Waterstock Parish Plan Update 2015

Waterstock undertook a comprehensive village appraisal in 2000, which included a review of the history of the village, its church and environment. This included the results of two sets of questionnaires undertaken in 1998 and 2000, which provided information about village demographics, housing/planning issues, road safety, footpaths and the environment.

A new Parish Plan questionnaire was undertaken in 2010 (appendix1). This update/refresh (2014-15) builds on the existing plan, updating the demographics and opinions of villagers, taking into account changes that have occurred in national and local planning guidance and incorporating a formal assessment of housing need.

It is unreasonable to expect all parishes to have to update their community plans every time there is a change in national or local guidance. South Oxfordshire District Council has recently updated its information in respect of neighbourhood and community led plans (appendix2). Our Parish decided that a community led plan best met our needs.

We have not repeated a review of the history of Waterstock that was included in the millennium survey. A brief history of St. Leonard's church was included in the 2010 plan.

We have undertaken a new household questionnaire to identify the number and age of persons currently living in Waterstock as well as households' opinions as to housing need, lifestyle and other issues identified by residents. There was a 92% response rate (32/34 households) which means that we can have a high degree of confidence in the opinions expressed. The questionnaire was discussed and a revised action plan was agreed in January 2015 at a Parish meeting attended by 14/34 (41%) of households.

A settlement is known to have existed at Waterstock since at least the time of the Doomsday Book in 1086 and probably earlier since the name of the village "Waterstoke" is the Anglo-Saxon for "water place".

Waterstock remains a small, tranquil, Oxfordshire village within the Parliamentary constituency of Henley and the Diocese of Oxford. It comprises a church and thirty-four houses including Waterstock House, The Old Rectory, the Mill, an equestrian centre, old farmhouses (now residences), a picturesque "high street" of older estate cottages and two thatched cottages, including one of the oldest timber-framed cottages in England, dating back to 1295.

The village is situated within a bend of the River Thame, two thirds of a mile from the main road. It is washed over by the greenbelt and is entirely a conservation area, extended in 1999 to include all of the dwellings as well as the immediately surrounding fields that are essential to its setting. Beyond these, there are a golf course and farmland.

The number of houses in the village has not changed much over the last eight hundred years, with an increase of only eight dwellings between 1306 and 1881 and with the number of households remaining at approximately the same level since 1881 (between twenty seven and thirty seven). Only seven new dwellings have been built in the last fifty years. Since the last village Plan (2010), two new dwellings have been created within existing stable buildings and permission has recently also been granted for two new houses in place of agricultural barns.

About 50% of villagers are of working age (the majority being in full-time or part-time employment or self-employed) with about 20% under 25 and about 30% over 65.

Waterstock remains a rather conservative but friendly village. Villagers value their privacy but meet regularly for village events such as Harvest festival, Christmas carols and summer parties and everyone knows that they can rely on people in the village whenever there is any need for help or in a crisis.

Residents are mostly "content with things as they are", but there is not much for young people to do and the car travel remains overwhelmingly the main form of transport.

1. Environment: Villagers appreciate the peace and quiet, history and rural charm of Waterstock; its relative tranquillity in spite of being only a short distance from motorway access, Wheatley, Thame and Oxford, and the quality and variety of its housing stock. Most villagers accept that a village of this size would not be able to support a village shop, school, hostelry, social housing or better transport links. There is a strong "sense of place" and community spirit.

2. Services: 30/32 (94%) of households expressed concern about poor and fluctuating internet speeds. 19/32 (59%) expressed concern about poor mobile phone reception. Other ongoing concerns are problems with potholes, litter on the sides of the A418, through traffic/road safety and the sustainability of the church.

3. Planning/Development: Waterstock is currently classified an "other" village by the District Council, allowing very limited development subject to Green Belt and Conservation Area constraints. This new classification is due to a bus stop, two thirds of a mile from the nearest habitation (1 mile from the centre of the village), being classified as an amenity. There are no other services in the village and, as the survey shows, the bus stop is not easy to use – being at the end of a narrow unlit lane with no pedestrian protection.
26/32 **(**81%) of households did not think that Waterstock needed additional housing. An assessment of future housing need, (Qs 40.42.43) identified two households with a possible need for 1-2 bedroom accommodation (owner occupied rather than rented or housing association), and four respondents identified a family who would like to move back to the village should an affordable 3 bedroom property become available. 8/34 (24%) of dwellings have had new occupants in the last 5 years and, of the ten households intending to move in the next few years, none intended to stay in Waterstock.

4. Other issues: There remain concerns about illegal tipping, the condition of road surfaces and edges, maintenance of hedges/ditches, the sustainability of the Church and the preservation of the character of the village including habitat and footpaths.

Waterstock Parish Plan Refresh, 2014-15: Process

Step 1

A proposal to refresh our 2010 Parish Plan was agreed at a Parish Meeting in 2014. Oxford County Council Big Society Fund was approached for funding and South Oxfordshire District Council and Oxford Rural Communities Council approached re advice and support.

Step 2

A Steering Group was established.

Step 3

A strategy, budget and plan was developed by the Steering Group in consultation with the Parish Meeting and other stakeholders including SODC, ORCC, and OXCC to identify issues and to design a questionnaire.

Step 4

Household questionnaires were delivered to all households. There was a 92% response. (32/34 households)

Step 5

The questionnaire results were analysed by SODC and then circulated to all households, OXCC ORCC and SODC by e-mail (or by hand to those households not on e-mail) for comment.

Step 6

An open meeting with parishioners was held in January 2015 to review the results of the questionnaire and to agree/update our Action plan. 14/34 (41%) households were represented. (22persons)

Step 7

The updated/refreshed Parish Plan and Action Plan was sent to all households, SODC, OXCC and OXRCC for comment.

Step 8

The Refreshed Parish Plan/Action Plan was then presented to a Parish Meeting AGM on March 9th 2015 for formal agreement and sign off.

Waterstock Parish Plan "Refresh" Autumn 2014

Household Questionnaire

Total number of responses = 32 (of 34)

Part 1: About You

Q1 **Is your present home? (Please tick one box only)**

Owner occupied (paying mortgage)	10 (31%)	Living rent free	0 (0%)
Owner occupied (no mortgage)	18 (56%)	Tied to employment.....	0 (0%)
Private rented	4 (13%)	Other.....	0 (0%)

If other, please state: 1 comment

- 1 paying rent to parents

Q2 **What type of property is your home? (Please tick one box only)**

Detached house	19 (59%)	Flat.....	2 (6%)
Semi-detached house	6 (19%)	Detached bungalow	0 (0%)
Terraced house	3 (9%)	Other.....	2 (6%)

If other, please state: 2 comments

- Converted barn
- Farm yard/temporary

Q3 **How many bedrooms are there? (Please tick one box only)**

Bedsit	1 (31%)	2	5 (16%)	4.....	5 (16%)	More than 5	4 (13%)
1	0 (0%)	3	14 (44%)	5.....	3 (9%)		

Q4 **How many Males of each age live in your household? (Write number in box)**

0-15 years	4
16-24 years	2
25-44 years	8
45-64 years	8
65-74 years	7
75-84 years	3
85+	2

Q4b **How many females of each age live in your household? (Write number in box)**

0-15 years	5
16-24 years	4
25-44 years	7
45-64 years	10
65-74 years	8
75-84 years	0
85+	2

Q5 **How many of the above are? (Please choose whichever box best represents each person's status)**

In full-time employment	15
In part-time employment	5
Self-employed	11
On Government training scheme	0
Permanently sick / disabled	0
Unemployed and available for work	2
Homemaker	5
Retired	12
Student living at home full time	5
Student living at home for part of the year	3
Pre-school children	3
Currently living / working elsewhere	0

Q6 **How long have you lived in Waterstock? (Please specify number of years below)**
32 mentions

- Weeks
- 0.5
- 2
- 2.5
- 5
- 6 months
- 6 weeks
- 8 months
- 8
- 9
- 11
- 12
- 16
- 17
- 7 years 10 months
- 18
- 18
- 20 years
- 21
- 22
- 24 years
- 27
- 28
- 30
- 31
- 38
- 40
- 52
- 57
- 59
- 67
- Jan 1951

Q7 **How many vehicles (in total) are used by people living at your address?**
32 mentions

- None
- One
- 1
- 1
- 1
- 1
- 1
- 1
- 1
- 1
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Q8 **Do you own land WITHIN the village that you would wish to develop for housing in the next 5 years? In practice, this would be limited to infill in the built area of the village and where development would not harm the openness of the Green Belt. (Please tick one box only)**

Yes ..... 4 (13%) No..... 27 (87%)

Q8a **If yes, how large is the plot? (in hectares)**
4 mentions

- 0.4
- 0.5
- 2
- Own land but don't/can't say if wish to develop in next 5 years. Too broad a question to answer yes or no

Part 2: Housing Need

Q9 **Do you think Waterstock needs additional housing? (Please tick one box only)**
Yes ..... 6 (19%) No..... 26 (81%)

Q9a **If yes, why? (Please specify below)**
6 comments

- A more balanced community
- A number of young graduates who have grown up in the village who have much to contribute if they could afford housing in the village
- It needs more people in the village - newcomers would inject 'new blood' and might build a greater sense of community
- Modest development acceptable as part of general housing need
- No starter homes available for young people growing up in the village. No real opportunity for downsizing for older people in the village
- Village too small

Q10 **If Waterstock were to have any dwellings, why type of housing do you think would be beneficial to Waterstock? (Please tick one box only)**
Housing with 1-2 bedrooms ..... 14 (44%) Mix of housing type 14 (44%)
Housing with 3 or more bedrooms 4 (13%)

Q11 **If Waterstock were to have any new dwellings, what type of tenure do you think would be beneficial to Waterstock? (Please tick all that apply)**
Owner occupied... 30 (94%) Private rent..... 9 (28%) Housing association 4 (13%)

Q12 **Are you (or any member of your household) intending to move house in the next few years? (Please tick one box only)**
Yes ..... 7 (23%) No..... 24 (77%)

Q12a **If yes, would your intention be to move? (Please tick one box only)**
Within Waterstock ..... 0 (0%) Outside Waterstock 10 (100%)

Q12b **If you wish to move but cannot, what are the reasons preventing you? (Please tick all that apply)**

Unable to afford to buy	5 (83%)	Family reasons	0 (0%)
Local education choices	0 (0%)	Lack of social housing	1 (17%)
Location of employment	0 (0%)	Lack of affordable rental property	1 (17%)
Lack of suitable housing for needs	1 (17%)	Other	0 (0%)
Unable to afford moving costs	1 (17%)		

Q13 **Have any members of your household left in the last 5 years? (Please tick one box only)**

Yes	8 (36%)	No	15 (64%)

Q13a **If yes, how many? (Please specify below)**

9 mentions

- 1
- 1
- 1
- 1
- 1
- 1
- 1 (death)
- 2
- 4 years

Q13b **How long ago did they leave? (Please specify below by showing the person as Leaver 1, Leaver 2 etc. and indicate how long)**

9 comments

- 1st Leaver
- 1 year
- 1: 5 years / 2: 3 years
- Died
- Leaver 1 - 12 months ago
- Leaver 1: 8 years
- Leaver 1: Six months ago
- Left just over one year ago
- Wife died June 2013

Q13c **Why did they leave? (Please specify below by showing the person as Leaver 1, Leaver 2 etc. and indicate why they left)**

10 comments

- Employment
- Died Jan 23rd
- Death
- Both graduated and jobs in London
- Leaver 1: to study & work in London. Leaver 2: To live abroad
- No internet, no mobile
- Died
- Moved to London for job
- Job overseas
- Ill Health

Q14 **How many people have joined your household in the last 5 years? (Births, moving in etc.)**
27 mentions

- None
- None
- None
- None
- None
- None
- None
- None
- 0
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- 1
- 1
- 1
- 1
- 1
- 2
- 2

Q15 **Do you know of any Waterstockians living elsewhere that would wish to return to Waterstock? (Please tick one box only)**
Yes ..... 3 (10%) No..... 27 (90%)

Q15a **If yes, how many and why do they wish to return?**
4 comments

4 households identified a family who would like to move back to the village if a 3 bedroom house were to become available.

Q15b **What type of housing and how many bedrooms would they require? (Please specify below)**
3 comments

- Family home, 3 beds

Part 3: Facilities and Quality of life in Waterstock

Q16 **What facilities in Waterstock are important to you? (Please tick one box per row as appropriate)**

	Very important	Quite important	Not important
Footpaths/bridleways	25 (83%)	5 (17%)	0 (0%)
Church/churchyard	20 (67%)	9 (30%)	1 (3%)
Riding school/stables	9 (32%)	11 (39%)	8 (29%)
Golf course	3 (11%)	11 (39%)	14 (50%)
Visiting library	2 (7%)	12 (41%)	15 (52%)

Please specify any other facilities that are important to you here. 6 comments

- 280 bus to Oxford, war memorial, trees
- Faster broadband
- Faster broadband! Church clock chimes
- Post-box
- Refuse collection
- River Thame and quality of its water and floodplain

Q17 What features of Waterstock are important to you and you want to protect? (Please tick one box per row as appropriate)

	Very important	Quite important	Not important
Attractive village	29 (97%)	1 (3%)	0 (0%)
Conservation area	22 (73%)	7 (23%)	1 (3%)
Green belt	27 (90%)	3 (10%)	0 (0%)
Peace and quiet	29 (97%)	1 (3%)	0 (0%)
Sense of community	25 (83%)	4 (13%)	1 (3%)
Sense place/history	23 (77%)	7 (23%)	0 (0%)
Wild life	26 (84%)	5 (16%)	0 (0%)

Please specify any other features that are important to you here. 7 comments

- Although it is changing, I value, or values that residents work from home
- Good road communications train service at Haddenham
- Low traffic is very important
- Nearness of transport links
- No street lights
- Open spaces – the park – very important
- Open spaces within and around the village

Q18 What improvements do you think Waterstock needs? (Please tick one box per row as appropriate)

	Very important	Quite important	Not important
Better internet speeds	30 (97%)	1 (3%)	0 (0%)
Public outdoor spaces	1 (4%)	12 (43%)	15 (54%)
A meeting venue	3 (10%)	13 (45%)	13 (45%)
Off road parking	6 (20%)	15 (50%)	9 (30%)
Better mobile reception	19 (70%)	6 (22%)	2 (7%)

Please specify any other improvements Waterstock needs. 9 comments

- Better vehicle speed control at both ends of the village; white village entrance gates/ village sign
- Connection to mains gas
- Dog poo bin (maybe tucked away near one of the footpaths)
- If the village street where to be given a gravel surface as outside the Pitt Rivers
- Lane surface/edges & passing place in lane
- Lower speed limit - 20
- Parking is a problem with cars on the road - but not practical to provide off road parking
- River access
- Road edges repaired, trees, brambles and hedges cut back

Q18a Please specify which mobile provider?

20 mentions

- 3, EE, Vodafone
- All - Vodafone
- Any
- EE
- EE
- EE
- EE
- EE & Vodafone
- O2
- O2
- O2
- O2
- O2
- O2
- O2
- Vodafone
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- Vodafone
- Vodafone

Q19 What do you consider the most important features that enhance the environment in and around Waterstock? (Please tick one box per row as appropriate)

	Very important	Quite important	Not important
Open greenfield views	27 (87%)	3 (10%)	1 (3%)
The park	19 (66%)	9 (31%)	1 (3%)
The golf course	3 (10%)	18 (60%)	9 (30%)
The narrow leafy lane	20 (65%)	7 (23%)	4 (13%)
The Mill and river	26 (81%)	5 (16%)	1 (3%)
The church	27 (84%)	4 (13%)	1 (3%)
The village street	25 (78%)	5 (16%)	2 (6%)

Please specify any other important features. 11 comments

- A reasonable footpath network
- Closeness to London & Oxford
- Footpaths and bridleway
- Good access to footpaths
- Old trees. Walk to Waterperry. War memorial
- Pumping house
- Riding centre
- The footpaths
- The memorial
- The size of the village
- War memorial

Q20 What facilities would you like to see for young people in Waterstock? (Please specify below)

18 comments

- A place to meet
- A small playground
- I don't think there is room, but a small play area
- I feel it is unlikely that the number of young people in any particular age group would be sufficient to sustain specific facilities for young people
- Maintained roads and footpaths
- No
- None
- None - they made their own entertainment - kids don't need to be organised every minute of the day
- None at present
- None, not necessary, except perhaps public transport although I rate the 280 as excellent except in the evening and weekends
- Riding School Facilities
- Small play area for young children
- Somewhere to meet where activities could take place - a village hall
- Swings
- Thame already provides good facilities
- There is nowhere for facilities to be run such as a meeting hall
- Waterstock is too small and there are few young people who would benefit
- We have everything we need - untouched nature, peace and quiet, careful neighbourhood, open greenfields

Q21 **Would you be prepared to share the cost and work involved to get and run these facilities? (Please tick one box only)**

Yes ..... 5 (25%) No..... 15 (75%)

Q22 **Do you work from home in Waterstock? (Please tick one box only)**

Yes ..... 4 (13%) No ..... 12 (38%) Some of the time.. 16 (50%)

Q22a **If no, what would facilitate you working in Waterstock? (Please specify below)**

7 comments

- A job that allows it
- Better/improved internet speeds
- Faster internet needed
- Faster more reliable internet
- Fibre optic broadband
- Internet speed
- Nothing not a transferable job

Q22b **Would you be interested in net-working with other home-based businesses? (Please tick one box only)**

Yes ..... 4 (14%) No..... 25 (86%)

Q23 **How much of a problem is <u>through traffic</u> in the village? (Please tick one box only)**

Big problem ..... 6 (19%) Not a problem at all..... 13 (41%)
Slight problem 13 (41%)

Q24 **If it is a problem, please explain why and list suggestions to alleviate it? (Please specify below)**

16 comments

- Delivery trucks getting lost are a big problem - although not sure what can be done about this!
- Even clearer signage at entrance to lane, particularly about access to Waterperry
- Hedgerow and roadside vegetation needs maintenance seriously. Pot holes needing attention, road drainage
- It increases annually. Speed of vehicles increase causing a danger to bicycles, pedestrians, horses, people emerging from gateways. The road is very narrow with parked cars
- Lane too narrow to pass parked vehicles and no existing passing places
- Large artic Lorries - single track road with no passing places cause vehicles to drive onto verges and block drainage grips leading to potential flooding. Road structure not suited to heavy vehicles
- Most drivers continually break the 30 mph limit, some are reckless, we need ramps!
- Narrow lane not suitable for lorries and people in cars who don't know to go slow through village as always dogs, horses, children on bikes and walkers around
- Parking in village street causing distraction and dangerous on corner
- People relying on sat navs that lead them astray

- Roads are not built for such large vehicles - often Sat Nav difficulties
- Same cars cut across to get to Ickenham/Kiddington and drive very fast
- Speed of vehicles. Overhanging hedgerows means sight lines on road are obscured and not possible to pull over onto verge - cut hedges back from verges
- Speed of visiting traffic through the village especially delivery vans. May be 20mph through the inhabited bit as in Oxford
- Speed up vehicles requiring mph signage to be reduced to 20mph; announcing village entrance, slow down for children and horses
- Too fast on tight bends and narrow roads, speed bumps

Q25 How much of a problem is <u>parking congestion</u> in the village? (Please tick one box only)

Big problem ..... 7 (22%) Not a problem at all..... 11 (34%)
Slight problem 14 (44%)

Q26 If it is a problem, please explain why and list suggestions to alleviate it? (Please specify below)

19 comments

- Allow parking spaces in planning permissions where applied for and if appropriate
- As makes narrow lane narrower and sometimes impossible
- Car users should be encouraged to park off the road wherever possible
- Cars by Pippin cottage slight problem, but residents state of road parking is a problem due to narrow entrance and they have a baby - so can't blame them for needing to park right outside their own house!
- Dangerous on the corner
- Inconsiderate parking by some people particularly on blind corner, sometimes not allowing space for larger vehicles to pass - for instance fire engines. Accident waiting to happen
- It causes a slight problem on the bend in centre of the village. It restricts vision. Not sure what can be done
- Narrow Main Street. Allowance or provision of off road parking
- No parking for visitors. View favourable planning applications for car ports, garages and driveways if sympathetic to surroundings
- On a bad corner dangerous
- On road parking on the corner in village centre is dangerous; unsighted from both directions; accident waiting to happen! Those who can should park off road. Off street parking provision
- Parked cars cause a danger on the corner by post office. A bottle neck outside church. Makes it impossible for 2 vehicles to pass
- Parking at narrowest point - cars should not park opposite each other
- Parking place or places to relieve it
- Problem from cars attending pottery classes on Tuesdays and Wednesdays
- Restricts visibility on corners
- Some off road parking
- Too much on road parking, its dangerous coming out of drive as visibility blocked. Also tractors, can't get past sometimes
- Very bad congestion in village during art in action at Waterperry (people use footpath) suggest no parking cones

Q27 **How often do you use the bus stops on the A418? (Please tick one box only)**

Never.....	10 (31%)	Few times per year	11 (34%)	Weekly.....	2 (6%)
Less than once a year.....	7 (22%)	Monthly	2 (6%)	Most days.....	0 (0%)

Q27a **If monthly or less, why? (Please specify below)**

20 comments

- Bus to train station is too slow as it stops in Thame
- Dark/unlit, dangerous, potholes, no walkway, 1 kilometre away
- Don't run late enough at night
- Drive everywhere
- Easier to use car
- Have own transport
- I have a car
- I own a car and it's far from the village to walk there
- Long walk to bus stop on wet/dark road. Dangerous road crossing. Nowhere to stand at bus stops except dangerous and wet verge
- More convenient by car
- Old age
- Other means of transport
- The distance is too great to walk. The grass is west underfoot. There is no shelter
- Too far to bus stop
- Too far to walk to. Not a village asset
- Too far/Too inconvenient
- Use park and ride more often
- Use private cars
- Usually go to Park and Ride
- We have a car each; use the bus only if without a car, i.e. being repaired etc.

Q28 **Do you think additional rights of way / footpaths / bridleways, cycle tracks are needed in or around the village? (Please tick one box only)**

Yes	10 (32%)	No.....	21 (68%)

Q28a **If yes, where would you like them to go from and to? (Please specify below)**

11 comments

- Bridleways needed, to Ickford via Bridges
- Bus stop - walking to bus stop is dangerous at night as the road is not lit
- Existing footpaths to be kept clear
- More bridleways
- Nowhere in particular, nice to rise horses off road
- On A418 between Wheatley and Thame for the safety of cyclists

- Path river access, footpath to and round Waterperry House could be better surfaced
- Possibly along riverbank
- River walk, footpaths to be made more accessible
- Too complicated to answer here. More could be done but needs to be part of a cohesive plan and good maintenance is essential
- War memorial to Ickford

Q28b What currently prevents you from being able to fully enjoy the local footpaths / bridleways? (Please specify below)

21 comments

- Awkward stiles, Overgrown in places
- Closed gates and styles blocking access for dogs
- Footpath across Golf course to Wheatley overgrown. Difficult stile into park
- Footpaths being ploughed up
- Hard to climb stiles
- High stiles, impossible if any degree of disability or elderly or with dogs. Nettles. Poorly signposted once of the road
- Lack of time!
- Loose bullocks e.g. footpath to Lekford and Waterperry
- Not clearly marked
- Note: This question is not disinterested and steers the respondent towards an answers. It reflects a lot of existing village politics/history and I believe should be removed
- Nothing
- Nothing
- Nothing
- Nothing
- Nothing, I use them regularly
- Same footpaths are not clearly marked, some of the stiles are hard to climb
- Some are difficult to get onto because of lack of gate/stile
- Some are quite overgrown
- Some stiles are difficult to get over
- Time
- Waterperry Bridleways have cows often on the land

Part 4: Lifestyle

Q29 Please indicate whether anyone in your household belongs to any clubs or societies or participates in any cultural activities - If so how often? (Please tick one box per row as appropriate)

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly or less	Occasionally	Never

Arts and crafts inc pottery	2 (9%)	2 (9%)	1 (5%)	2 (9%)	15 (68%)
Book club	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (11%)	1 (5%)	16 (84%)
Choir/music	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	5 (25%)	2 (10%)	13 (65%)
Dance classes	0 (0%)	3 (17%)	0 (0%)	2 (11%)	13 (72%)
Theatre group	0 (0%)	1 (5%)	1 (5%)	4 (21%)	13 (68%)
Concerts	0 (0%)	2 (9%)	3 (13%)	9 (39%)	9 (39%)
Art exhibitions	0 (0%)	1 (4%)	7 (26%)	12 (44%)	7 (26%)
Films	0 (0%)	4 (15%)	14 (52%)	5 (19%)	4 (15%)
Museums	0 (0%)	2 (7%)	10 (36%)	13 (46%)	3 (11%)
National monuments / gardens	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	10 (42%)	11 (46%)	3 (13%)

Please indicate any others here: 10 comments

- Sports
- Golf, Cricket, Football
- Women's institute
- Italian Class
- Yoga
- Zoo

Q30 If someone in your household belongs to any clubs or societies or participates in any cultural activities, where are these located? (Please tick as many boxes per row as appropriate)

	Home	Waterstock	Wheatley	Tiddington	Thame	Oxford	Elsewhere, please state
Arts and crafts inc pottery	2 (33%)	2 (33%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (33%)	3 (50%)
Book club	0 (0%)	1 (33%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (67%)
Choir/music	1 (25%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (25%)	1 (25%)	1 (25%)
Dance classes	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (25%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (25%)	2 (50%)
Theatre group	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (25%)	3 (75%)	2 (50%)
Concerts	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (8%)	8 (62%)	11 (85%)
Art exhibitions	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (6%)	9 (53%)	14 (82%)
Films	1 (5%)	1 (5%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	17 (85%)	5 (25%)
Museums	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (5%)	16 (76%)	13 (62%)
National monuments /gardens	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (7%)	3 (20%)	14 (93%)

If other, please state where: 15 comments

- Around country
- Aylesbury/London
- Football Oxford and elsewhere. Cricket local and London. Gold Thame and local
- Golf - Oxford
- London
- London
- London
- London
- London and various other places throughout country
- London, Waterperry
- London, Waterperry

- Tiddington
- Tiddington/Yoga, Thame, London, Waterperry
- Waterperry
- WI - Tiddington

Q31 Does anyone belong to any clubs or societies or participate in any cultural activities - If so what form of transport is used? (Please tick as many boxes per row as appropriate)

	Walk	Cycle	Car	Public transport
Arts and crafts inc pottery	4 (67%)	1 (17%)	2 (33%)	2 (33%)
Book club	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (100%)	0 (0%)
Choir/music	1 (20%)	0 (0%)	4 (80%)	0 (0%)
Dance classes	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	6 (100%)	1 (17%)
Theatre group	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (50%)	3 (75%)
Concerts	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	13 (93%)	7 (50%)
Art exhibitions	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	18 (95%)	10 (53%)
Films	1 (5%)	0 (0%)	19 (95%)	4 (20%)
Museums	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	20 (91%)	11 (50%)
National monuments / gardens	2 (11%)	0 (0%)	18 (100%)	4 (22%)

If other, please state how you get there:

- Car x 4
- Train x 3

Q32 How often are people in your household involved in sport or other physical recreation? (Please tick one box per row as appropriate)

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly or less	Occasionally	Never
Walking	15 (54%)	9 (32%)	1 (4%)	3 (11%)	0 (0%)
Cycling	3 (17%)	4 (22%)	2 (11%)	5 (28%)	4 (22%)
Horse riding	6 (30%)	2 (10%)	1 (5%)	1 (5%)	10 (50%)
Running	1 (6%)	7 (39%)	2 (11%)	1 (6%)	7 (39%)
Gym, Yoga, Pilates etc	3 (14%)	7 (33%)	4 (19%)	3 (14%)	4 (19%)
Tennis	0 (0%)	2 (12%)	4 (24%)	3 (18%)	8 (47%)
Swimming	2 (13%)	4 (25%)	2 (13%)	6 (38%)	2 (13%)
Team sports	1 (6%)	5 (29%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	11 (65%)
Gardening	9 (32%)	10 (36%)	6 (21%)	2 (7%)	1 (4%)

Other (Please specify): 5 comments

- Golf - weekly
- Golf/monthly or less
- Gym exercise classes
- Shooting monthly in winter
- Triathlon, Cricket

Q33 If someone is involved in sport or other physical recreation - where is it located? (Please tick one box per row as appropriate)

	Home	Waterstock	Wheatley	Tiddington	Thame	Oxford	Elsewhere, please state
Walking	3 (11%)	24 (89%)	2 (7%)	1 (4%)	2 (7%)	3 (11%)	9 (33%)
Cycling	1 (7%)	10 (67%)	1 (7%)	3 (20%)	2 (13%)	1 (7%)	5 (33%)
Horse riding	2 (25%)	4 (50%)	0 (0%)	1 (13%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	4 (50%)
Running	0 (0%)	8 (89%)	2 (22%)	1 (11%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (11%)
Gym, Yoga, Pilates etc	3 (18%)	2 (12%)	1 (6%)	2 (12%)	7 (41%)	2 (12%)	5 (29%)
Tennis	3 (33%)	3 (33%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (22%)	3 (33%)
Swimming	1 (7%)	2 (13%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	9 (60%)	3 (20%)	3 (20%)
Team sports	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (20%)	1 (20%)	1 (20%)	0 (0%)	2 (40%)
Gardening	23 (92%)	5 (20%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)

Other, please specify: 10 comments

- Beaconsfield, walking various places
- Cotswold
- Cycling, walking both in Oxfordshire/Cheltenham
- Golf - Oxford
- Golf/Oxfordshire
- London
- Oxfordshire
- Shooting in Oxon
- Surrounding area Waterstock
- Waterperry sailing

Q34 If someone is involved in sport or other physical recreation - what form of transport is used to get there? (Please tick one box per row as appropriate)

	Walk	Cycle	Car	Public transport
Walking	21 (96%)	0 (0%)	5 (23%)	0 (0%)
Cycling	1 (9%)	11 (100%)	1 (9%)	0 (0%)
Horse riding	3 (50%)	0 (0%)	4 (67%)	0 (0%)
Running	4 (80%)	0 (0%)	1 (20%)	0 (0%)
Gym, Yoga, Pilates etc	2 (11%)	1 (6%)	16 (89%)	2 (11%)
Tennis	4 (40%)	0 (0%)	6 (60%)	0 (0%)
Swimming	1 (7%)	1 (7%)	13 (93%)	3 (21%)
Team sports	1 (17%)	0 (0%)	5 (83%)	0 (0%)
Gardening	16 (100%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)

Other (Please specify): 4 comments

- Golf - Car
- Golf/Car
- Sailing
- Shooting, walk

Q35 How often do you shop ... (Please tick one box per row as appropriate)

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly or less	Occasionally	Never
Online	0 (0%)	8 (42%)	6 (32%)	4 (21%)	1 (5%)
In Wheatley	2 (7%)	24 (77%)	3 (10%)	2 (7%)	0 (0%)
In Thame	0 (0%)	23 (77%)	6 (20%)	1 (3%)	0 (0%)
At Thame Market	0 (0%)	5 (24%)	2 (10%)	11 (52%)	3 (14%)
At Sandy Lane Farmers Market	0 (0%)	1 (5%)	4 (20%)	9 (45%)	6 (30%)
In Oxford	1 (4%)	7 (28%)	5 (20%)	10 (40%)	2 (8%)
Somewhere else	0 (0%)	3 (21%)	3 (21%)	7 (50%)	1 (7%)

If somewhere else, please specify: 14 comments

- Aylesbury, Bucks
- Aylesbury, High Wycombe
- Beaconsfield/London, Reading, Bath
- Bicester
- Brent Cross
- Cowley
- London
- London
- London
- London
- London twice a year
- London/Aylesbury/High Wycombe
- London/High Wycombe/Marlow
- Random locations

Q36 What form of transport is used to go shopping? (Please tick one box per row or leave row blank if you never shop there)

	Walk	Cycle	Car	Public transport
In Wheatley	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	31 (100%)	0 (0%)
In Thame	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	28 (97%)	1 (3%)
In Thame Market	0 (0%)	1 (7%)	13 (87%)	1 (7%)
At Sandy Lane Farmers Market	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	13 (100%)	0 (0%)
In Oxford	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	19 (86%)	6 (27%)
Somewhere else	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	8 (67%)	6 (50%)

If somewhere else, please specify how you travel there: 10 comments

- Bus from Thorn Hill
- Car
- Car
- Car
- Car & Train
- Car to Aylesbury
- Car/Train

- London - train tram Haddenham
- London - Train. High Wycombe - Car
- London Train, Aylesbury & High Wycombe car

Q37 Are there any other issues not included in the questionnaire that you wish to raise in the box below? (Please specify below)

7 comments

- General comments: 1. many of the questions very "closed" i.e. steering into a particular answer. 2. Several of the questions e.g. Q8 posing several options to which a simple yes/no answer not appropriate as it might be yes to one part of the question and no to another
- I am afraid that although I have made an attempt to complete this form, I think the idea of constructing a village plan is compromised by the approach to planning matters within the village. Until planning matters are treated impartially and in accordance with the Code of Conduct recommended for parish Councils I consider that conclusions drawn from the survey towards a plan lack credibility
- Just a passing comment... This is all very nice but I do not for one minute believe that the government would not totally ignore the views of the village if it suited them for electoral advantage is the financial benefits which might ccc to their developer "friends". We are being taken for a ride
- No
- Road maintenance attended to poorly or not at all. Edge of road potholes need to be filled particularly on single track road as they can cause unseen damage to tyres. In places part of the road surface is rendered unusable due to overgrown hedges. Tractors with high trailers are caused to drive on the verge visibility is significantly reduced. Farmers mechanical hedge cutting in Autumn deposits much debris in the ditches feeding the village brook causing blockages at generally inadequate culverts and unnecessary flooding
- Speed of traffic in village - too fast from both directions. Houses not clearly named as weekly we have to help lost delivery drivers
- We hope OCC bring satisfactory/closure to the long running litigation relating to unlawful waste tipped onto an unused section of Waterstock golf course. the unlawful waste should be removed or if that is not possible become common land for the use and enjoyment of Waterstock

Only complete Part 5 if you or anyone in your household needs a new home in Waterstock within the next 5 years.

Part 5: Future Housing Need

Q38a How many Males of each age live in your household? (Write number in box)

0-15 years	0 (0%)
16-24 years	0 (0%)
25-44 years	0 (0%)
45-64 years	0 (0%)
65-74 years	0 (0%)
75-84 years	0 (0%)
85+	0 (0%)

Q38b How many females of each age live in your household? (Write number in box)

0-15 years	0 (0%)
16-24 years	1 (100%)
25-44 years	0 (0%)
45-64 years	0 (0%)
65-74 years	0 (0%)
75-84 years	0 (0%)
85+	0 (0%)

Q39 Why would a new home be required? (Please tick all that apply)

To start first home	1 (100%)	Current rent unaffordable	0 (0%)
Need bigger	0 (0%)	Current mortgage unaffordable	0 (0%)
Need smaller	0 (0%)	To be near work	0 (0%)
To be nearer family	0 (0%)	Other reasons	0 (0%)
Tenure insecure	0 (0%)		

Q40 Who owns the home you live in now? (Please tick one box only)

Self (with / without mortgage)	1 (50%)	Private rented	0 (0%)
Parent / relative	1 (50%)	Other	0 (0%)
Tied to a job	0 (0%)		

Q41 Does anything affect the type of home you need? (Please tick one box only)

Yes	0 (0%)	No	1 (100%)

Q41 If yes, what? (Please tick all relevant boxes)

Limited mobility	0 (0%)	Care / support needs	0 (0%)
Wheelchair user	0 (0%)	Other	0 (0%)

Q42 What type of home would you need? (Please tick one box only)

Self-ownership	2 (100%)	Private rent	0 (0%)
Rent from Housing Association	0 (0%)	Part rent / buy Housing Association	0 (0%)

Q43 How many bedrooms needed? (Please tick one box only)

1-2 bedrooms	2 (100%)	3 or more bedrooms	0 (0%)

Q44 Would anyone need supported housing? (Please tick all that apply)

Do not need supported housing	0 (0%)	Housing association sheltered housing (with warden)	0 (0%)
Independent housing with care support	0 (0%)	Residential / nursing home	0 (0%)
Independent housing with live in carer	0 (0%)	Supported independent living (learning disabilities)	0 (0%)
Private sheltered housing (with warden)	0 (0%)		

Q45 **Can you say how much rent / mortgage per month you could afford? (Please specify below)**
0 comments

Q46 **If you are interested in shared-ownership. how much deposit would you be able to contribute? (include all sources such as savings, family contribution) (Please specify below)**
0 comments

Q47 **Can you give some idea of the new household's monthly income after tax? (including benefits) (Please specify below)**
0 comments

Q48 **Are you on a Local Housing waiting list? (Please tick one box only)**

Yes	0 (0%)	No	1 (100%)

Q49 **Would you be interested in a self-build project? (Please tick one box only)**

Yes	0 (0%)	No	1 (100%)

Q50 **If for someone not currently living in Waterstock, what is their connection? (Please tick all that apply)**

Used to live in village	0 (0%)	Works in village part time	0 (0%)
Family lives in village	0 (0%)	Voluntary work in village	0 (0%)
Works in village full time	0 (0%)		

Waterstock Plan Refresh (2015): Action Plan

Our 2010 action plan has been reviewed and updated (January 2015) in the light of a new household questionnaire (2014/15) at a Parish Meeting attended by 22 people representing 14/34 (41%) of households.
This was approved and adopted at the Parish AGM on 9th March 2015.

Projects

1. Footpaths (Mike Haffey, **Rob Arthur**, Rosalind & Rodney Portman, Angela Abdoo & Sini Haynes)

a) To provide laminated maps (Rob Arthur & Rosalind Portman) and possibly an app of local footpaths for our refreshed Parish Plan. (April 2015)

b) To continue to post the Ramblers association schedule of walks on our village notice board (Mike Tyce). (Ongoing)

c) Occasional "village walks" to be organised (Mike Haffey, Rob Arthur, Rodney Portman and Mathew Walsh). (Ongoing)

d) To organise an audit of accessibility and signposting of village footpaths (Rob Arthur). (Over the next 12 months if possible)

e) To liaise with local landowners and council to improve the accessibility of our footpaths. (Over the next 12 months if possible)

2. Environment and Habitat (**Henry and James Manisty**, Mathew Walsh, Rodney Portman (trees), Jenny Berrill, Mike Tyce)

(1 year suggested timetable)

To undertake a Parish nature and wildlife survey with help from James Manisty and the Wild Oxfordshire Society and other conservation groups. £150 available from our village fund.
To consider involving all households in a "Spring Watch" type survey.
To liaise with ORCC and local farmers/landowners.

3. St. Leonard's Church (**John and Stephanie Wilkinson**, Jane Harper)

Actions completed

a) Church income and expenditure stabilised following a reduction in Diocesan costs and through new and enhanced covenants.

b) Separate church building/heritage fund established.

New Action Plan

a) About £15,000 needed for restoration following the Quinquennial review. New covenants and legacy forms to be circulated. Fundraising suggestions and donations needed.

b) Need to encourage more people to attend services; otherwise, it is likely that the church will close and will not be available for future generations. Suggestions needed.

4. Internet speed and Mobile reception (**Rob Arthur and Mike Tyce**)

a) A Questionnaire has been sent to all those on the village e-mail network. Poor internet speeds are the current top concern within the Parish with 30/32 (94%) of households regarding this as very important. No hope of improvement to our current service until Ickford Exchange is upgraded. All households affected should contact, repeatedly, their internet provider to ask for their internet speeds to be improved. Several households have managed to improve their download speeds from 0.5 to 3.75 by this means.

b) To explore the feasibility of installing a high speed fibre-optic link from Tiddington with BT.

c) Rob Arthur has recently circulated a DIY guide re improving your mobile reception.

5. Energy saving and improving our carbon footprint

No progress made on the thermal imaging survey and project abandoned. Information however available about insulation, changing inefficient boilers and other issues via the Affordable Warmth Network with free tel. advice on 0800107 2044.

6. Litter and Environmental pollution (**Rosalind Portman & Lorna Arthur**)

a) Further contact to be made with Biffa (acting for SODC) (tel.03000 610610) re the unacceptable amount of litter/ rubbish at the sides of the A418, especially near the laybys at either side of the M40 junction roundabouts. Need for larger bins and more frequent emptying. Notices exhorting drivers to "take their rubbish home" are ineffective when many of the drivers come from abroad. The current state of our roadsides is unacceptable. (photographs required) (For immediate action.)

b) To continue to organise occasional clear-ups of our lane. (Ongoing; last clean-up on 14/03/15)

c) To report the regular littering of the ditch opposite the sewerage station with large quantities of discarded beer cans. ? Notice warning of possible prosecution. ?? Camera. (To report and investigate the legality and feasibility of the above solutions.)

7. Highway Issues (**Michael Tyce, John Wilkinson**)

Actions completed

A "Waterstock only" sign has been erected at the A418 turning.

New Action Plan

a) Potholes and eroded margins. Villagers please to report any potholes to OXCC Highways Dept. at highwayenquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk

b) Need for a warning sign on the Ickford Road re concealed/dangerous junction where Waterstock Lane meets the Ickford Road. (Approach OXCC Highways Department)

8. Parish Meeting process (**John Wilkinson. Mike Tyce**)

Action completed

JW confirms that we are compliant with Parish Meeting guidelines.

9. House signs. (See Q24 comments) (**John Wilkinson**)

Would all residents please ensure that their house name is visible from the road.

10. Housing/Planning (Parish Committee)

Preliminary expressions of housing need for two, small, (1-2) bedroom, owner occupied dwellings. To be further explored by the Parish Planning Committee over the next 12 months.

Appendix1

Waterstock village Demographic and Household Questionnaire: Jan 2010

Question 1. How many people, including children, normally live in your house? 29 out of 34 household replied

Question 2. Please enter the number of people in your household in each age group

Age	Male	Female
0-5 years	1	1
5-10 yrs	0	0
10-15 yrs	2	0
15-20 yrs	1	4
20-25 yrs	2	3
25-45 yrs	3	6
45-60 yrs	7	10
60-65 yrs	5	4
65-70 yrs	3	4
70-80 yrs	3	1
80-90 yrs	1	3
90 yrs +	0	0

Question 3. What type of dwelling do you live in?

Detached House	15
Semi-detached House	5
Terraced House	2
Bungalow	1
Flat/Maisonette	4
Other (Converted barns)	2

Question 4. When was your House built?

13th Century (i.e.1200-1299 A.D.)	1
14th Century	0
15th Century	1
16th Century	2
17th Century	6
18th Century	4
19th Century	5
1900-1950	0
1950-2000	8
Since 2000	0

Question 5. Is your property?

Freehold/owner occupier	26

Leasehold	0
Rented	3
Your main residence	22
A week-end / holiday cottage	1
Other	1
Not answered	5

Question 6. What type of sewage disposal system do you use?

Main drains	25
Septic tank	5

Question 7 a). Do you have problems with surface water or storm drainage?

Many problems	1
Some problems	11
No problems	16
Not answered	1

Question 7 b). if problems, are these in

your garden?	7
in road adjacent to your house?	7
elsewhere?	2
not answered	1

Comments; blocked soak away on access path / flooding at Mill end/Mill

Question 8. Has your house been flooded in the last 10 years?

Yes 2

Question 9 a. How many people in your household are in the following groups?

Pre-School	2	(Ickford)
Play Group	0	
Nursery School	0	
Primary School	0	
Middle School	0	
Secondary School	5	(Oxford, Headington, Wheatley)
Sixth Form College	0	
University	8	
Training Courses	0	
Other education	0	

Question 9 b.

Employed	11
Self-employed	10
Part-time employed	5
Part-time self employed	1
Not employed	0
Full time Housewife/Carer/House husband	5
Retired	10
Voluntary worker/unpaid employment	2

Question 10. Do your children travel to school by?

Bus	1
Family car	3
Shared car	0
Taxi	2

Question 11. How many cars does your household own/use?

0	1
1	10
2	7
3	8
4	2

Question 12. What is your principal source of home heating?

Mains gas	0
Electricity	5
Wood	6
Liquid petroleum gas (LPG)	6
Oil	15
Coal/coke/smokeless fuel	4

Question 13. Are you happy with the new household refuse collection arrangements?

Yes	27
No	0

Comment; availability of smaller bins

Question 14. Are current internet speeds adequate for your needs?

Adequate	12
Inadequate	13

Question 15 a) If mains gas were to be available, would you like to be connected? 24 out of 34 households replied

Yes	13
No	11

Question 15 b) How much would you be prepared to pay for this?

Nothing	10
Up to £1000	7
Up to £5000	2

Question 16 a) Would you like overhead electricity lines to be put underground? 24 out of 34 households replied

Yes	15
No	3

Question 16 b) How much would you be prepared to pay for this?

Nothing	15
Up to £1000	5
Up to £5000	1