

Gislingham Parish Council

(CIL)

Community Infrastructure Levy Consultation Summary

2019

Consultation on Infrastructure Spending Priorities

A questionnaire was given to every household in the parish of Gislingham in October 2018. The purpose of the questionnaire was to canvas the opinion of everyone in the village so that the Parish Council can identify and prioritise future infrastructure spending. Residents were asked to select no more than ten items from a list of infrastructure options and be mindful of infrastructure that could be impacted by future development in the parish. Residents were also given a page to make comments. Responses were received from 151 households.

The table below lists the infrastructure item by order of the percentage of choices by residents. The comments from the highest priorities have been summarised where there is a range of comments, to help inform the development of the infrastructure investment development plan.

| Infrastructure item | Example | % of choices | Summary of comments |
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| Post Office facilities | Provision of funding | 9% | Second Post Box needed (23 comments) Need a Post Office (16 comments) Reinstate the Post van (10 comments) Post Office in shop (7 comments) Lack of facilities (1 comment) |
| Highways | Minor Repairs | 7% | Repair potholes (43 comments) Maintenance (6 comments) Ditches and drains (4 comments) Verges (2 comments) Resurfacing (2 comments) Pavements (2 comments) Speeding (1 comment) Mill Street pavement (1 comment) |
| Health and Emergency Services | Funding of First Responder | 4% | |
| Community/Public Transport | Provision | 4% | More bus services (27 comments) Shelter/bench (2 comments) More information (1 comment) |
| Footpaths and Bridleways | Additional Maintenance | 4% | Maintenance/clear of vegetation (15 comments) Pavements (4 comments) Away from traffic (2 comments) Path on Mill Street (2 comments) Signage (2 comments) Other (2 comments) |
| Village Hall | Funding for new village Hall | 4% | |
| Mobile Phone Coverage | Improve Coverage and Signal | 4% | |

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| Community / Public Transport (Improvement) | Improvement | 3% | |
| Traffic Control | Additional Speed Indicator | 3% | |
| Broadband | Improved Broadband | 3% | |
| General Comments | | 2% | |
| Land Purchase & Development Provision of: | Affordable housing | 2% | |
| Land Purchase & Development Provision of: | Housing for elderly/sheltered housing | 2% | |
| Village Hall | Specific Project Funding | 2% | |
| Traffic Control | Extra Speed Watch Location | 2% | |
| Traffic Control | Other | 2% | |
| Waste Management | Additional Dog Waste Bins | 2% | |
| Social Groups and Activities funding for: | Gislingham Silver Band | 2% | |
| Open Spaces | Provision/Maintenance of play equipment | 2% | |
| Open Spaces | Other | 1% | |
| Open Spaces | Provision/Maintenance of skate park | 1% | |
| Open Spaces | Provision/Maintenance of Flower Beds | 1% | |
| Health and Emergency Services | Satellite Health Services | 1% | |
| Village Hall | Provision of Equipment | 1% | |
| Village Hall | Other | 1% | |
| Community/Public Transport | Provision of Bus Shelters | 1% | |
| Traffic Control | Speed Watch Equipment | 1% | |
| Road Signage | Provision or improvement | 1% | |
| Road Signage | Repair | 1% | |
| Road Signage | Cleaning | 1% | |
| Road Signage | Other | 1% | |
| Street Lighting | Additional Provision | 1% | |
| Waste Management | Additional Litter Bins | 1% | |
| Waste Management | Recycling Bins | 1% | |

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| Parish Church and Cemetery | Maintenance of Memorials | 1% | |
| Village Store | Notice Board Maintenance | 1% | |
| Primary School and Playgroup | Funding New/Extended School | 1% | |
| Primary School and Playgroup | Provision of Equipment | 1% | |
| Social Groups and Activities funding for: | Variety Club | 1% | |
| Crime Prevention | Funding for PCSO | 1% | |
| Crime Prevention | Funding for Community Warden | 1% | |
| Social Groups and Activities funding for: | Friends of St. Mary's | 1% | |
| Social Groups and Activities funding for: | Friends of Gislingham School | 1% | |
| Social Groups and Activities funding for: | Regular Coffee Mornings | 1% | |
| Social Groups and Activities funding for: | Educational Classes | 1% | |
| Sports & Gym Facilities/ Provision of External/ Internal Facilities & Equipment for: | Gym | 1% | |
| Sports & Gym Facilities/ Provision of External/ Internal Facilities & Equipment for: | Multiuse sports | 1% | |
| Land Purchase & Development Provision of: | Green Energy Supply (Solar, Wind etc) | 1% | |
| Land Purchase & Development Provision of: | Other | 1% | |
| Social Groups and Activities funding for: | Entertainment (Films etc) | 1% | |
| Open Spaces | Development for Recreational Purposes | 0% | |
| Land Purchase & Development Provision of: | Small business premises | 0% | |
| Sports & Gym Facilities/ Provision of External/ Internal Facilities & Equipment for: | Other | 0% | |

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| Sports & Gym Facilities/ Provision of External/ Internal Facilities & Equipment for: | Football | 0% | |
| Sports & Gym Facilities/ Provision of External/ Internal Facilities & Equipment for: | Rugby | 0% | |
| Sports & Gym Facilities/ Provision of External/ Internal Facilities & Equipment for: | Cricket | 0% | |
| Sports & Gym Facilities/ Provision of External/ Internal Facilities & Equipment for: | Tennis | 0% | |
| Health and Emergency services | Additional Defibrillator | 0% | |
| Health and Emergency Services | Other | 0% | |
| Social Groups and Activities funding for: | Arts and Crafts | 0% | |
| Social Groups and Activities funding for: | Book Club | 0% | |
| Social Groups and Activities funding for: | Hiking Club | 0% | |
| Social Groups and Activities funding for: | Other | 0% | |
| Social Groups and Activities funding for: | Gislingham Wives | 0% | |
| Crime Prevention | Other | 0% | |
| Social Groups and Activities funding for: | Women's Institute | 0% | |
| Social Groups and Activities funding for: | Jubilee Singers | 0% | |
| Social Groups and Activities funding for: | Village Bell Ringers | 0% | |
| Primary School and Playgroup | Specific Project Funding | 0% | |
| Primary School and Playgroup | Other | 0% | |
| Village Store | Other | 0% | |
| Community/Public Transport | Other | 0% | |

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| Parish Church and Cemetery | Other | 0% | |
| Allotments | Additional Provision | 0% | |
| Libraries | Provision | 0% | |
| Libraries | Improvement to Mobile Service | 0% | |

1. Consultation of organisations

A letter was sent to each organisation in the parish of Gislingham in October 2018. The table below details the response to be considered when prioritising the allocation of funding in the parish.

| Organisation | Comments regarding CIL expenditure |
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| Gislingham Primary School Governors | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contribution to the fencing of the new area of field when the footpath has moved and fencing some of the existing school grounds to safeguard children - All season running facility |
| Gislingham Silver Band | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding towards new Band Hut |
| Gislingham Variety Club | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sound equipment - Mirror ball and spotlight - LED light units - Mobile staging - Village hall extension with dressing room and storage - Commercial cooker and dishwasher - New rails for full stage curtains - Radio mics and wireless microphone system - Stage slats and blue lighting |
| Village Hall | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Internal wall cladding - Lobby floor covering - Kitchen floor tiles - Replacement large tables - Screen for the projector - Commercial dishwasher - Catering oven - Portable sound system - New internal noticeboards - Hearing loop |
| Speedwatch | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Another permanent SID in Thornham Road adjacent to the new housing development facing east - A CSW site at the same location as above - Traffic calming measures in Mill Street - Repair of lay-by used by CSW team - Provision of new/enhanced speed gun |
| Neighbourhood Watch | |

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| Gislingham Playgroup | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Contribution to new climbing frame- Defibrillator- Dog waste bins- Speed signs and restrictions near school- Post office in shop- SID on Mill Street to improve safety due to lack of footpaths |
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2. Results of Community Consultation on Infrastructure Spending Priorities – with full comments

The table below contains all the comments from the questionnaire used for the community consultation on Infrastructure Spending Priorities.

| Infrastructure Item | Example | Total Choices | % of Choices | Number of Comments | Comments |
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| Highways | Minor Repairs | 75 | 7% | 58 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Potholes should be repaired quicker 2. More resurfacing - avoid conditions where potholes form 3. Deep pothole next to Oak Farm opposite converted barn. Several potholes on Mill Street going west and near 30mph limit. 4. Pavement in Mill Street as there has been building here, provision is needed for children to walk to school or village centre. 5. Potholes dangerous when cycling. 6. Potholes mill street. 7. There are a few deep holes at the edge of the road near the new development in Mill Street. 8. Large deep potholes on Mill Street past Viking Close towards B1113 Finningham Road. 9. Potholes cause physical damage to cars/vehicles. |

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| | | | | <p>Vehicles to swerve - danger to all road users. Danger to cyclists.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. More work is required on potholes and other road imperfections. 11. Unblock drains on Mill Street and potholes. 12. Potholes need repairing to avoid damage. Better drainage of surface water. 13. Local roads in dreadful condition with potholes. 14. The two main roads in Gislingham are in a bad state of repair, particularly Mill Street and outside the Six Bells. Potholes even though reported are not repaired. 15. Narrow roads need extra attention to edges even minor potholes. No pavements. 16. County Council responsibility? 17. Potholes everywhere! 18. Blocked drains and ditches not checked out for over two years. 19. Affects so many. Roads in a shocking condition. 20. To repair some potholes on Mill Street as this is the busiest road and as it is straight with speeding issues. |
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| | | | | | <p>21. Keep repairs local. Not the A14.</p> <p>22. Minor potholes overlooked by CC but cause problems for cyclists.</p> <p>23. Potholes!</p> <p>24. Highway responsibility.</p> <p>25. In Mill Street potholes which are a danger to drivers and cyclists.</p> <p>26. Drain into moat by Pear Close too high, so water pass by drain and run-down Pear Close with heavy rain fall.</p> <p>27. Danger to cyclists. Potholes in roads and sides of roads.</p> <p>28. Potholes and crumbling roadsides. Back St. Finningham Rd. Mill St. High St.</p> <p>29. Necessary but only if MSDC won't fund it. Properly resurfaced not patched or gravelled over.</p> <p>30. Especially on the road from the church to the shop.</p> <p>31. One look at the state of High Street and Mill Street should justify this choice!</p> <p>32. Not letting holes become too big that they become dangerous.</p> <p>33. There are a lot of potholes around the village which need attention.</p> <p>34. Potholes to be repaired and verges cut.</p> |
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| | | | | <p>35. The potholes in our roads are a disgrace. Repairs are needed now.</p> <p>36. Repair of potholes that have become an actual hazard because of size/depth/location.</p> <p>37. There are so many potholes, driving can be quite dangerous. I've already had another car crash into me trying to avoid a pothole and lost my wing mirror.</p> <p>38. Trying to avoid potholes with oncoming traffic is dangerous.</p> <p>39. Minor repairs are required. E.g. potholes on Mill Street towards B113.</p> <p>40. Potholes!</p> <p>41. Particularly notice for potholes near village hall on Burgate Road.</p> <p>42. Repair potholes in village properly as some are repaired and soon reappear.</p> <p>43. Potholes need attention - a menace to motorists and cyclists.</p> <p>44. Potholes cause damage to our vehicles. Also, they force vehicles into the middle of the road which is dangerous for oncoming traffic.</p> <p>45. Potholes in High Street done properly not just temporary.</p> |
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| | | | | | <p>46. Regular inspection of repairs. Example. Road outside the pub.</p> <p>47. Potholes</p> <p>48. Responsibility of the Highway Authority.</p> <p>49. Potholes</p> <p>50. Increase in housing = +vehicles hence damage to road etc.</p> <p>51. Fill in potholes just before turning left into Broadfields Road from main road.</p> <p>52. Free up water gullies for drainage.</p> <p>53. Keeping potholes at a minimum.</p> <p>54. Before they become major repairs.</p> <p>55. Badly needs doing due to danger to cyclists and pedestrians and car damage.</p> <p>56. Potholes near the church on the bend.</p> <p>57. Potholes.</p> <p>58. Potholes on roads out of village, i.e. Mellis and Burgate Road.</p> <p>59. Repair of holes. Remove weeds when resurfacing.</p> <p>60. As the council can't be bothered, maybe some could get fixed - PROPERLY! Mill Street.</p> |
| Road Signage | | 7 | 1% | 6 | 1. Footpaths at side of road or verges. |

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| | Provision or Improvement | | | | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Signage required for village amenities. 3. Highway responsibility. 4. Many are old and need replacing. 5. The village would be greatly improved with the removal of pointless footpath signs. 6. Current speed signs seem to fade. 7. Speed and safety indicators. The village is expanding but there seems to be little thought on controlling the extra traffic. |
| | Repair | 8 | 1% | 6 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. County Council responsibility? 2. The school signage is very poor - rather than buy a new one could the ones for the old Steiner school be relocated and reused - much cheaper. 3. Highway responsibility. 4. Road signage in the village is looking old, tired and faded. School sign cannot be read. How about "Gislingham welcomes careful drivers" sign. 5. School sign unreadable. 6. Trim back branches off signs. 7. Sign at end of Mill Street needs repair. Does not indicate way to Diss. |

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| | | | | | 8. School sign on the High Street. |
| | Cleaning | 13 | 1% | 6 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More regular, not just on litter pick days. 2. Highway responsibility. 3. Maintain visibility. 4. Yes. 5. Yes, and keep them looking fresh and welcoming. 6. All signs in the village need a good clean so that visitor's delivery drivers etc can see where they are supposed to go. 7. Could this not be done with volunteers like the litter picking? I'm game. |
| | Other | 6 | 1% | 6 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Weight restrictions to limit HGVs cutting through village from A143 to A140. 2. Extend the 30mph limit on the Finningham Road to beyond Back Street. 3. New type signs have funded and need to be replaced. 4. Installation of speed bumps or other calming measures. 5. Icy road warning sign for Thornham Road especially as loads of houses going up there. 6. Village signs maybe at triangle to school. Shop, church, charity meadow. |
| Traffic Control | | 28 | 3% | 20 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I have notices that when the single device is transferred, |

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| | Additional Speed Indicator | | | | <p>people just drive faster on the removed route i.e. Mill Street.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. For Thornham entrance into the village. 3. Better coverage of main village roads. 4. It's enforcement of the speed restrictions that is required. 5. With smiley and sad face. 6. Anything to slow speeding traffic. 7. Needs to be sited on Thornham Road prior to entering the village. 8. I think these devices jolt memories. 9. Another S ID at Thornham Road adjacent to new housing development facing east. 10. On High Street where speeding is commonplace. 11. From Six Bells towards Finningham. There is a lot of speeding on this stretch of road. 12. One at either end of location not just at one end or the other. 13. To be placed on all major roads entering the village. 14. There should be adequate protection at the three main entries to the village to improve safety for |
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| | | | | | <p>pedestrians, cyclists and dog walkers.</p> <p>15. Think the one we have made a difference but feel one is needed near entry to village at Thornham end to permanently remind drivers to slow down, so at least 1 more if not 2 would be helpful.</p> <p>16. Thornham Road/Mill Street.</p> <p>17. Devices at entrances to village.</p> <p>18. One of those with a smiley face, much better than having someone aiming a gun at you!!</p> <p>19. Broadfields Road to School 20mph limit.</p> <p>20. Needed from bridge - Thornham Road, High Street and Finningham Road to village boundary.</p> |
| | Speed watch Equipment | 12 | 1% | 7 | <p>1. Lack of footpaths to school that are suitable in the winter. I was really thrilled seeing the speed watch team on school run. We recently moved in and I believe this is money well spent.</p> <p>2. Coming in on Thornham Road and approaching 30mph before new development.</p> <p>3. Accidental speeding is common in residential areas and this really helps to reduce speed.</p> |

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| | | | | | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Speed indicator with smiley/sad face? 5. New updated speed gun. 6. A permanent speed watch service. 7. Only if enforceable. 8. From Six Bells towards Finningham. There is a lot of speeding on this stretch of road. 9. New speed recorder required that records speed and number plate. 10. Am still surprised how fast some cars go. 11. Permanent down Mill Street. |
| | Extra Speed watch Location | 16 | 2% | 16 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coming in on Thornham Road and approaching 30mph before new development. 2. Different locations. Drivers know only in Mill Street currently. 3. Nearer to speed limit signs. There are a few whose speed is excessive 50mph+. I think volunteers should be valued; I would volunteer. 4. Thornham Road. 5. As with SID above - Another SID at Thornham Road adjacent to new housing development facing east. Would require police approval - maybe layby construction. 6. On High Street. |

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| | | | | | <p>7. From Six Bells towards Finningham. There is a lot of speeding on this stretch of road.</p> <p>8. From Broadfields Road to Back Street with device at both ends.</p> <p>9. Thornham Road has become a racetrack. Numerous cars are vastly exceeding the speed limit.</p> <p>10. Speed watch in High Street.</p> <p>11. Have only seen speed watch in Mill St. Drivers travelling in / out village on the Thornham Road exceed speed limits.</p> <p>12. High Street (most cars and tractors speeding).</p> <p>13. On Thornham Road or High Street.</p> <p>14. Approach to village via Thornham Road - some drivers speed in excess of 50mph.</p> <p>15. With the increase of housing, there will be more cars using village roads we need to remind villagers of the 30mph limit.</p> <p>16. Thornham Road coming into village (20mph limit)</p> <p>17. Needed from bridge - Thornham Road, High Street and Finningham Road to village boundary.</p> |
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| | Other | 20 | 2% | 18 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Road narrowing in Mill Street at Leys Farm to slow traffic entering residential area from B1113. 2. To provide traffic calming for Mill Street i.e. Speed bumps. 3. Re Mill Street, they start to late and miss the 'rat run'. 4. Traffic calming measures on Mill Street, speed bumps, islands or whatever. 5. Traffic calming measures in Mill Street. Repair of layby currently used by CSW team in Mill Street (floods!). 6. Traffic calming measures in Mill Street. This is becoming a cut through for HGVs and frequently has speeding vehicles (mostly outside of the time for speed watch). 7. Permanent extension to speed limit (30mph) on Finningham Road. Increase in number of residences between Rectory and last bungalow make driveway exits more hazardous to residents. 8. Calming measures. 9. Polite signs e.g Speed Kills / Thank you for careful driving - more required to approach roads into village particularly in Mill Street. 10. Traffic calming. |
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| | | | | | <p>11. Speed watch not 24/7. Need a sleeping policeman or reduced road width on dangerous points in the road. Near Little Green/Viking Close for example.</p> <p>12. I would like to see speed restraint measures such as gateway treatments, chicanes, rumble strips etc to designate the village boundary.</p> <p>13. Traffic calming.</p> <p>14. More or extra provision for school parking as residents in Broadfields Road find it difficult to access their driveways at drop off/pick up.</p> <p>15. High speed vehicles going through village in the night - noisy and unsocial.</p> <p>16. More speed control required throughout the village- so whatever is necessary to invest in.</p> <p>17. Could traffic calming measures be put in place to actively slow traffic down in the areas renowned for people speeding e.g. Mill Street, Thornham Road? Such as road narrowing?</p> <p>18. The Hog Roast van removed from the junction of</p> |
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| | | | | | <p>Broadfields Road (accident waiting to happen).</p> <p>19. Traffic calming Mill Street Thornham Road High Street and Finningham Road. New housing will increase problems.</p> |
| Footpaths & Bridleways | Additional Maintenance | 39 | 4% | 26 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Keeping footpaths clear and buggy friendly if possible. 2. Footpath sign near church. 3. To consider improvements to footpaths in the village to enable less mobile and disabled villagers to leave their homes more safely. 4. Keeping pathways clear and well-marked. 5. Footpath parallel to Mill Street that runs through glade behind houses - brambles, overhanging etc. Footpath opposite Viking Close. 6. We need more clearance of hedges etc. Once a year is not sufficient. 7. Who is responsible for borders of footpaths next to their land? 8. Paths near school and footpath from Mill Street to Martin's Meadow have cracks/bumps, uneven, my daughter finds walking/running here very difficult and often trips |

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| | | | | <p>over. Hedging needs cutting more often.</p> <p>9. Important for all age groups.</p> <p>10. Regular maintenance.</p> <p>11. Especially in regard to signage. SCC have downgraded this to low priority which means it won't get done!</p> <p>12. Make sure paths are replaced after ploughing.</p> <p>13. Footpaths and bridleways are poorly maintained by the council. Much better maintenance is required.</p> <p>14. Often footpaths are overgrown making walking along them hard. Signs are not always evident. Farmers can be slow to put footpath back after ploughing.</p> <p>15. Yes. Footpaths in Broadfields need a lot of attention.</p> <p>16. With increased road traffic, these are more important so people can walk and ride safely.</p> <p>17. Footpaths need cutting back on more regular basis.</p> <p>18. Broken slabs and overgrown verges.</p> <p>19. Some are impassable.</p> <p>20. Not maintained regularly at the moment.</p> <p>21. Some are well kept - others need more attention.</p> |
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| | | | | | <p>22. Re overgrown hedges near shop over footpath dangerous to children and people.</p> <p>23. Work on muddy pathways improve with hardcore and crushed rubber type surface.</p> <p>24. Footpaths need to be kept clear of overgrowth.</p> <p>25. These are used by a lot of people, however there are several occasions where parts are difficult to walk through as they become overgrown and not regularly maintained.</p> <p>26. Footpath needed on Mill Street.</p> <p>27. Possible provision of footpaths, especially for children, given extra traffic from new housing.</p> |
| Community/ Public Transport | Provision | 38 | 4% | 27 | <p>1. Reliable bus service needed. Co-ordinated with wider infrastructure and needs.</p> <p>2. Reinstate bus service to Diss.</p> <p>3. A difficult problem to solve but would be great if regular service could be available to all i.e. with ramps / platform lift on regular service.</p> <p>4. Regular buses to varied destinations. Many residents need public transport to improve their quality of life.</p> |

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| | | | | | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. A more convenient bus service to local towns. 6. Vital to maintain best possible for retired/older residents - no longer able to drive. 7. What bus service. 8. Regular and frequent bus service for use by commuters to Ipswich, Norwich and Bury St Edmunds to reduce traffic, congestion and CO2 emissions. 9. Don't use it. 10. Saturday bus to Bury. 11. Community transport to help people get to doctors/hospital visits etc. 12. There is virtually no bus service at sensible times - shopping in Diss or Eye is difficult because of tying in with suitable bus to village. 13. The current limited services are not adequate. 14. Public/community transport is extremely poor for anyone working in nearby towns - it is virtually impossible to get there. Transport often late or doesn't turn up. 15. It would help youngsters to get a job or stay in the village and older people, but it needs to be regular and |
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| | | | | <p>allow time to complete a day's work and shop.</p> <p>16. With a growing older population providing more public transport is necessary.</p> <p>17. Funding to support demand responsive services to supplement the poor (infrequent) route to Stowmarket and Diss.</p> <p>18. Bus service to Diss.</p> <p>19. Bus routes.</p> <p>20. Bus to Eye for 6th form students no school bus unless you pay extortionate fee - this is a travesty! Rural areas should have means of getting to school £220 per term!!!!</p> <p>21. More information on times and services.</p> <p>22. Transport to Diss and Eye would be useful.</p> <p>23. The public transport in the village is deplorable in view of new houses and an aging population. More regular services needed.</p> <p>24. Some form of transport to enable young and non-drivers to get to Diss, Stowmarket for work or leisure.</p> <p>25. Reinstate bus to Stowmarket.</p> |
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| | | | | | <p>26. Currently lack of public transport to access Diss/Eye/Stowmarket.</p> <p>27. A proper bus service once or twice a week for shopping. You can't take a trolley on the minibus.</p> <p>28. Bus shelters in the village would benefit a lot of people.</p> <p>29. Cut back tree branches to allow current light to light up areas not tree branches.</p> <p>30. Seat bench.</p> |
| | Improvement | 27 | 3% | 23 | <p>1. A village plan is required for regular bus services.</p> <p>2. Regular small bus service to Diss and Bury St Edmunds.</p> <p>3. Bring the bus back.</p> <p>4. The provision is very poor and disadvantages those wishing to travel to work, colleges etc.</p> <p>5. There is a limited bus service which doesn't suit.</p> <p>6. A bus at WORK HOURS to give non drivers a chance of finding employment.</p> <p>7. Local community transport inadequate and additional funding and support from district is essential.</p> <p>8. Parish minibus for use by Gislingham residents. Have named drivers and residents join 'Mini-bus' club to</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>access. Could have shopping trips etc every so often. Van and tax etc paid for from funds. Current public transport almost useless.</p> <p>9. Funding to improve bus service.</p> <p>10. Additional larger bus to and from Stowmarket maybe twice a week as well as small bus on other days and one into Diss that you can use bus passes on.</p> <p>11. Bus service in limited.</p> <p>12. Current service requires additional service during day - night.</p> <p>13. Currently there is a very restricted provision of accessible public transport for our substantial community.</p> <p>14. Do not use at present, understand the bus companies have stopped service. Need a proper service.</p> <p>15. Vital for those with lack of transport. MORE INFORMATION MADE EASILY AVAILABLE PLEASE.</p> <p>16. Fewer cars being used - single transport system will enable public to utilise single transport.</p> <p>17. Not everybody able to drive.</p> |
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| | | | | | <p>18. The present community bus is not user friendly for pushchairs and wheelchairs.</p> <p>19. Currently lack of public transport to access Diss/Eye/Stowmarket.</p> <p>20. Current minibus is not suitable for the elderly or those with mobility issues or pushchairs.</p> |
| | Provision of Bus Shelters | 11 | 1% | 9 | <p>1. A shelter and hard standing at only stop in village.</p> <p>2. Only if additional services are provided suggest expanding route along Mill Street.</p> <p>3. Opposite the village shop.</p> <p>4. Not enough buses to warrant shelters.</p> <p>5. For the protection of those waiting for transport.</p> <p>6. Include improved access to bus stops on high street, especially provide an adequate footway to the southbound stop, which is currently unsafe.</p> <p>7. Bus shelter opposite village stores would be useful for those who regularly catch the bus especially in winter.</p> |
| | Other | 3 | 0% | 2 | <p>1. Larger buses - cannot take trolleys etc on our small bus. Also bus to doctors.</p> <p>2. Buses at moment do not allow for time for appointments at</p> |

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| Street Lighting | Additional Provision | 7 | 1% | 6 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Make it safer to walk in village at night. 2. There are some very dark areas so extra lighting would be of benefit. 3. Definitely not, this is a village not a town. 4. Better lighting on High Street, just south of the junction with Mill Street. Also, less 'dark spots' on Mill Street. 5. Need more street lighting. 6. NO 7. Streetlamp between Broadfields Road and hill down to village hall. Really dark. |
| Waste Management | Additional Litter Bins | 8 | 1% | 6 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Encourage residents not to litter! 2. Will people use them? 3. Increase of village population = more litter. 4. We need to encourage children in the village in particular to stop littering. Bins plus a set of stickers would help. 5. Additional litter bins on the charity meadow might encourage people not to drop litter. |
| | Recycling Bins | 11 | 1% | 7 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Near shop or village hall. 2. Easier access to use of present glass recycling bins - |

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| | | | | | <p>danger of parking on bend in road.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Glass recycling in village. 4. Improvement find a new site. 5. It would be good to have recycle bins for cardboard also for batteries (but don't know where they could be located). 6. Possibly located at back of village hall car park. 7. Resite at village hall as restricted access at pub. Additional paper, plastics etc. |
| | Additional Dog Waste Bins | 24 | 2% | 18 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Move the one so it's not outside the school. More in village, up the charity meadow and Burgate Hill. 2. Appears to be many dogs in the village need extra waste bins. 3. Mellis Road. 4. Bin near footpath and Mellis Road. Bin now gone from Thornham Road? 5. Changed mind. The problem is not the number of bins, it's the owners and so number of bins will not correct this. 6. More bins may encourage owners to dispose properly!!! 7. No, Gisligham residents don't use them, looking at |

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| | | | | | <p>the state of the pavements. Or site them every 25 yards throughout the village.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Could be emptied more frequently. 9. Have noticed resident report on telegraph pole in Mill Street relating to dog-fouling. 10. Let's encourage dog owners to clear up. Maybe a bag dispenser as well? 11. More dog waste bins and bags supplied as well. 12. The one on High Street opposite the pub is overflowing. 13. The amount of dog poo over the park and on walk is very bad (having said this the dog owners should pick it up in the first place). 14. I think the one outside the school should be moved it smells and is not pleasant for the mums and children being dropped off and picked up. 15. More are required or more frequent emptying instead. 16. More bins required. 17. Kitchen and additional bins as currently those in place are often full before the end of the week. 18. People either leaving dog waste or bagging it and |
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| | | | | | <p>throwing it is an issue. Having more of these may help.</p> <p>19. Dog waste bin needs to be removed from outside of school to be put at top of footpath on charity meadow and more provided around village.</p> |
| Parish Church & Cemetery | Maintenance of Memorials | 8 | 1% | 4 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. War memorial already maintained by Parish Council. 2. The church is a village asset and a social gathering space. 3. To keep graveyard in good order. 4. A matter of respect. 5. Part of the heritage of the village. |
| | Other | 4 | 0% | 4 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grass cut by arrangement with Parish Council. 2. Parish Church needs kitchenette to enable more activities to help raise vital funds for maintenance. 3. As part of our history, this should be supported. 4. Provision of parking layby outside church to alleviate cars parking on road close to Mellis junction. 5. Disabled access to Memorial/grounds. |
| Village Store | Noticeboard Maintenance | 10 | 1% | 5 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do we need two so close? 2. All noticeboards are looking shabby including outside the |

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| | | | | | <p>village hall - need to be bigger.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Seen by everybody. Needs to be improved. 4. Importance of info of local events. 5. Current board is unsightly and does not present a reasonable image of the community. |
| | Other | 8 | 1% | 7 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Store facility. Very important part of our community. 2. Assistance with reinstatement of Post Office. 3. Financial if necessary, to maintain a shop in the village. 4. Post office providing proprietors agree. 5. It is essential that we keep and value our village store particularly as the village is expanding. 6. Post Office to be located in shop. |
| Primary School & Playgroup | | 14 | 1% | 11 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We must do this. 2. The school has no library as space was needed for classrooms - this is such a basic requirement and with more children attending - a much needed resource. 3. The school can apply to the CIL funding as it is part of an academy trust. |

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| | Funding New/Extended School | | | | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Need the extra space. The school has a large number of pupils. 5. Funding for a car park for the school to ease traffic congestion for local residents on the charity's meadow. 6. My comment here is - shouldn't this be funded by the council? 7. Some evening activities for teenagers. 8. With the new houses being built within the village there could be insufficient places for new school years. 9. Additional dwellings will lead to higher numbers attending primary school and our school needs to be capable of accommodating our village children. 10. With the new large development on the Thornham Road, I imagine the school could soon be not big enough. 11. Would be nice to give playgroup something they wouldn't otherwise be able to afford. 12. School full need spaces for all new houses being built. 13. Especially as there is additional housing. |
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| | | | | | <p>14. The school already had money for the 3 extra classrooms it has had already. Playgroup is charity run needs funding to keep the provision running for future children. The playgroup needs funding for resources to extend children's physical play.</p> <p>15. As numbers of pupils continue to rise, the school will need to expand, and more teachers and equipment will be needed.</p> |
| | Specific Project Funding | 4 | 0% | 3 | <p>1. Help with equipment which is being funded through fundraising.</p> <p>2. The school and playgroup are already a very good school that provides the children within the village with excellent opportunities but by funding projects and providing updated or new equipment will help the school maintain this excellent provision for future.</p> <p>3. Internal decoration (walls) urgently needed.</p> <p>4. Reroute public footpath at rear of school to run around external perimeter instead. Fence around this area to assist in safeguarding children.</p> |

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| | | | | | 5. Redecorating. |
| | Provision of Equipment | 9 | 1% | 7 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The playgroup fund raises for itself so would appreciate extra money. 2. Essential equipment is required which the school cannot afford. But I would have thought they have a surplus of funds of their own? 3. Covered cycle storage at school would be good. 4. Playschool outdoor equipment needed. 5. Make all weather running facilities for use at school and out of school activities. |
| | Other | 3 | 0% | 3 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Additional equipment to assist the transition from playgroup to reception class so reading materials, teaching aids etc. |
| Village Hall | | 44 | 4% | 23 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New kitchen equipment and refurbish and redesign. 2. Important for community projects. 3. There is a lot of demand for village hall but the current hall doesn't offer what neighbouring village halls can so I believe the VH is losing out on bookings and could be so much better. 4. Improve and update facilities or towards new village hall. |

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| | <p>Funding for New Village Hall</p> | | | | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Cost of professional assistance? 6. This is probably the heart of the community and is used more than anything else in the village. 7. The current hall is showing its age. It can only be used by one group at a time. A new hall could have more rooms, allowing multiple activities concurrently. 8. Getting past its 'sell by date'. 9. A new village hall would benefit the entire village. It is in desperate need of improvement, in size and facilities with more residents, a new and improved village hall is long overdue. 10. Inadequate for future people due to housing development. 11. Good idea. 12. New village hall is needed. 13. The current village hall is an eye sore in the village. It's dated and run down. A modern cleaner hall will attract more bookings too. 14. Or to extend it. 15. The number of village residents would lead to a community centre. Our village hall has done us well, |
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| | | | | | <p>but it is dated and outgrown.</p> <p>16. Would benefit lots of people - not just young or old.</p> <p>17. Should be the centre for the whole community. Should be 'green' for energy.</p> <p>18. The present village hall needs updating and more provision e.g. small meeting room.</p> <p>19. Current hall no longer fit for purpose in today's age. Needs to be on playing field.</p> <p>20. Always used by lots of organisations and hub of village.</p> <p>21. Absolutely - about time!</p> <p>22. More widely used by people and people further afield. If it was bigger and modern.</p> <p>23. Needs to be fit for purpose. Groups such as Silver Band, W.I. Jubilee Singers - practice/meeting room, lots of storage and equipped kitchen.</p> <p>24. The village hall should have been built when the school was built in early 2000 (committee at the time made the wrong decision).</p> |
| | Specific Project Funding | 19 | 2% | 16 | <p>1. As committee see fit.</p> <p>2. I think a lock up shed type building to store play equipment to baby and</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>toddler group etc would be good as not enough storage.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Hub of the community any improvements will increase usage. 4. WIFI availability. 5. As and when needed. 6. To improve the village hall. 7. Funding for regular craft fayres 8. This is an invaluable village resource - need specific funding to assist with maintenance and repairs and extending the facilities. We understand the village hall would not be eligible to be rebuilt as it is in reasonably good state, which is a shame as a modern, eco-friendly rebuild would be a great asset to the village. 9. Refurbishment of kitchen to catering standard. This is a community asset used by many groups so equipment needs to be substantial perhaps would book for more private things and thus more income for maintenance. 10. Refurbishment 11. Side extension? For storage space or silver band use. 12. New kitchen needed. Village Hall important as a hub for community activities. |
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| | | | | | 13. Kitchen refurbishment with further decoration of the hall, the hall is used by most of the villagers and organisations mentioned in this survey. |
| | Provision of Equipment | 10 | 1% | 6 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Espresso coffee machine. 2. Funding towards general upgrades and improvement. 3. New screen and projector. 4. Kitchen etc 5. Village hall urgently needs safe access steps to stage current units either no handrails or just one loose wooden one. 6. Could there be a projector, screen and sound system installed to enable presentations to be delivered well. This could also be used to develop a film screening club like what they have at Thornham Village Hall which proves popular and can generate another source of income for the village hall. |
| | Other | 11 | 1% | 10 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Village Hall is a very important facility so would support funding maintenance. Improvements project or equipment funding. 2. Updating. Decorating throughout. Subdued lighting. |

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| | | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Convert village hall to village clubhouse and bar (with full on licence) as pub is not family friendly! 4. The village hall is a terrific resource and should be improved in whatever way. 5. Funding towards general upgrades and improvement. 6. Maintenance of existing village hall. 7. Ongoing maintenance / repair of existing VH. 8. Double glazing for windows. 9. The village hall is not worth refurbishment - we have wasted money. A new hall was required many years ago. 10. Help to complete project and new kitchen. 11. Provision of defibrillator if not already in situ (I'm new here). |
| Allotments | Additional Provision | 2 | 0% | 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Located in Gislingham. Many elderly residents or young families are excluded from Thornham due to time restrictions and lack of transport. 2. An allotment within walking distance of the village would be nice. Unless you have a car, Thornham is impossible. |
| Libraries | Provision | 5 | 0% | 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Encourage more people to use it or else we will lose it. |

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| | Improvement to Mobile Service | 2 | 0% | 0 | |
| Crime Prevention | Funding for PCSO | 13 | 1% | 8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total lack of police presence in village. 2. Either - increase in population. 3. No 4. I think we are all concerned with our safety and security. 5. Co-ordination of crime prevention with more visible presence and greater support for neighbourhood vigilance. 6. Visual presence would be very reassuring for the residents. 7. To enable the police staff to visit the village more often to deter crime and anti-social behaviour. 8. Although village currently self-policing with increased housing larger population may/will need access to police support. |
| | Funding for Community Warden | 12 | 1% | 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Useful to have a visual presence. 2. As village grows so will potential crime. |

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| | Other | 2 | 0% | 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I would like to see a group reporting to the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator providing greater information. 2. It would be nice to see police in village more often. |
| Social Groups & Activities Funding for: | Gislingham Silver Band | 21 | 2% | 16 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grant towards new building project. 2. Contribution to new band hut. 3. Silver band premises a vital social and education resource or a village where private music lessons may be unaffordable for many. 4. A wonderful resource. 5. The band is open to all ages and abilities and has supported the community for 130 years. The current band hut is not fit for purpose. 6. Bigger band hut. 7. Funding for new band hut, uniforms and musical instruments. Oldest brass band in Suffolk! 8. Both of these organisations should be funded by members (as they are). 9. Support for building of new band hut for rehearsals, |

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| | | | | | <p>storage of equipment and use by other groups.</p> <p>10. Towards provision of new premises which would also be used for meetings of smaller community groups rather than village hall.</p> <p>11. Hut rebuild for use by other small groups.</p> <p>12. Unique to village.</p> <p>13. New band hut urgently needed.</p> <p>14. Funds for new band hut.</p> <p>15. Help towards new band hut, uniforms, instruments etc. They do amazing work especially encouraging the young musicians.</p> <p>16. Rehearsal/storage facilities at village hall.</p> <p>17. Deserves help to improve hut. Provides activity for young and old (but need to be seen more in village in return).</p> |
| | Variety Club | 7 | 1% | 5 | <p>1. It's role in bringing people together.</p> <p>2. Both of these organisations should be funded by members (as they are).</p> <p>3. The variety club has made improvements to the village hall through their own funds e.g. curtains, lighting, which benefits all users of the village hall. There is scope to make significantly more</p> |

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| | | | | | <p>improvements with additional funds e.g. improved stage, sound etc.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Has become an essential part of our community and deserves support. Excellent shows and worth providing more funding. Green room / storage facilities. |
| | Women's Institute | 1 | 0% | 1 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Central to village life. |
| | Jubilee Singers | 3 | 0% | 1 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Support for building of new band hut, also used for rehearsals by this group. |
| | Village Bell ringers | 1 | 0% | 1 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To maintain village culture. |
| | Friends of St Mary's | 6 | 1% | 2 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Parish church used by the majority of the population and christenings, weddings, funerals. Church is very expensive to maintain - benefit the parish. Central to village life. Yes! The church is the centre of the village spirit. |
| | Gislingham Wives | 0 | 0% | 0 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Who are they? No Not open to all wives/invitation only. |
| | Friends of Gislingham School | 6 | 1% | 3 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Lots of local children would benefit from extra funding for FOGS. Funding for primary school and pre-school to spend on what they need. |

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| | | | | | 3. To assist in the funding of school trips to ensure all get the opportunities. |
| | Regular Coffee Mornings | 10 | 1% | 3 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There are a lot of stay at home mums in the area. 2. Especially during winter when older people seem to be lonelier. 3. Perhaps including films or short talks to encourage all to get to know each other. |
| | Educational Classes | 14 | 1% | 11 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Travel fees to education classes expensive. 2. Yoga, craft, first aid, gardening. 3. Basic computer class. 4. Further education classes to save travelling great distances. 5. Adult learning classes non-existent. 6. IT. Exercise classes for the elderly. 7. Computer classes for the elderly. Language classes? 8. As there is none or very few in the local area. Some are too far afield. 9. Lack of provision in the neighbourhood. Very little on offer locally. 10. Increased funding supporting life skills and use of technology, suitable for all ages. Also covering health education. |

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| | | | | | 11. Evening and day classes in a variety of subjects. |
| | Entertainment (Films, etc.) | 14 | 1% | 8 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Equipment needed can be considered as infrastructure. Films can be shown that appeal to wide age - range. 2. A cinema group in the village hall / band hut. 3. Film nights at village hall. 4. Film nights. 5. Film, lectures, talks once a month. 6. Many local villages have great entertainment such as film nights - would be great to invest in providing this service in the village hall. 7. Film night in village hall. 8. Could there be a projector, screen and sound system installed to enable presentations to be delivered well. This could also be used to develop a film screening club like what they have at Thornham Village Hall which proves popular and can generate another source of income for the village hall. |
| | Arts & Crafts | 3 | 0% | 2 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Brings people together. 2. Craft lessons during the day and boardgames. |
| | Book Club | 2 | 0% | 0 | |
| | Hiking Club | 3 | 0% | 1 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lots of people walk so developing a group like this |

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| | | | | | could be a good way to meet new people and develop existing friendships as well as improving people's overall health and well-being. |
| | Other | 4 | 0% | 4 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Would support some of the funding available i.e. support community groups as these are so important to village life. Perhaps have a grant available from CIL with groups invited to apply: - criteria for deciding applications form on website. 2. None of the above should be funded. 3. Should be more activities/clubs at the village hall. Badminton/netball/basketball/sport exercise classes. 4. All social/community groups could benefit if improvements were made to village hall and also smaller premises for band could also be used as meeting place for smaller groups and give opportunity for new groups to start up. |
| Mobile Phone Coverage | Improve Coverage & Signal | 39 | 4% | 23 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Currently weak or no signal indoors. 2. With developments in tech and Wi-Fi calling this shouldn't be a problem in the future surely? |

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| | | | | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Lack of signal in house (Chapel Farm Close) and very weak outside. 4. Reception is poor. 5. We all need and use mobile phones but find it hard to get coverage in our homes and around village. 6. Mobile phone coverage is too patchy. 7. Yes! Mobile phone signal is abysmal. 8. Current service is appalling would benefit the community and business. 9. At the village hall there is no service inside. There is no mobile services or limited services on Mill Street. 10. No single provider gives good coverage in all areas of the village. 11. Modern world needs good communications - also good for business. 12. There are areas of the village where the signal is poor. 13. Insufficient reception in village. 14. Very poor at the moment. 15. Current coverage is very intermittent and often phone calls cut out part way through, connection is very variable. |
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| | | | | | <p>16. Signal is pretty awful, in this day and age people need to be contactable.</p> <p>17. Rural areas most have improved coverage and signal availability to support those working from home and needing emergency services.</p> <p>18. Poor signal, especially O2 and Vodafone.</p> <p>19. Signal very poor, can't always get reception.</p> <p>20. Currently phone signal exceptionally poor most mobile providers cannot guarantee a good signal. Call constantly drop out or non-existent.</p> <p>21. This would be wonderful! We need to be able to use mobile phones - service is awful.</p> |
| Broadband | | 34 | 3% | 21 | <p>1. FTTP throughout area. Subscribe to community broadband.</p> <p>2. We have good broadband but if parts of the village don't then it is important.</p> <p>3. Our line is up and down all the time.</p> <p>4. Insufficient broadband, when estate is finished there is a high likelihood of current users being disconnected to supply new users, this has happened to</p> |

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| | Improved Broadband | | | | <p>provide for new estates in Mill Street. New user premium means lines are cut off and reused. It happened to us and took 3 months to reacquire broadband.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. More reliable service. 6. Fibre optic to each home is possible - 200 mbs up and down. 7. Though improved recently, still not fast enough. 8. Essential! 9. The service is very slow downloading images. 10. The future is digital! The village could own its own fibre to the home network giving future proof internet - rather than waiting for BT. 11. Other places have found that this can be achieved at a fraction of BTs fee. Desperately needed. 12. Very poor at the moment. 13. Higher speed is needed. Children need the internet for homework and many people run businesses from home. 14. We've all become reliant upon reliable and adequate broadband. 15. Faster broadband. 16. Our broadband is not good at all. |
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| | | | | | <p>17. Would help local businesses thrive.</p> <p>18. Vital for local businesses and residents as transport is so poor.</p> <p>19. Often slow at peak times. As the size of the village increases so will the requirement for faster more reliable connection.</p> <p>20. Need more than BT to provide service. Several providers do not supply village with Broadband.</p> |
| Health & Emergency Services | Additional Defibrillator | 5 | 0% | 4 | <p>1. Within the school as too far to get it from village hall one should be at school just in case.</p> <p>2. Lifesaving.</p> <p>3. Increase in housing = more people!</p> <p>4. The playgroup needs one for their own use.</p> |
| | Funding of First Responder | 39 | 4% | 14 | <p>1. We are far away from an ambulance/hospital.</p> <p>2. Needed because of distance to Ipswich/BSE hospital.</p> <p>3. Two trained people preferable.</p> <p>4. Important for a lot of people.</p> <p>5. Being a rural community, it can take a long for an ambulance to arrive. First Responders could be the difference between life and death.</p> |

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| | | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Beneficial as we are such a rural area. 7. An invaluable service. 8. A volunteer F.R. shouldn't have to pay for their equipment. 9. Not knowing what current provision is or where the nearest first responder is based; it would be good to have a local first responder. 10. Local responder to assist with elderly as population gets older more need help. 11. We are a long way from a hospital. 12. Would speed up any emergency. 13. Incentive! 14. Yes, this would be excellent I think, a very worthwhile project. |
| | Satellite Health Services | 9 | 1% | 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Could be as simple as a weekly drop in clinic at the village hall to start with. If successful, then plans could be made for a dedicated facility in the future. 2. Use for flu jabs and health checks for all ages. 3. Think of the future! |
| | Other | 3 | 0% | 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Training for First Aid. 2. Training for people to use equipment such as the defibrillator. 3. More that MSDC should do to ensure outreach health and |

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| | | | | | emergency services, inc social care all diminishing due to government funding. |
| Post Office Facilities | Provision of Funding | 87 | 9% | 53 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Second post box to be reinstated! 2. Provision of Post Office facility. 3. The Post Office should be situated in the village shop. 4. Terrible lack of facilities at present. 5. And letter box. Excellent idea especially when public transport so limited! 6. Mobile van back again, Extra post box. 7. Mobile provision is greatly missed. 8. Mobile post office resumed or post office in the village? 9. Post box in Mill Street. 10. We need a post office and another post box nearer the centre of Gislingham. 11. No post box in main area of village. 12. Urgently need post office. Not everyone able to travel to use. 13. Important for community. 14. Additional post box near pub/shop. 15. Post Office van, limited visits. There is only one post box in village, High Street needs another one. |

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| | | | | <p>16. A village this size should have a Post Office or van at least 2 days per week.</p> <p>17. Assistance with re-instatement in shop. Post box!</p> <p>18. We have poor access to postal services, don't know how local funding could help with this.</p> <p>19. An important service.</p> <p>20. An expanding village requires a Post Office!</p> <p>21. Negotiation for reinstatement of PO Van.</p> <p>22. Additional post box (only one at the moment).</p> <p>23. It would be good to have a post box in the middle of the village or re-open the old one? Also, Post Office facilities are desperately needed.</p> <p>24. Re-investment of Post Box in or around village store.</p> <p>25. The post office van was an asset but couldn't be relied on.</p> <p>26. Need post box by village shop.</p> <p>27. Provision of post office and post box near village centre.</p> <p>28. Would like to see the mobile post office service resumed.</p> <p>29. Provision of new post office in shop. Urgently required.</p> |
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| | | | | <p>30. This is an essential service which is now sadly lacking for the community.</p> <p>31. Mobile post office at village hall was very useful.</p> <p>32. Desperately needed for elderly and for everyone as driving 10mins to reach one is a joke in this day and age.</p> <p>33. Important to have this facility back.</p> <p>34. Posting box in High Street area. Post Office facilities either by van or shop.</p> <p>35. Lost PO in shop and mobile PO. Nearest is Bacton or Eye. Need one in the village.</p> <p>36. URGENT - post box!! Centre village.</p> <p>37. Post box returned to near shop as the one in Mill Street too far for main village.</p> <p>38. Social cohesion.</p> <p>39. Post box would be a start.</p> <p>40. Post Office providing proprietors agree.</p> <p>41. Definitely needed, a pity we lost it in the first place.</p> <p>42. PO facilities either in the village shop would be more reliable or mobile which has not been.</p> <p>43. Urgently need post box in village centre.</p> <p>44. Need Post Office service.</p> <p>45. A lifeline for people who cannot drive etc to pay bills</p> |
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| | | | | | <p>and access money withdrawal.</p> <p>46. New post office or at least relocate lost post box.</p> <p>47. We need a post office/mobile van (on a regular basis) plus our post box back. Without public transport many villagers cannot access post office facilities.</p> <p>48. A new post box so we don't have to hike down to the far end of Mill Street.</p> <p>49. It is vital that work and for those that cannot travel - the van was too unreliable.</p> <p>50. We have been left without a mobile post office as well as the main post box!</p> <p>51. It is a pain to have to drive several miles to go to the Post Office. This will also benefit the older residents who are unable to drive to a Post Office.</p> <p>52. We need a post box in the High Street. Box in Mill Street is too dangerous to go to with no pavement. Mobile van would be wonderful.</p> <p>53. Needs to be in shop. Also, a post box.</p> |
| Sports & Gym Facilities/ Provision of External/ | Tennis | 5 | 0% | 4 | <p>1. Without an organised club link, these facilities would not be used correctly or maintained so in my opinion</p> |

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| Internal Facilities & Equipment for: | | | | | <p>are not priorities over current provision.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Probably the most age inclusive of all sports (unlike a skatepark!) 3. A MUGA would support these activities. 4. Only if these items have an affordable pricing strategy. 5. Could the school be used outside school time to provide an indoor space for training/fitness sessions in all these sports? / or building of a new hall with large indoor suitable for use as a sporting facility. 6. Tennis court in the village. |
| | Cricket | 0 | 0% | 0 | |
| | Rugby | 1 | 0% | 1 | |
| | Football | 2 | 0% | 2 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We've set up an under 10s girls football team and could do with facilities to train each week as we all have to travel to Bacton to train. |
| | Gym | 9 | 1% | 6 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Or astro-turf so we can have football/tennis club 2. Possibly a green gym but these are not cheap, and I cannot justify prioritising over other options. 3. A good way of obtaining regular exercise for all ages, in all weathers and times. 4. Access to village based, indoor activities which could |

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| | | | | | include exercise equipment, badminton, etc, etc 5. Maybe incorporate to village hall / new village hall. |
| | Multi Use Sports | 11 | 1% | 10 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MUGA for ALL generations to come together. 2. Gislingham netball needs a fixed home. Travelling to Eye and cost £30 each week is expensive. 3. A MUGA like the one in Rickingham would provide a flexible way of giving access to tennis, football, basketball, netball.... 4. Multi sports court - Tennis, Basketball, Netball, Football 5. Multi use facility with tennis courts, cricket nets, rugby pitches, provision of gym facilities? (Subscription) 6. Sports court for netball, ideally with floodlighting. 7. The one in Bardwell for example is very well used. Also, Rickingham. Would encourage lots of different sports. School could use too. 8. This would cater for a range of people and their sporting interests, helping to improve the health and fitness of the village residents. |
| | Other | 3 | 0% | 3 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A MUGA would be very beneficial and a great addition to the current provision. |

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| | | | | | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Less energetic fitness classes - not Zumba- maybe daytime classes. 3. Toilet facilities near play area. Could be similar to composting ones at Thornham walks. 4. Badminton as it can appeal to lots of ages. |
| Open Spaces | Development for Recreational Purposes | 2 | 0% | 1 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The park needs a path to get to it. Buggy's, wheelchairs and children on bikes is almost impossible to get to the park. |
| | Provision/Main tenance Flower Beds | 9 | 1% | 7 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To enhance the appearance of the village. 2. Area in front of village hall would be made really attractive by well-designed flower bed. 3. Shows village is cared for. 4. For all to enjoy. 5. This would enhance our village, please see my additional comments. |
| | Provision/Main tenance Play Equipment | 20 | 2% | 16 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The park is brilliant we need to make sure it stays that way. 2. Current provision will always require regular maintenance, and this requires adequate funding. 3. Needs updating/ cutting grass regularly. 4. Children need to get out more. With provision of equipment there is at least a |

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| | | | | | <p>reason for them to get out. Do no build a shelter by the play area. It has not been needed up to now and from experience elsewhere it will provide a centre for unsavoury behaviour from the trouble making youth - smoking - drinking etc.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Helps to enhance a village with colour. 6. Upkeep of current play area in charity field. 7. With the play equipment vandalised on a regular basis, provision must be made to fund maintenance and add additional equipment if possible. 8. Feel that the playground equipment needs to be maintained. 9. Often ruined and needs fixing. 10. Park equipment could do with a clean more regularly, swings always covered in bird poo. 11. Opportunities for children to play outdoors important for their health. 12. Grass area regularly mown and strimmed, slide on mound to be maintained/fixed. 13. The play park is lovely but the slide needs looking at, |
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| | | | | | <p>not a new one just need the old one fixed.</p> <p>14. Safety of children.</p> <p>15. It would be good to see the waste area opposite the village hall made into an attractive area - instead of stinging nettles.</p> <p>16. We have sadly seen some damage to play equipment over the past few years and therefore having money available to repair / maintain these would ensure the area and equipment are safe.</p> <p>17. The children of this village are very lucky to have what they have. Is there a need?</p> |
| | Provision/Main tenance Skatepark | 8 | 1% | 5 | <p>1. The young people of Gislingham have waited long and patiently for this - and barriers keep being put in its way.</p> <p>2. An appropriately designed and positioned skate park will be a good addition if well maintained.</p> <p>3. No - white elephant waste of time and money.</p> <p>4. This is long overdue. The children feel cheated having voted for it so long ago.</p> <p>5. This project should be abandoned it is an absolute waste of money.</p> |

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| | Other | 6 | 1% | 5 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Toilets at park. Footpath most!! 2. Provide multi-purpose pitch benefitting children and adults. 3. Waste ground opposite village hall - planting with fruit trees for community use. 4. Maintenance of playing field cut more regular. 5. Memorial garden for remembrance of all those lost in service of country. Funds for future maintenance. |
| Land Purchase & Development Provision of: | Affordable Housing | 23 | 2% | 13 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Land should be found to help prevent the village becoming one with only large houses occupied by retirees, somehow houses and places of work are needed for young people growing up in the village and combined with a place for the elderly. 2. Planning permission for 2/3 bed houses for first time buyers. Not Housing Association. 3. If only this was possible without provision of housing estates blighting our village. 4. So young people can afford to stay in village. 5. For local people. |

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| | | | | | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. There is no such thing in Gislingham. What really occurs is free housing. 7. No more 4/5-bedroom houses, we need 3/2-bedroom houses that can be purchased by our younger generation. 8. Need to definitely invest in this rather than even more large houses. Young people cannot afford to stay in the village. 9. Important to give our youngsters opportunity to stay within the village. 10. Affordable housing for young couples living in village. 11. Reasonably priced rented houses preferably council owned. 12. For young families. 13. Too many 'executive' houses - more affordable housing for local population and the young. 14. We need more affordable homes for young families, they are being priced out of the village. |
| | Small Business Premises | 5 | 0% | 5 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reduces commuting time. Can utilise better broadband and communication. 2. A small business building would encourage investment in the village and cut down on car travel. |

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| | | | | | 3. Bring business into the village. |
| | Housing for Elderly/Sheltered Housing | 24 | 2% | 12 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For elderly people to be able to remain in the village. 2. No recent development of suitable housing for elderly. 3. Population growing older and would also free up houses for families. 4. The existing housing provision for elderly people is not used for this purpose. Suggest residents asking Mid Suffolk District Council to rehouse under retirement age. 5. The village population is aging but there's little if any housing stock for older people to downsize to. 6. Help keep older people in village and free up housing for families. 7. For local people. 8. More effort should be made for housing the elderly instead of forcing them out of the village. 9. This is an area where large investment should be made. 10. We need bungalows not 4/5-bedroom houses, so the elderly members do not have to move away as they do now. |

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| | | | | | <p>11. To enable village residents to remain in the village as they get older.</p> <p>12. Aging population!</p> |
| | Green Energy Supply (Solar, Wind etc) | 7 | 1% | 2 | <p>1. Vital - climate change ultimatum.</p> <p>2. More affordable solar for residents or a wind turbine to supply the village.</p> |
| | Other | 6 | 1% | 6 | <p>1. Housing for the younger generation. Q type or similar. There are £60k+ houses for 60+ old. Why not for under 30s?</p> <p>2. Purchasing land would also give the village more control on what gets built, where and when!</p> <p>3. Purchase of potential building plot to use for village e.g. allotments. Prevent further development, keep open spaces.</p> <p>4. This should be delivered by MSDC as part of a co-ordinated district-wide strategy.</p> <p>5. No more large expensive houses that locals can't afford.</p> <p>6. Cavity wall insulation and ground heating systems.</p> <p>7. Doctors surgery. Existing surgeries too far away and getting transport difficult.</p> |

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| GENERAL COMMENTS | Back Page | 23 | 2% | 22 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The broadband has been improved but still getting a lot of line faults. I would also be interested in solar panel schemes. 2. It is important that the selections on this document are not treated as a vote. Hence, money should not be allocated according to the number of X's. 3. We are a young family that moved to the village so that our children could benefit from a small community and also become part of that community to support others within it as they grow up. The developments funding the CIL will no doubt bring more young families? If the children are not prioritised through school and outdoor rec provision, young families like us are forced to drive elsewhere and then become isolated from our community in which we live. My priorities are heavily weighted towards young people's provision and future funding to allow them to be involved in their village. Having high quality local facilities (recreation and village hall) will allow us to support local groups and |
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| | | | | | <p>clubs. Thank you for asking our thoughts and opinions. We feel involved and therefore engaged 😊</p> <p>4. Parish Plan (Neighbourhood Plan) to help prevent inappropriate development.</p> <p>5. We have a wonderful park, but it is very hard to access it if you have a pram/buggy/wheelchair, child learning to ride a bike, children on right - roller skates etc. A path would make it more accessible for everyone and therefore make the equipment we already have used more. I would also like to see a toilet there.</p> <p>6. I would like to see a footpath along Mill Street. There are now many more houses along this road with children of school age, also those wishing to go to the shop and (hopefully) the Post Office. This is a very busy road now, with a lot of through traffic at certain times of the morning and afternoon with people going and returning home from work. The Post Box in Mill Street is always well used, so please if there is a new Post Box on High Street, do</p> |
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| | | | | | <p>not do away with the one in Mill Street. Flooding in Mill Street between the Post Box and into Jayland's gateway is getting worse. To my knowledge the culvert under the road has not been cleaned out for many years.</p> <p>7. Multi-sport court - could be home to the Gislingham Netball Team providing floodlights to enable us to play every week. Also, could be used for football training for all. We currently travel and use Bacton facilities but if the village had the correct amenities everyone could enjoy it.</p> <p>8. Introduction of a professional run youth club to include sports activities, drama club and any other activities young people require. Membership fees to be kept to a minimum to allow all families to access this facility. Supply leaflets showing where the footpaths and bridleways are. Some farmers block public footpaths leaving residents unsure of the designated routes.</p> <p>9. Mill Street is constantly breaking up as you enter the village. It can be solved by</p> |
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| | | | | | <p>kerbing this section of the road. In this way, the potholes will stop being a problem ruining tyres and wheels.</p> <p>10. Decent pavements throughout the village so people do not need to walk in the road.</p> <p>11. Post Box - The replacement of the Post Box outside the village shop.</p> <p>12. High Street floods in places at the Finningham end due to blocked drains. These need to be cleaned out more regularly than at present or improved if they are no longer able to cope with continuous periods of rain.</p> <p>13. Roads to be wider to take extra traffic to accommodate vehicles from new houses. Repairs to pavements.</p> <p>14. Provision of footways along Mill Street to provide safe walking route to school.</p> <p>15. I would like to see MSDC and the Parish Council demand much more from developers of the site on Thornham Road to see substantial improvements to transport infrastructure, bus service provision and safety. I would have liked to add more</p> |
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| | | | | | <p>priorities, for example Highways and Drainage but these demand more attention by MSDC and shouldn't have to rely on the parish. Inadequate drainage (which doesn't even make your list) has a significant impact on deteriorating road surfaces, not to mention the safety issues arising from excessive spray and ice in the winter. This ties into winter highway maintenance and maintaining accessible roads.</p> <p>16. Provision of footpath on Mill Street. Currently very dangerous for small people and senior citizens.</p> <p>17. A proper car park for the school. Broadfields Road is not a car par. Parents visiting the school to drop off or collect their children or for certain periods have nowhere to park except for Broadfields Road and it can become congested or even dangerous because of the lack of a proper parking area. Residents of this road use it continually and we don't all have children.</p> <p>18. A community pub for families, dog walkers and village friendship!!!</p> |
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| | | | | | <p>19. Stop building in Gislingham.</p> <p>20. Village shop - this has been wonderfully developed by Sharon and we must maintain this excellent village asset. Could a pot of funding help to provide home delivery from the shop for residents unable to walk so well especially in the colder months? Flower beds - I find that the grass cutting contract we currently had is not frequent enough to keep the village looking great. I shudder to think what it costs! Could funding go into a pot to pay for petrol and plants and we could create a volunteer group to cut the lawn plant and maintain flower beds and even create new ones....I'm sure a group of volunteers would be able to more frequently attend the lawns and beds in the village and create a much needed boost to the aesthetics of the village.</p> <p>21. £90,000 sounds like a lot of money but it isn't. So easy to spend on numerous small projects. Could I suggest ONE major project o that the village can see some real benefit. The access to the charity meadow adjacent to</p> |
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| | | | | | <p>the school is very poor - vehicles cannot gain access and for mothers with pushchairs is a real problem. Could I suggest the access is widened and an all-weather footpath be made through to the children's adventure playground, the meadow to the rear of Martin's Meadow would benefit.</p> <p>22. With the increase in housing construction in the village it is very obvious that the narrow roads (Mill Street.)</p> <p>23. We would like ditches being cleared and drainage improved so we do not get flooded roads each time it rains, especially the roads towards Finningham and at Thornham Walks. Backstreet also gets severely flooded.</p> |
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