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1. INTRODUCTION

Quote from Roger Hill re the Parish Plan “A once in a lifetime opportunity for everyone to have their say.”

This report summarises the outcome of the Parish Plan consultation exercise; lists what has been done already; and suggests actions for the future.

The Parish Plan results from contributions made by almost everyone in the Parish. Thank you all; and thanks also to those people and bodies who over the last twelve months have devoted time and mental energy into getting the plan to this stage. They are (hopefully) all listed in the acknowledgments!

When someone mentions ‘plan’, one is inclined to think of ‘change’; and therefore to be fearful or sceptical. The Parish Plan is not to be a catalyst or pressure for any change. It is an expression of what the Parish has said they would like to see for the future, and an indication of what might be done and by whom.

There are some things which are fundamental to the life we all enjoy in this Parish and which almost everyone has said they valued and enjoyed most about living and working in the village. Descriptions of the village, such as its beauty, peacefulness and friendliness came through time after time in the consultation exercise. These things must be preserved, and it is part of the purpose of this Plan to put that on record, and to try to ensure that nothing is done to compromise these natural advantages.

This document is only an early step. The real rewards will come when you start to see things happening to our benefit and that of Stoodleigh. Each of us has a part to play in doing that and this report gives some pointers as to how.

Stoodleigh Parish Council hope you will all read and participate in putting things into effect along with us.



2. OVERVIEW

2.1 Stoodleigh – Profile and history

The village lies 800ft above the Exe Valley, close to the Devon/Somerset border. It is not far from the south ridge of Exmoor and on a clear day both Dartmoor and Exmoor can be viewed from the surrounding hills. It is an area of great natural beauty characterised by rolling hills and scattered woodland. It retains an air of isolation which many find attractive. The centre of the village is a Conservation Area.

The history of the village has been agricultural from the time of the Domesday Book. Nine hundred years ago the area already had five or six substantial farms and manors. Parish boundaries were not defined until the 12th Century although the Devon Hundreds were subdivisions of the Wessex administrative area. Hill farmsteads have been populated since Saxon times.

The Church of St Margaret's was probably first built in Norman times near the manor known as Stoodleigh Barton. The first recorded incumbent was installed in 1264. In 1879 extensive restoration took place. There are several early buildings in the village, notably Carscombe which is mentioned in the Domesday Book and Barns Cottage – the old tithe barn.

The population is around 300 of which 37 are below the age of 16 and 83 are retired or partially so. Many villagers commute to work in the towns. In the last 20 years land usage has changed due to the problems within the farming industry, and buildings such as barns converted into living/holiday accommodation. Farms have, of necessity, diversified.

Geographically the village has access onto the North Devon Link Road (A361) and Tiverton/Bampton road (A396). Bampton lies about 4 miles distant and Tiverton 6 miles. The main approach to the village is the Drive which connects Stoodleigh to the Tiverton/Bampton road. This beautiful winding and wooded lane gives the traveller the impression of being transported back in time.

Stoodleigh has a Church, Social Club, Village Hall, a Social Group which organises outings and entertainments, a Poetry Society, a Walking Group, a Mother and Toddler Group, and a Garden Club. The Village also has a Playground with play equipment.

In the past we had a school, post office and a shop but all are now closed. Public transport is provided by a School Bus (during term time), and the Exe Valley Community Bus (twice a week) which is run on a voluntary basis.

2.2 The Stoodleigh Parish Plan: Process

The Parish Plan results from contributions from almost everyone in the Parish.

This overview

- reminds you of the steps in the consultation exercise
- summarises progress so far

Developing the Parish Plan

In March 2004, the Parish Council decided to start to produce, with help from parishioners and several agencies, a Parish Plan which would be one of the essential steps in achieving “Quality Parish Council” status.

Volunteers were sought and a Steering Group was formed. This group has met formally on twelve occasions and informally on many more. Funding was provided by the Countryside Agency, Mid Devon District Council (MDDC) and Devon County Council (DCC). The efforts and contributions of everyone are recognised in the acknowledgments.

Parish Plan Open Day – May 2004

The start of the consultation process was an open day in late May 2004. Held in the village hall, this was attended by around 160 people who contributed initial thoughts and ideas using post-it notes. The Steering Group, helped by the Community Council of Devon collated all the contributions and put together a survey questionnaire.

The Questionnaire

The questionnaire contained 55 questions covering 10 topic areas. After a pilot group had tested the questionnaire, it was printed and distributed. A copy went to every household in the Parish. Volunteers worked hard to collect and chase up the completed questionnaires.

The Response

90% (126) of all questionnaires distributed (140) were returned completed – a staggeringly high rate. All questionnaires were kept anonymous. The questionnaires were analysed using a special computer program by Devon County Council.

Feedback on Consultation Survey

A special pre-Christmas event was held to feed back the survey results to the 89 parishioners who were able to attend. At this event, data from the survey results was available for inspection.

Action Plans

A further event was then held in January at which those attending were asked to join topic groups to help decide actions and timescales for each topic area. Unfortunately though this

event was publicised in the Parish Magazine and by posters in the village, only 20 people attended, together with 6 representatives from MDDC and DCC. Given that the survey had been completed by some 269 parishioners, it is questionable whether the 20 who attended represented a statistically sound cross-section of the village. Nonetheless actions suggested have been incorporated into the recommended actions.

2.3 Next Steps

Delivering the actions identified in the Plan will involve effort from:

- The Parish Council
- Other Government bodies, particularly MDDC and DCC
- Funding agencies
- Services (Police etc)

and most importantly the residents of Stoodleigh.

The Parish Council will need to:

- Endorse the plan
- Implement those parts for which they are directly responsible
- Involve and liaise with other agencies and bodies available to help i.e. MDDC, DCC et al.
- Monitor progress by representation on any new steering committee(s)
- Report progress to the Parish twice a year

However, there are many things in this document which the parishioners could take forward for themselves if they are so inclined. You will see what they are in Section 4.

At the back of the document you will find a Volunteer Form and an addressed envelope which you can use to offer yourself or any member of your household to help with actions in the Plan. We hope you will offer your assistance.

3. CONSULTATION SURVEY RESULTS, ISSUES & ACTIONS

3.1 Background

126 Households returned completed questionnaires, covering over 300 people of all ages. Not everybody was obliged to answer every question.

Q8 Age Band

	Q8. Age Band	
	Count	%
10-16	28	10 %
17-21	15	6 %
22-39	31	11 %
40-59	104	38 %
60-74	69	25 %
75+	25	9 %
Total	272	100 %

Q9 Years lived in Parish

	Q9. Years lived in Parish	
	Count	%
Less than a year	19	7 %
1-5 yrs	56	20 %
6-15 yrs	88	32 %
16-25 yrs	57	21 %
26-50 yrs	38	14 %
51+ yrs	16	6 %
Total	274	100 %

The vast majority of people (154) wished to see Stoodleigh develop as a “balanced community” and/or to “stay the same” (103). There was little support for the village to be either a tourist centre or a retirement community, but 42 people referenced “a working community”.

3.2 Business and Work

The Issues

Small scale workshops

Local employment plan

Village shop to sell local produce etc

107 people named “home” as their ‘place of work or study’. Thus, providing more employment and access to more supplies locally would also cut down the number of journeys to Bampton/Tiverton etc.

Small Scale Workshops

182 people (71% of responses) were in favour of establishing some small scale workshops in the Parish. This could best be addressed by some limited private initiative but planning considerations will need to take account of village sensitivities to noise, traffic and other pollutants. But workshops which are environmentally friendly and are low impact would be broadly acceptable.

Local Employment Plan

Establishing a plan aimed at providing more local employment was supported by 66% (182 people). Some 46 people said they would be prepared to help. The Parish Council in conjunction with the MDDC Regeneration Manager should consider how this can be taken forward, involving some of the people who said they would be willing to help.

Village Shop

This was supported by 196 people and 27 people said they would help set it up. The items most in demand were:

- To create a market for local produce
- Newspaper sale/distribution
- Maps
- Fresh and general produce
- Use as an information centre and meeting point for local people

At the follow-up session some understandable doubts were expressed regarding the viability of this proposal. However there may be opportunities to work in conjunction with already established local business, Stoodleigh Club or a local farm.

A small working group should be established, perhaps helped by the Community Council of Devon, to do a feasibility study. Information exists to help people set up businesses from CCD or other agencies.



3.3 Communications and Technology

The Issues

Regular village newsletter

Welcome pack for newcomers

Information on local businesses

Village website/email

Current methods of communicating news and significant facts/events appear to reach only a limited audience.

Regular Village Newsletter

42% (107 people) said that they never looked at the village notice boards, and 40% of the remainder looked less than five times a month. Some do not read the Parish Magazine.

A newsletter (122 responses) was the most requested solution. The newsletter to contain items relating to the Parish Council, local events and activities, jobs and useful telephone numbers. The Parish Council has budgeted some of the 2005/06 precept to get this off the ground and a volunteer has been found to lead the effort involved. 37 people said they would be willing to help and work should start as soon as possible.

Welcome Pack for Newcomers

93 People felt this would be a good addition. This should be regarded as a medium term initiative building on the Newsletter.

Information on Local Businesses (70 respondents)

There were many references to a desire to inform people regarding work and services available locally. This would be in addition to the advertisements currently in the Parish Magazine, and should be done once the Newsletter becomes established.

Website / Email

75% of respondents (189 people) have internet access. 64 people wanted broadband access earlier. This will be provided from late July 2005.

A small group led by Andrew Perry has secured the domain name: Stoodleigh.org
A website has been established which now needs populating. The website should be used to distribute local information for local people. Newsletter information will also be on the website. There may also be the opportunity to secure funding through advertising for local businesses.

The work already done by Andrew and others should be built on. Volunteers are required to help. There may also be help and support available from MDDC. The Parish Council has precepted a small amount of money to help get this event started. This group should also collect email addresses so that as much communication as possible can be done via email which is cheaper and quicker than print and physical distribution.

3.4 Community Buildings

The Issues

Village Hall

Stoodleigh Club

Playground

Church and church parking



Village Hall

Only 20% (49 respondents) attended functions in the Village Hall at least once a month. 56% attended four times a year or less.

How well hall meets needs of village:	Q41a. Building & facilities		Q41b. Functions held in the hall	
	Count	%	Count	%
Well	32	13 %	54	22 %
Reasonably well	94	38 %	93	38 %
Poorly	58	23 %	25	10 %
No opinion	66	26 %	75	30 %
Total	250	100 %	247	100 %

The Village Hall Committee has been advised of these survey results. There are however severe limitations on what can be done with the current building due to its status as a Grade II listed building.

Stoodleigh Club

Only 32 parishioners (13%) go to Stoodleigh Club once or more a month, and 151 (61%) have never been. The remainder visit less than four times a year. However, it is a popular meeting place for a minority, and social functions are successfully carried out there.



How well Stoodleigh Club meets the needs of village:	Q42a. As a licensed social venue		Q42b. As a place for young people		Q42c. As a venue for indoor leisure activities	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Well	38	16 %	19	8 %	17	7 %
Reasonably Well	53	22 %	42	18 %	42	18 %
Poorly	39	16 %	50	22 %	52	22 %
No opinion	111	46 %	120	52 %	123	53 %
Total	241	100 %	231	100 %	234	100 %

These results have been passed to the Club Committee who are keen to see the Club play a fuller part in the village and be better supported by the village. As an example, the Club will be the venue for the evening function that is part of the forthcoming Village Fun Day. Reference has also been made earlier to a possible opportunity to site a village shop/distribution point at the Club.

Children's Playground

The playground seems to be used on a regular basis by around 20 children who generally find the facilities and surroundings acceptable or better. There were however some requests for additional facilities which of course would have to be paid for.

St Margaret's Church



33 People said they attend St Margaret's monthly or more frequently, but an additional 111 attend four times a year or less. However 155 people regarded the Church as an historic building and 141 saw it as an important part of village life. It has been used for other functions.

From a total of 241 responses, 27% (65) felt that parking facilities were inadequate.

The results of the survey have been passed to members of the Parochial Church Council, together with some suggestions that were made at the discussion event for extending the use of the Church.

The Church is seeking funding for a new heating system and for wheelchair ramps although funding for this is outside the scope of the Parish Plan. However liaison with the Community Council of Devon should confirm the likelihood or otherwise of seeking some grant funding for historic buildings.

3.5 Environment

The Issues

Anti litter campaign

Vehicle damage to verges

Signposts, footpaths and bridleways

Repair gates / stiles / bridges

Clear blockages on footpaths

Stop pollution

Dog fouling

Congestion from field sports

Protect woodland

Put up bird / bat boxes

Renewable energy feasibility study

Recommended Actions

The Parish Council should appoint one member to be the contact point for environmental causes. He/she could form an active group of volunteers.

Litter

Contact numbers are attached to the recycling pavilion for notifying that the shed requires emptying, and to report any fly-tipping or anti-social litter. The appointed Parish Council member should keep a watching brief on how well this is working and be the contact point to report any recurrent litter problems.

Vehicle Damage to Verge

DCC Highways need to be involved, and the PC is already in discussion with them on this. The actions resulting from this are covered under Section 3.8 – Road Safety.

Signposts, footpaths and bridleways

Much work has recently been done on this and there has been a marked improvement.

Repair gates / stiles / bridges

Much work already done on this.

Clear blockages on footpaths

The responsible PC member should compile a list of what is required and work with volunteers/MDDC/DCC on this.

Stop pollution

This is a long term issue but infringements should be reported to John Mathias, the MDDC Environmental co-ordinator.

Protect woodland

As above.

Bird boxes / bat boxes

Individual decisions.

Dog fouling

A problem that seems to come and go. Parish Council are taking action particularly on areas where they have responsibility.

Road congestion from field sports

The appointed PC representative should advise hunts and shooting representatives of the result of the Parish survey and discuss ways of minimising congestion from participants and followers.

Renewable energy feasibility study

A village representative should be appointed to plan this and to participate in the Devon County initiative.

3.6 Housing

The Issues

**No major developments
(infilling only if at all)**

Some accommodation needs expressed

Sensitivity on style/design/location

13 households feel a need for accommodation:

- 3 immediately and 10 in the next 3 years
- 3 would require ‘starter homes’, 4 a small home and 3 self-build

Q.12 Is there a need for further housing development?

Yes	92	38 %
No	152	62 %
TOTAL	244	100 %

Of those in favour of some development the majority felt it should be for young people and local people; achieved by infilling with single buildings or small groups and designed in keeping with the local style.

The Parish Council will make MDDC Planning Department aware of the views expressed in the survey and should bear them in mind when considering planning applications.

There is a small area of land behind Hillcrest in the ownership of MDDC, and it may be appropriate to undertake a separate survey on the issue of affordable housing for young, local people.

3.7 Recreation

The Issues

Playing field

Outdoor recreation activities

Indoor recreation activities

Playing Field

60% of the villagers (147 people) felt that the village needs a playing field.

The most favoured outdoor sports were tennis, bowls, cricket, archery and football. There were a limited number of volunteers to help organise.

Action

The village was kindly offered the lease on the ex-Stoodleigh Cricket Club ground and a limited amount of funding was secured to help renovate and secure the existing facilities which had been vandalised. The Parish Council agreed to fund the cost of the lease.

However, for the cricket ground to be turned into a safe playing field a great deal of time, money, and labour would be required. Early attempts by John Holland to secure the required level of support were initially frustrated but there is now a small group of enthusiasts.

If the village truly wishes to have outdoor sports facilities (other than the Stoodleigh Court ground which is available to the Stoodleigh Cavaliers cricket team), then there will need to be sustained and ongoing support and considerable funds raised. Grants are available but only if Stoodleigh can be shown to be helping itself. Volunteers are desperately needed to avoid losing this opportunity.

Outdoor recreation activities

Without a sports ground it is unlikely that any of the requested activities could be undertaken. Individuals may like to volunteer to help organise one or more sports.

Indoor recreation activities

If facilities could be provided, the most favourite activities were keep fit, badminton, indoor bowls, skittles and table tennis.

Keep fit, short bowls and table tennis are activities available at the Village Hall. Skittles can be played at the Club. Again, individuals may like to volunteer to help organise these activities.

3.8 Roads and Safety

The Issues

Stoodleigh Drive

Speeding

Road maintenance

Hedges and verges

Other black spots

Stoodleigh Drive

Stoodleigh Drive causes great concern in the village, though only about half of it is actually within the parish of Stoodleigh, the rest being in Washfield. There were 80 different comments recorded on road safety and the vast majority concerned the Drive, and particularly the 'hairpin' bend and the bend at Emmerford.

How concerned about safety factors:	Very concerned %	Concerned %	Not Concerned %	Don't know %	Total %
Q21a. Speeding traffic	39 %	36 %	16 %	9 %	100%
Q21b. Driving standards	28 %	41 %	21 %	10 %	100%
Q21c. Pedestrian safety	17 %	42 %	28 %	13 %	100%
Q21d. Cyclists safety	18 %	42 %	26 %	14 %	100%
Q21e. Hedges and verges	19 %	35 %	37 %	9 %	100%
Q21f. Rubbish/fly-tipping	27 %	42 %	19 %	12 %	100%
Q21g. Kerbs/edging	15 %	30 %	42 %	13 %	100%
Q21h. Adequacy of passing places	17 %	29 %	46 %	8 %	100%
Q21i. Safety barriers	27%	18 %	43 %	12 %	100%

A review of safety aspects has been carried out between Parish Councillors, the Officer for DCC Highways, and his Maintenance Manager, at which all aspects were covered and DCC Highways are preparing an action plan for the PC's consideration.

Speeding

74% (166) of respondents felt speeding was an issue. The village now has a 30 mph speed limit, although some of the signs met with disapproval. The Parish Council has been assured however that they are necessary to meet legal requirements on size and siting, and that they will mellow with age.

The Parish Council is, through Devon County Council, investigating whether the speed limits can be extended to include Stoodleigh Drive and possibly some other dangerous areas.

Other "Black Spots"

Particularly:

- The blind bend near the Village Hall where school buses stop
- The exit / entry with the A361 North Devon Link Road
- Hangmans Hill

The Parish Council has raised these with Devon Council Council LSO.

Road maintenance

Quite a lot of work was done in the summer of 2004 on roads in and around the village.

The Parish Council should appoint a Parish Councillor to be responsible for liaison with DCC Local Service Group on places where maintenance is falling short.

Hedges and verges

As for road maintenance.

3.9 Services

The Issues

Police coverage

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Police Information Point

Refuse collection and postal services are very well regarded by the Parish, whilst fire and ambulance are generally seen as acceptable.

Police coverage

Police coverage and service is poorly regarded by 36% (86 people)

Neighbourhood Watch

Roughly half of respondents in the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme thought it was effective, but 134 people were unaware or did not take part, of which 73 said they would welcome more information. An existing volunteer looks after the east side of the village and a further volunteer is required for the west end.

Police information point

159 Parishioners (62%) would like a Police information point in Stoodleigh. In fact, one exists at Stoodleigh Club but most people are clearly unaware of this.

Actions

The Parish Council should appoint one member to be the liaison with Fire, Police, Ambulance and Postal services.

The appointed PC member should meet with the Community Safety Officer at MDDC, Alistair Morison has also agreed to be involved as a representative of the village. Together they should aim to:

- Improve / extend the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme
- Relocate the Police information point if appropriate and/or publicise its presence throughout the village

3.10 Transport

The Issues

Exe Valley Community Bus

Car sharing

Reasons for journeys

Exe Valley Community Bus



Only 5 people who answered the questionnaire made regular use of the Exe Valley bus. However a large number knew of its existence and how to use it.

38 people had never heard of it and 77 did not know how to use it.

116 people were unaware that the bus was available for private hire.

Action

There is clearly an opportunity to generate more interest and more revenue for the bus by more publicity particularly regarding private hire potential. The Committee have been made aware of the survey results.

Car Sharing

Some 220 villagers said they had daytime access to a vehicle and only 33 do not. The main reason for car journeys were for leisure and shopping; perhaps reflecting the age profile in the village and the number of people who work or study at home.

33 people expressed an interest in a car sharing scheme of which 5 said they would help set up a scheme.

Action

Volunteers needed to publicise and help set up the scheme, perhaps with help from the Community Council of Devon and/or the Rural Transport Partnership.

If additional public transport could be provided to/from Stoodleigh then the preferred destinations would be Tiverton/Bampton/Tiverton Parkway, primarily for shopping, train and medical visits.

3.11 Young People

The Issues

Childcare services

Recreational facilities for under 5 / 5-11 / 11+

Youth Club

Annual Village Fun Day

Fun Run

The younger population in the Parish as reported is made up as follows:

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
0 - 4	6	4	10
5 - 10	11	3	14
10 - 16	18	6	24
17 - 21	7	8	15
	<u>42</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>63</u>

Younger people account for 21% of the responding population.

Childcare services

Is household likely to require childcare services now or in next 3yrs.	Yes
	Count
Q3a. Pre-school care	8
Q3b. Out-of-school hours care	10
Q3c. Holiday care	9

Volunteers are needed to help set up different forms of childcare, perhaps with assistance from Devon Play, also to ensure information is shared on available local child minding/ willing babysitters with rates and contact numbers (which could be included in a Newsletter and Welcome Pack).

Recreation Facilities

For under 5's: There is concern about the viability of the Mother and Toddler Group in the medium term. Some further communication may help and support could be available from the Local Network Fund. Some 45 people expressed a desire for a playgroup (4 said they would help).

Action Increased communication.

For 5-11 years olds: The re-establishment of a Youth Club would be well received, but volunteers would be needed to set it up and run it.

Action Volunteers needed
Perhaps approach Stoodleigh Club/Hall as a venue.
Involve Local Network Fund / Devon Youth Association /Devon Youth Services.

For 11 plus: The village currently has little/no facilities for this group though the Club can be used for certain activities. Could this be extended to a Youth Club? 77 people expressed a need for a Youth Club in Stoodleigh.

Action Volunteer(s) needed. (11 People said they would help).
Could a spokesperson for teenagers be involved in Parish Council planning?
Canvass support for and investigate feasibility of setting up a youth club – perhaps based on Stoodleigh Club.

Village Fun Day

There was enthusiasm for the Village Fun Day to continue as an annual event. Some 35 people said they would help.

Perhaps as an adjunct to the Fun Day, there were 14 people who offered help on a possible Village Fun Run.

Action

The Village Fun Day in 2005 was held on 25 June. Though volunteers were many less than 35, the organisers should recognise and build on the apparent enthusiasm for the event.

A Fun Run (possibly as a separate event) could be used (in conjunction with a 10 km run) as a fundraising event to raise funds for other village activities.

4. Action Summary

PC = Parish Council
 SP = Stoodleigh Parishioners
 OA = Other Agencies

CCD = Community Council of Devon
 MDDC = Mid Devon District Council
 DCC = Devon County Council

	DONE ALREADY	IMMEDIATELY	MEDIUM TERM	LONG TERM
BACKGROUND	----- Aim for Stoodleigh as a balanced community -----			
Business and Work			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village shop feasibility study (PC/SP/CCD) • Private initiatives to create small scale workshops (SP/PC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create Local Employment plan (PC/SP)
Communications and Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PC precept some funding (PC) • Small work group set up (SP) • Stoodleigh.org.uk set up (SP) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up Village Newsletter (PC/SP) • More volunteers needed (SP) • Populate Stoodleigh website on a regular basis (PC/SP) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Pack for newcomers to village (SP) • Information on local businesses (PC/SP) • Maintain/update website (SP) • Electronic distribution (SP) 	
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signposts, footpaths/bridleways (DCC) • Footpath blockages cleared (DCC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PC appoint environment representative (PC) • Village anti-litter blitz (SP) • Action re dog fouling (PC/SP) • Individuals put up bird/bat boxes (SP) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions with hunt/shoots to minimise disruption from followers (PC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stop pollution (DCC/MDDC/PC) • Renewable energy feasibility study (PC/DCC/SP) • Protect woodland (SP)

	DONE ALREADY	IMMEDIATELY	MEDIUM TERM	LONG TERM
Community Buildings		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fun Day to involve Stoodleigh Club (SP) • Promote Club more actively to village (SP) • Explore grants for Church improvements (SP) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider further uses to improve Stoodleigh Club's part in village and encourage more use by villagers (SP) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future of Club / Hall – some suggestions about combining and rebuilding. However this seems unlikely. • Possible extension of parking facilities for Church if children's playground is moved (SP)
Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact made with Sgt. Dave Harvey (SP) • Advise people responsible for services of degree of satisfaction (PC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PC appoint a member to liaise with services (Fire, Police, Ambulance, Postal) (PC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extend Neighbourhood Watch scheme (OA) • Relocate information point (OA) • Publicise Police Information Point. (OA) 	
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise MDDC and Rural Housing Manager of survey results (PC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PC to take opinions into account when considering planning applications (PC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separate survey on affordable housing for local young people. (MDDC/PC) 	

	DONE ALREADY	IMMEDIATELY	MEDIUM TERM	LONG TERM
Recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playing field lease (SP) • Grant to renovate and secure (PC) • Preliminary plans drawn up (SP) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More volunteers to work on plans and commit time, resource and raise money (SP) • Confirm plans and ambitions (SP) • <u>Outdoor Sports</u> Volunteers needed to organise (SP) • <u>Indoor Sports</u> Volunteers needed to organise (SP) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement first phase of plans (SP) • Apply for grant funding (SP) • Fund raising activities (Fun Run etc.) (SP) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement second phase using grants and funds raised (SP)
Road Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit and review of Stoodleigh Drive safety with DCC (PC/DCC) • Raise other black spot issues with DCC (PC/DCC) • Share survey findings with DCC (PC) • Speed limits in Village (DCC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PC appoint a member to take liaison responsibility with DCC Highways (PC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed limits and safety improvement on Stoodleigh Drive (PC/DCC/OA) • Repairs to roads needing maintenance action (DCC) • Better management of hedges and verges (DCC) 	

	DONE ALREADY	IMMEDIATELY	MEDIUM TERM	LONG TERM
Transport		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased publicity for Exe Valley Community Bus particularly to secure more private hire business (OA) • Recruit volunteers to set up car sharing (SP) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Run car sharing (SP) 	
Young People		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers required for all activities below (SP) • Ensure widespread communication of Mother and Toddler Group (SP) • Investigate feasibility of a Youth Club (SP) • Identify youth representative to liaise with Parish Council on youth issues (SP) • Involve Devon Youth Association, Devon Youth Services, Stoodleigh Club (SP/OA/DCC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fund raising activities: Fun Run? Village Fun Day? (SP) • Continue to run and grow Village Fun Day (SP) 	