickham Institute is not at all adequate. Why can't the area behind the Vicarage be used for parking? The school children would be much safer and there would not be so much tension between the residents and the (quite irresponsible) school mums who, quite reasonably, want to chat - but not in a narrow roadway! Surely between the church, school and Wickham this could be sorted. We have some Community Infrastructure Levy's coming in from the recent developments and from the public house, so why don't we use these for a safe car parking facility.

surprised the Parish owns this car park. Why does the council own it rather than the church? the narrowness of the roads around the Church / Wickham / School and lack of parking & pavements make it a danger at school drop off / pick up and during Church or Wickham activities. if assets could be combined to allow the triangular field to be combined with the existing parking 'strip' then it would be of major benefit to the village in general.

Too small

This isn't working for anyone. The parking for the school is inadequate. On busy church and Wickham days it gets over-filled. The noise makes it unpleasant for those living close by whose peace is constantly disturbed. Why not "hide" the car park. The old location for the village fete (to one side of the churchyard behind the rectory) would make an ideal location for this. It would be out of the way, access into the school should be easy - and the self contained nature of the car park would mean it's easy to access the church etc. for weddings etc. The parking strip could then be turned into a photo opportunity space for the village, with art installation / similar to celebrate the heritage of the village, Monty's presence etc.

***Q8 The Phone Box, on the corner of Thurstons and The Street., recently adopted by the Parish Council, but soon to be decommissioned by BT. Please answer on a scale of 1-5 where 1 represents not at all, and 5 represents fully meets needs. If you have further ideas, suggestions and feedback please add it below.***

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Sell it to the highest bidder

I have no idea what use a phone box is

It's nice to see a phone box.

An attractive ornament

No comment.

Need to find something useful to do with it I don't want to see it go from the village... but to put something in it would be good

In the age of mobiles is it really necessary. Suggest converted to Defibulator home like Bentley

I've not used a phone box for at least 10 years

This is iconic to the village but not used. Needs a new use

Perhaps this could be turned into a book exchange site, a site for people to share unwanted food (a fridge could be fitted with a code to be shared amongst villagers to promote the minimisation of food waste) or a defibrillator fundraised for and inserted.

No view

phone boxes are good. not everyone has a mobile

Not particularly relevant to me, I just want to be able to use the basketball ring that is already located on the rec.

It is a well know land mark for the village. Giving directions the phone box and the light the only one in the village.

Put a defib in there

I know of other villages that have used old phone boxes as 'swap shop' type things where people can leave books or similar and others can take them. Also, for a community information point or first aid point?

What's the point of it??!

There is no point having the phone box.

As a heritage focal point in the village it is of interest

Leave it where it is and install a second defibrillator that is central to the village, has a permanent power supply and can be repainted yellow and blue for awareness. Also whilst we are on it an annual first aid cpr and defibrillator awareness course would be another way to bring the village together. There are some ageing citizens who might thank us

Not relevant to us

Most people have mobiles but would be a shame to see it go

Should be repaired for emergencies

Turn it into either a tourist information point or library.

It would be nice to keep this and use it for a novel street light. Also, could the parish fund a new period street light to replace the uber modern one on the entrance to Thurstons?

Could it be used as a tourist information centre Details of walks / points of interest /

It is a nice feature and with very little spend could be made to look very pretty when it is decommissioned we could perhaps put a light in it and have a community notice board inside.

Convert it to a WiFi hub for the village, offering free WiFi in a perimeter around it.

Could this be used as a mini information centre for the village and Parrish a map stating where you are and places of interest nearby A note to remind dog owners to take their mess with them may be have a supply of bags for them

most people have their own communication needs

its a nice village feature however there is no need for it !

No need for phone boxes, if your stuck a member of the public will always make a call for you, you just need to ask

Free Wi-Fi hotspot! Facility for information on what the BPC are up to, walking leaflets etc. free supplies of poo bags

ask BT to safely remove and 'make good'

presumably we do not need it as a phone box - are there alternative uses like a book swap venue?

Defibrillator or WiFi spot would be useful

How about a tiny library with books donated the members of the parish

Create something unusual with it - again to support the attraction of Binsted as a place to go / ramble / visit etc. We have a beautiful village but back to my previous points I don't think we see "assets" as just that. The assets you've outlined in this questionnaire are ones that the Parish "owns" - great - but we own a lot more than fixed assets, we own the "village" which is the sum of these + the spirit of the community + the way the community looks after the village (e.g. tidiness, attractive gardens, no litter) + the way people move through the village (NOT at speed - what of the speed issues?!) + the things that we create as assets (i.e. features, events etc.). In past years I'd say the Parish Council has been actively hostile towards things like the village fete (definitely not in recent years - but certainly years ago). This sort of activity is part of that beating heart (oh no, not the de-fib comment again) of the village. I made a very flippant suggestion for the phone box on my piece of paper after the Parish meeting - suggesting it's used as the smallest gin still in the country. Yes, it was flippant - but the serious point I was trying to make - was create something of value and uniqueness with it!

***Q9 Do you feel the council set up meets the needs of the wider Parish both now and in future? Please answer on a scale of 1-5 where 1 represents not at all, and 5 represents fully meets needs. If you have further ideas, suggestions and feedback please add it below.***

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I have no idea what the council set up is so marked scores as 3.

Apparently station Road is represented by Binsted but it would seem the council have no idea about the issues down here when it comes to planning, traffic, flooding etc. If you are to be representative then there should be more involvement with people in this isolated part of the parish. It would be better if we were part of Bentley parish as it is much closer and we are more likely to use facilities there.

The Parish as a whole is run very well by the local councillors. The Station Rd residents would like to see a speed restriction put into place in Station Rd by way of signage (not bumps please!). A usually quiet road is turned into a race track at busy commuter times and this is very dangerous. I would not like to see street lighting but greater consideration by car users for speed restrictions. A limit of 15 MPH would be ideal.

The council should have a balance of young and old. The children should have a representation when things relate to them.

I have had very limited interaction with the council.

I don't have anything to do with the council meetings

Don't know

Perhaps meetings could be more widely advertised so that people can attend

It is important that the council represents the wider views and wishes of the community and not just those with a personal interest in community assets - eg whose houses border on community land. This consultation is very welcome to ensure the council can form a more balanced view of the community needs for the future.

don't really know enough

Not particularly relevant to me, I just want to be able to use the basketball ring that is already located on the rec.

Not as far as I can tell. I can see the potential to influence residents' lifestyle choices. For example increasing uptake of screening and immunisation programmes through sign posting and supporting local and national campaigns Raising issues such as weight, sensible drinking, smoking etc. Developing a "digital offer" for health and wellbeing which not only includes physical activity but social prescribing and lifestyle choices.

I feel the council need to take into consideration the changing demographic in the Parish. There is a tendency for a vocal minority to shout down anything that constitutes change; however, without changing and adapting, the village will not flourish. We need additional facilities for young people to attract more young families to the village, which will in turn invigorate the community, offer hope for the local pub to become a true community hub and mean that Binsted, its church and school will go from strength to strength. This will also have the additional benefit of making the village a more attractive location to live, which will help to bolster house prices. Please make sure that when making decisions, the young people are at the forefront of the thought process, not those who wish we were still living in the last century!

Binsted-centric but this represents past make-up of the PC - with councillors from outlying villages and settlements this would improve - but they have to be minded to stand of course.

Until then Councillors must be reminded that they represent all parts of the parish.

No - our needs in BHO are not met. We have no means of community facilities

Too focused on planning and as the most northerly village in the SDNP I think we need to do more to be included. We have the most amazing views and walks but these are not maximised

Council needs fresh members with up-to-date skills

With limited powers/funds/influence over the district/county level then their role remains constrained. Without major top down change this is not going to alter.

There needs to be much more transparency and interaction. There is an air of distrust and discontent in the village particularly where resources seemed to be funnelled into making our recreation ground into a cricket ground - it is not a cricket ground!

Yes although they seem understaffed and it appears that due to governments cut backs they are likely to be asked to do more.

In the past I have felt that the council have been quite anonymous and not inclusive although with the recent introduction of new councillors I am extremely glad to say that things appear to be changing. We parishioners should feel able to fully engage with the council and feel that views are listened to

The council office is a useful point of communication when required

There needs to be a better communication channel available. Minutes are way out of date and do not seem to accurately portray what is going on. There needs to be clear water between the cricket club and members of the BPC. How can the chairman of BPC also be so involved with the cricket and recreation ground and remain impartial. There is a lack of transparency over the costs of the recreation ground upkeep and the equipment that has been procured since 2015. Is any member of the BPC receiving payment or expenses from Rowledge Cricket Club? Could there be a facility for parishioners to speak on matters discussed during the council meeting. At present I believe that you have to register to ask questions in advance. I don't know enough about the Parish council set up to answer this question.

I don't understand this question

The council should have more powers/influence in the planning process and redirection of traffic away from the Blacknest corridor which is increasingly being used as a short cut to the A.31

Some of the members appear to be past their sell by date and/ or are only there to accentuate their standing in the community rather than representing the community's views

Publicity of both upcoming and subsequent outcomes of P. C. meetings needs to make use of present day communication methods, e.g. email. Twitter etc. NOT months old notices on the website or the physical post boards.

I don't think it does today. To be fair, I don't think I've ever been asked this question. I'm a relative newcomer to Binsted (2004) so I'm sure my views aren't as important as others. But as they're free I'll provide them :-). I think you're at the start of the journey - and the first step is sending this out to ask for views. I don't think you could hope to meet the needs in the future without the insights you should be able to gather from the feedback you get - so as I say this is the right direction and needs to be continued - not a simple one off. Where you 'may' fall down is failing to deliver on what you say you'll do. It starts with simple things - like sending the minutes out immediately from the last meeting. If you're not able to do it - say so. The understanding people left the meeting with was that they would be posted immediately (as well as this survey). If for some reason it couldn't happen immediately, just re-set the expectation (a quick post on the FB page and a couple of emails to a few people would have got the word out. Harsh but fair - if you don't deliver on the small things what will happen with the more important things?

***Q10 Do you feel the council activities represent time well spent and as such suit the needs of the community? Looking at the various activities below, please answer on a scale of 1-5 where 1 represents not at all, and 5 represents fully meets needs. If you have further ideas, suggestions and feedback please add it below.***

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Highways are a big problem both in terms of pot holes and speed limits along A325. Council could be more proactive in information sharing. I just started reading the Binsted Parish Newsletter and it is great! Not sure how / who the council engages with.

I have not seen any evidence of what the parish council does

After living in and around the village for all my life I find it incredible whilst the village has improved immensely with new comers in the village, a small number seem to complain with constant monotony about sport being played on the rec when really they should see how many people are actually using the facilities especially the children. And how much enjoyment they are getting! A select number of people are working so hard to provide these opportunities for our children, we should be actively encouraging not discouraging!!!! If you don't like the sport being played, do not buy a property in that area!!! I played sports on that field when I was at Binsted school as did my children's grandfather when he was at Binsted school and their other grandfather was a governor at Binsted school and also a parish councillor all of which loved the rec being used. It is lovely to see it being used again by so many different sports and ages!!!!

This community councillors are doing a good job towards keeping us residents informed and involved in village matters.

I would have liked to see more action on matters such as the speed limit on Station Road and roadside hedge cutting (now dangerous exiting Station Road). I applaud the initiative of this survey. However I feel unable to comment on most of the matters raised.

Highways. There are so many pot holes I've lost count.

Don't know

People need to be encouraged more to participate in council and village matters beyond people with children in the school.

No strong views

Never hear from the Council from one decade to the next.

Not particularly relevant to me, I just want to be able to use the basketball ring that is already located on the rec.

Health and wellbeing. More information more engagement

Sitting on the fence. Little involvement personally

Foot paths and bridleways seem unmanaged - and are often impassable

What proportion of its time does the Council spend on these activities now - answers above based on perception only.

There are inadequate ways for BHO to connect with Binsted - no footpaths. Back Lane has been completely ruined by recent developers wrecking the road and pavements with heavy loads. The road is constantly blocked and the 'bumpy road' connecting BHO from the A325 is unsuitable for anything but 4X4 cars. If this was an appropriate road surface we could at least get out in the mornings.

The way the council interacted with me over the pub planning did not represent the views of the local people and members of the council overstepped the mark regarding the code of conduct in public office

It is not really clear quite what the question is getting at but see comment to que 9

Please can the BPC take their eyes off the recreation ground/pavilion and devote resources to the footpaths. Many more parishioners enjoy walking than the number that are engaged in

sport. With regard to the Pavilion, does the clerk really need a new office? The parish clerks have managed perfectly well all these years and in this digital age who has an office? There should be proper provision for changing rooms and storage but suggestions of a new, extended kitchen are a waste of parish funding. The kitchen serves very well for cricket teas. I feel that the parish council is trying very hard to communicate with the parish better, however there is always room for improvement. With regard to highways and planning I cannot help but think that the parish are largely ignored and although they spend a lot of time fighting for our needs it sometimes seems apparent that the real decision makers are just not listening.

As the dog population appears to be growing within the village/parish the upkeep of the footpaths is becoming more and more important. I understand in recent years that cutbacks have prevented some footpaths from being maintained. As a keen walker I would like to see some council funds used to keep these footpaths accessible at all times

Binsted has a fantastic resource of footpaths that are, sadly, treated as the poor relation. We hear how important sport (cricket) is for exercise (although it produces very little activity v high on refreshments!) although walking is a recognised health benefit for all ages and abilities. The footpaths are often neglected and overgrown, particularly in the summer when some are impassable due to nettles etc.

I don't know enough about the Parish council activities to fully answer this question.

Highways are constantly dangerously pot holed and any maintenance never happens in a co-ordinated manner.

Very little engagement

Please see previous comment

I think there have been some improvements in visibility - and I got a feeling from some members of the council that there was a keen-ness to become more open and community-friendly. I don't think you use your Facebook page enough to provide visibility of important things. If you can foster a spirit of open-ness that will help. For example I've assumed this is an anonymous survey, so haven't held back on my responses - I hope I've been respectful - but clear in my feedback. My intention has not been to upset anyone - I was asked for my opinion and if I fail to provide it I have no come-back on future plans that are contrary to what I've said. Determining the needs of the community is your first job - and I'm really hopeful that as a result of this you will have a clearer view.