

Wivelsfield Consultation Meeting – 12 August 2014

Policy – Infrastructure, Facilities & Local Economy Improvements to existing village facilities – school, local employment and shops

School

There was general consensus that the school needed to be expanded. It was stressed that there was money available and ESCC needed to take action now.

Additional comments included:

- There were plans for a nursery to be linked to the school – this would free up the village hall every morning for other users
- An expanded school also meant an increase in traffic congestion and parking in that area
- If the primary school expanded, increased numbers would affect the secondary school in Chailey, this could be a problem

Shops and Pub

Everyone seemed satisfied with the shop/PO, its produce and opening hours. The only negative factor was the lack of safe parking outside.

There was consensus that the pub was a valuable asset. . Many people stressed the need for promoting the pub and its facilities.

Although it was agreed that both of these should not officially be categorised as 'community assets', everyone hoped that sufficient trade would encourage retention.

Local Employment

There was consensus that local employment should be developed and expanded. Growth should be managed and sustainable otherwise 'the village could die'. In addition:

- There should be the facility for a meeting place or hot desking site for the increased numbers of home workers – the village hall and the pub could be considered but a permanent hub would be better
- They should develop derelict buildings rather than new builds
- Any development should retain the current character, not be out of place

Recreation Ground

Everyone agreed the Pavilion needed to be refurbished and toilets installed. However they all said it was fully utilised by teams and satisfied need.

It was agreed that a skate park may create noise and nuisance and other facilities such as tennis courts would be costly and have to be well managed.

Footpaths

Some people felt strongly that these needed improving for the safety of families moving around the village and to safely get to school.

Other facilities

Some people reiterated the need for the Bus Shelter to be covered and inset.