

Marton Parish Plan

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Ashwood House

Village Farm

Drain

Marton Bridge

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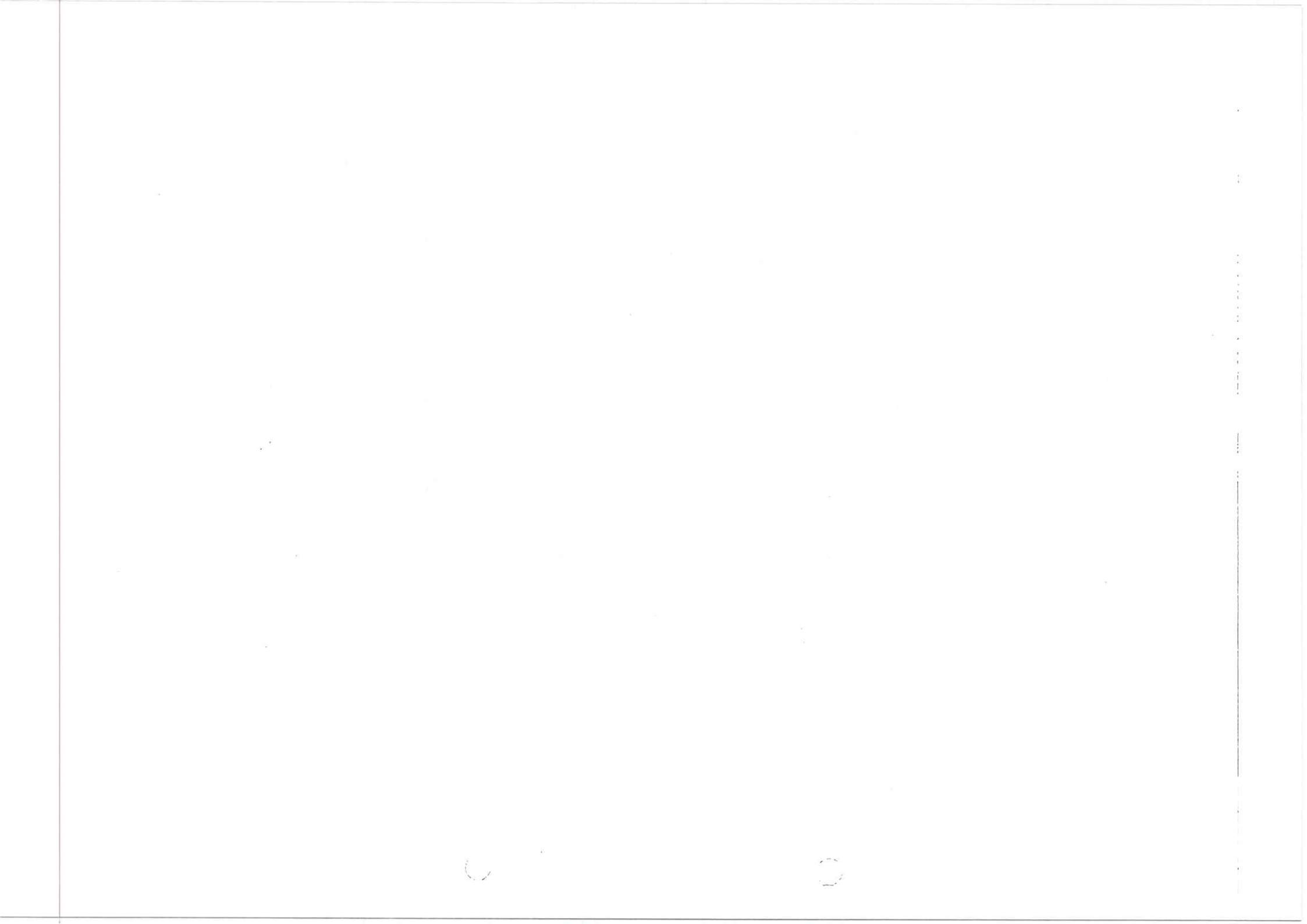
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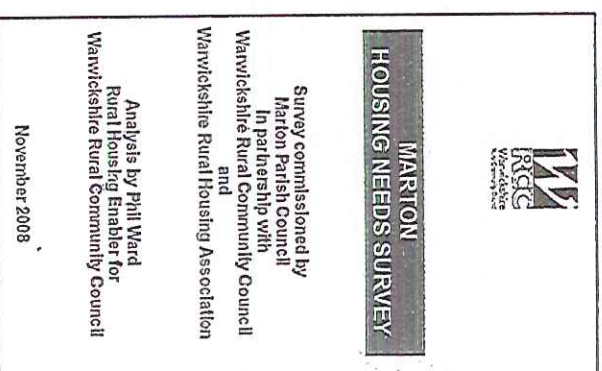
What is the Marton Parish Plan?

The Parish Plan is all to do with planning the future of Marton. It tries to include everything that is relevant to the people who live and/or work in the village. It aims to preserve those features that are valued and improve on areas of concern. The conclusions are summarised in the action points that have been collected together at the end of this report. Most importantly these actions should reflect the views of the residents.

What is it made up of?

Our Parish Plan has the potential to influence a wide range of organisations and processes that affect the lives of villagers. The plan has been formally adopted by Marton Parish Council and comprises:

- A **General Report** of the findings of the Parish Plan Questionnaire that together with the Action Plan and the Village Design Statement will be used as material planning considerations in respect of planning decisions by Rugby Borough Council concerning the village.
- A **Village Design Statement** (to be published separately in 2009) that will give outline guidance for villagers and developers and councils about what is valued about the appearance of the village by the inhabitants.
- A **Housing Needs Survey Report** from 2005 and 2008 that pre-empt any attempt by developers to get planning developments approved through the back door but indicates to the Parish Council what they need to do to in order to meet local housing demands. The Rugby Borough Council eligibility criteria for need is very precise and requires residence in the parish or one adjoining for at least five years, or those having lived in the parish or an adjoining one for at least five years in the past ten. (Available separately from the Rugby Borough Council website)
- **Action Points** which conclude the General Report, setting out in a more detailed fashion how to meet the needs outlined in the Parish Plan. Some of these matters can be dealt with by the village itself through the actions of village organisations such as the Parish Council, though others will require liaison with other organisations that have greater powers such as Rugby Borough Council and Warwickshire County Council.



The force of a document such as the Marton Parish Plan is that it makes it easier to have the village opinions heard in the corridors of power as well as giving weight to any grant applications by village bodies in attracting funding to implement the requirements of the Action Plan.

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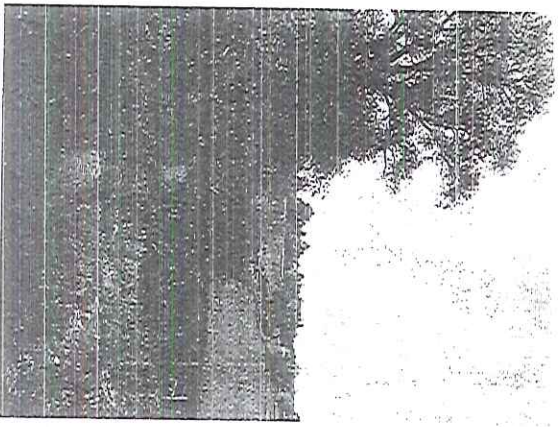
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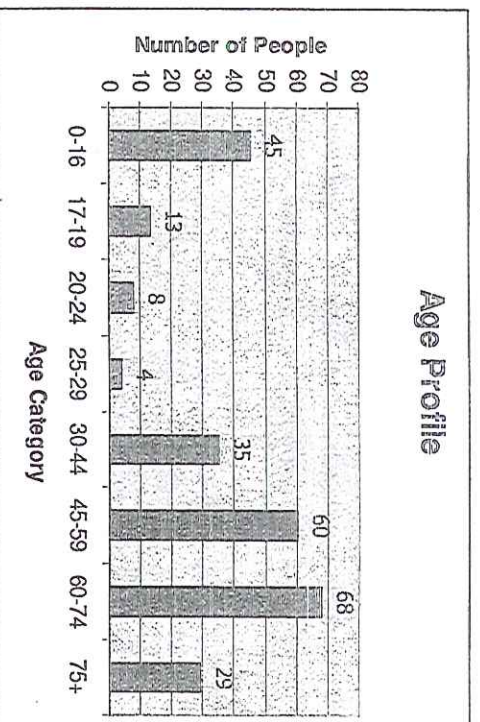
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What We Learned

People

A total of 152 households of the 201 in the parish contributed to this survey representing 288 people. The proportion of the numbers in the various age groups was in line with the 2001 census that gives a similar proportion of people aged below 18 and above 65 (about a fifth in both cases). However, the long-term population trend for the village over the last few decades is that it is getting older, a fact supported by the conclusions of the 2008 Housing Needs Survey. The Parish Plan Questionnaire indicated 113 out of 145 people have lived in Marton for more than 5 years and 32 out of 145 for more than 25 years. The responses seem to indicate that there is not a high turnover of people in the village.



Action Points

- The Parish Council to examine any future official statistics such as the 2011 census to monitor any changes to this situation regarding the demographic balance within the village community and its possible impact on services.
- The Parish Council to monitor future planning to ensure the preservation of the factors that the villagers value about living in Marton.

Homes

Nine out of ten homes are owner occupied with rent being made up of rental properties, the majority of which are local authority housing (13), 2 and 4 bedroom properties. However, it is possible that the real proportion of private rental properties is much higher as it is likely to have been a lower than average response.

115 out of 152 houses are connected to the gas supply and 139 have central heating and 140 connected to mains sewerage. A third have a water meter. 132 have double or secondary glazing and 60 have cavity wall insulation (the age of the homes is a factor here) though 60 have no loft insulation.

Roughly half the homes reported are detached with a quarter semi-detached and another quarter terraced. There are only a few flats.

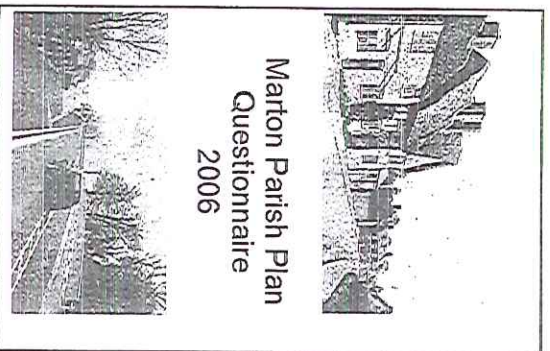
What did we do?

Various initial consultation exercises were carried out in 2005 and 2006 through meetings in the village hall to explain the point of the exercise, to obtain an outline of areas of concern and to recruit volunteers to help with the process.

The first stage was the circulation of a housing needs survey with the support of the Warwickshire Rural Community Council. This survey was updated in September 2008. The responses to these exercises were very heartening. Meanwhile a questionnaire was devised and presented in its provisional form as part of a Village Hall exhibition that also raised issues that are to become part of the Village Design Statement (to be published separately in 2009). The Parish Plan questionnaire was finalised and circulated in late 2006. The delivery to all village households was thanks to the efforts of volunteer collectors who achieved a far higher than average response rate of 76%. The even higher response to the earlier housing survey and the attendance at open meetings arranged at the Village Hall for the Parish Plan and the associated Village Design Statement, are indicative of the strengths of Marton as a community.

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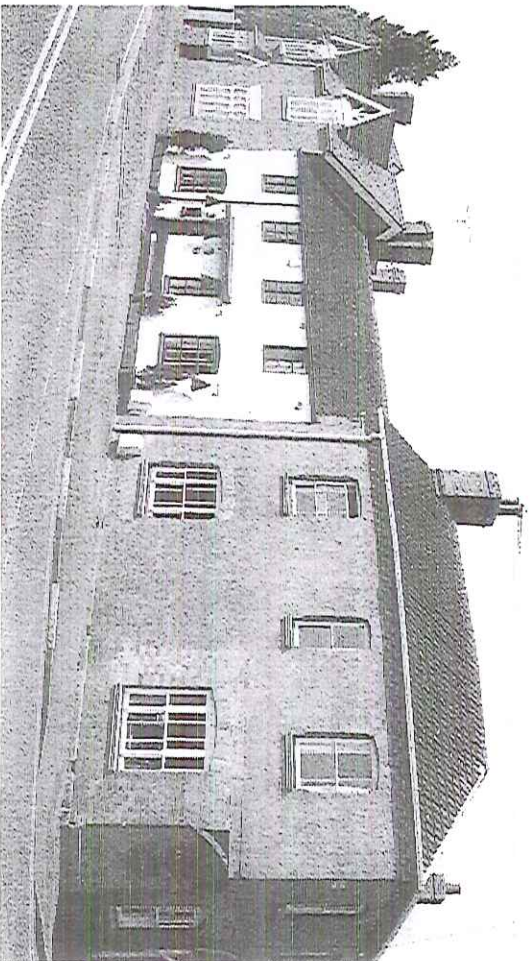
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meeting at 7.45pm
Tuesday 19 October
2004 at Marton Village
Hall



There were no areas of the village that were disproportionately represented, though, not all respondents replied to all questions and not all of the younger members of the household gave their opinions. The delay in publication of the findings has been due to a number unplanned circumstances. The analysis of the questionnaire was particularly complex, though we were greatly helped in questions that leant themselves to statistical analysis by the tremendous efforts of one villager with professional expertise. Other qualitative answers were particularly helpful but very difficult to summarise. Finally, a series of consultations with village organisations with a view on possible action points to resolve areas of concern also needed to be undertaken. Finally the approval of Rugby Borough Council was important in giving weight to the achievement of some key action areas.

Note: Apart from a few statistics in the early part of the report, taken from the 2001 Census, the percentages or numbers given are based on all the responses to the questionnaire or the September 2008 Housing Needs Survey. Although this was not completed by every household, it was completed by the great majority so can arguably be used as a fair reflection of village opinion. It should be noted that because not all respondents answered all questions the total numbers responding to each question, as noted in the report, will vary.

The 2008 Housing Needs Survey concluded that there was too small a demand for subsidised housing and what demand there was did not fit the criteria set down in the Rugby Borough council Local Area Plan for such development.



Action Points

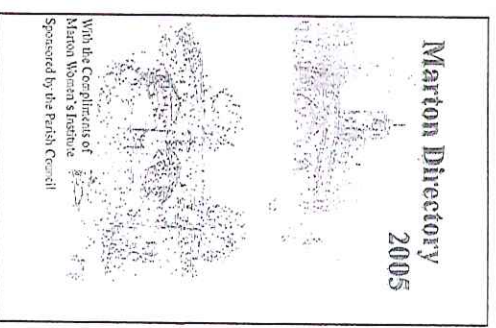
- The Parish Council to carry out regular surveys to monitor the housing needs of Marton.
- To publish the results of the consultation exercise for the Village Design Statement and ensure its use by the RBC Planning Department as a material consideration in all proposals
- The Parish Council to regularly invite the Warwickshire Energy Efficiency Advice sustainable domestic living.

Employment

The census showed that approximately 40% of employed residents work in a professional capacity, about 10% are self employed and 14% people work from home. 88 of respondents are retired. Three-quarters of men and three-fifths of women are economically active.

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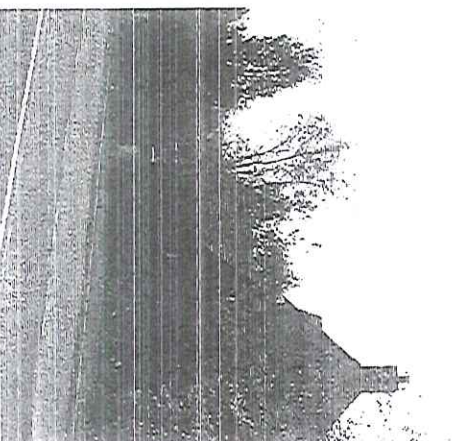
- The Parish Council to ensure that the Warwickshire County Council's work with Extended Schools is publicised through the village website and the Village Directory for access to facilities for child care, after school clubs, etc.



Transport & Travel

Of those travelling to work less than five people either use public transport, a bicycle or walk and 158 people work outside the village. Bus services are used at sometime or another by only a handful of villagers, but more than sixty were likely to use buses more often if operated more frequently. 97 of 148 of households had more than one car with 31 parked in the street. Most parked off-road in the garage or on the drive.

At the time of the questionnaire concerns were expressed about the proposed expansion of Coventry Airport by 67 of 143 of the households though 114 of 146 household said they would consider using the airport. Despite changes in the status of the airport this issue could arise again in the future and the viewpoints can be usefully referred to.



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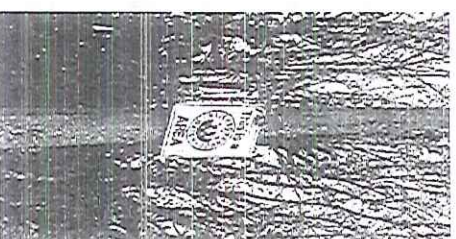
- The Parish Council to investigate ways of publicising those who wish to be involved in car sharing possibly either via the village website or the Village Directory.
- The Parish Council to investigate ways of publicising an ever-changing bus timetable through the village website updating the noticeboard in the bus shelter.
- The Parish Council to co-ordinate a scheme whereby those with temporary/permanent mobility problems can be helped by willing villagers.

Emergency Services

Three quarters of respondents indicated a low level of satisfaction with community policing. 38 experienced antisocial behaviour in one form or another and 31 had direct experience of crime in the village. 11 respondents had cause to use the police in the last year. Of the other emergency services, 18 had cause to use the ambulance service and 3 the Fire Brigade. Levels of satisfaction were high except with the police.

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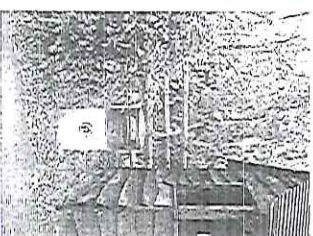
- Neighbourhood Watch to occasionally convene a village meeting where issues of concern regarding police services can be addressed.
- The Parish Council to follow up villagers concerns with the police at the quarterly Dunchurch Panel meetings.



Village Public Services

- Street cleaning was judged to be average to very good by all but 12 respondents.
- Dog fouling was judged to be a problem by 19 of 127 of the respondents within the village, but 36 of 160 were concerned by dog fouling on the footpaths surrounding the village. (An additional bin has subsequently been installed by the Parish Council near the entrance to Eathorpe coach drive.)

- Playing field maintenance was judged to be average to very good by all but one respondent.
- Emptying of litterbins was judged to be average to very good by all but four respondents.
- Maintenance of village footpaths was judged to be average to very good by all but 17 respondents.
- Litter picking was judged to be average to very good by all but two respondents.
- Digital TV Reception was judged to be poor by 20 of 106 of the respondents.
- Street Lighting was judged to be poor by 31 of 139 of the respondents. However, some thought it was too intrusive and others felt it was insufficient.
- Speed cameras were felt to be of value by 117 respondents.
- Postal service was judged to be average to very good by all but eleven respondents.

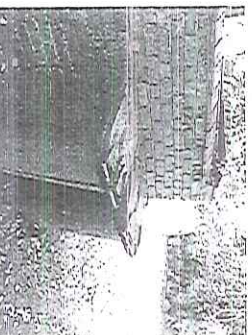


The mobile library was used regularly by 10 of 145 respondents and never by 135 of 146. Those who responded commented that it did not visit Lairhillock or Birdingbury Road and sometimes its punctuality was in question, otherwise there was satisfaction with the service. Others commented that they were not aware that the service existed.

Action Points

- The Parish Council to continue to monitor any demand for additional dog bins.
- The Parish Council to liaise with the library service to facilitate the awareness of the library service in the village and to discuss the location of its stopping off point(s).
- Rolling replenishment of ageing street lighting and the shorter term updating of the form of lighting to more energy efficient versions.
- The Parish Council to encourage the transfer underground of overhead power cables.
- The Parish Council to encourage pride in the village appearance by entering, initiating relevant competitions (e.g. Best Kept Village, Best Kept Garden).

Waste & Recycling



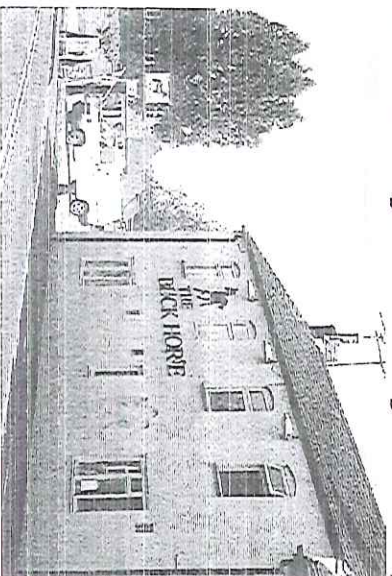
Refuse collection was considered satisfactory by 119 of 148 of the respondents. Those who were not happy pointed to more frequent green bin collections and a facility for recycling plastic and cardboard. 144 out of 151 respondents recycled using the green bins, 133 of 144 recycled using the red boxes and 45 of 125 used the village recycling centre at the Black Horse. Litter in their area of the village was not thought to be a problem by 144 of 151 of the respondents.

Action Point

- In the light of proposed changes to the domestic waste collection service the Parish Council to encourage the use of the new bins through publicity, via the village website, regarding the new complex collection timetable.

Village Commercial Services

33% used the Post Office regularly. However, with its more recent diversification into a newsagency, these figures should have increased significantly. The Black Horse was used regularly by 11% of the respondents; however, its subsequent use as a restaurant will have affected these figures. The Garage was used by 28% of the respondents.



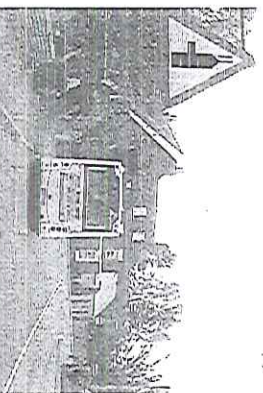
Of the services offered by local businesses, newspaper delivery was used most often followed by milk delivery. Other services were used far less frequently if ever by most households

Additional businesses were considered necessary by 81 of 106 of the respondents the most popular suggestion was the provision of a small shop/general store.

Action Points

- The Parish Council to monitor developments that might endanger the survival of the village post office.
- The Parish Council to encourage entrepreneurial enterprises that could benefit the village in terms of services and employment.

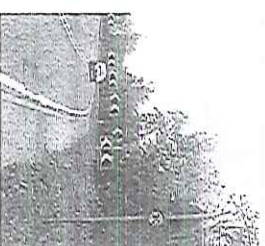
Traffic, Roads and Paths



Noise from traffic is commented on elsewhere, but speeding traffic was a concern for a great majority of the respondents from all parts of the village, whereas volume of traffic was of lesser concern. Unsurprisingly this is a major issue for those living by the A423 and to a lesser extent for those who live on Birdingbury Road. There was significant concern regarding the junctions with the A423 at North Street and Birdingbury Road, where traffic speed and visibility created hazards. A number of possible solutions were put forward from the use of traffic islands to other traffic calming measures such as traffic lights or a

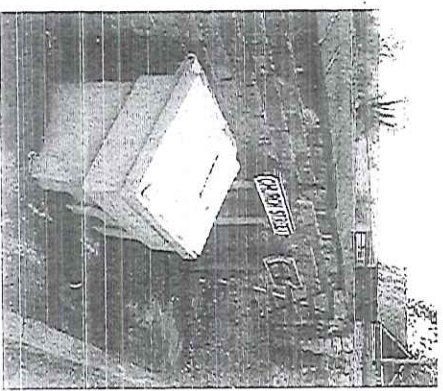
pedestrian crossing to address the issues of the danger of crossing the road, especially for the elderly or schoolchildren.

There was a mixed response to the speed reduction measures at the village gateways. 83 responses considered they were useful, and 53 did not. The issue of a by-pass was raised by a number of people in the written comments. Speed cameras were felt of value by 117 respondents.



Vehicle noise was a concern for those living near the road though negative comments were received from households beyond its immediate vicinity. Motorcycle noise from the old railway line was also a matter of concern for some households. Aircraft noise was noted by 31 respondents but more (42) mentioned helicopter noise.

Improvements to both vehicle and non-vehicular movement around the village were highlighted by the need for more cycle paths as mentioned by 73 respondents (especially along the disused railway line). Dropped kerbs, as mentioned by 17 respondents, was a particular issue, especially for those needing wheelchair access. 22 respondents requested more pavements in the village including a pavement to link Marton and Long Itchington.



More grit bins were requested by 28 respondents (but did not correlate with any particular location in the village). More dog bins were requested by 58 respondents especially on the Eathorpe bridle path.

Parking was a concern in a number of areas of the village causing problems for visibility, passing and access for emergency vehicles.

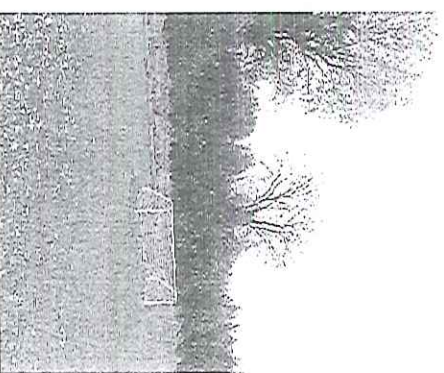
- o In North Street, particularly at the Shepherd Street junction.
- o In Church Street, especially when functions are being held in the village hall or a service is being held in the Church.

Action Points

- o The Parish Council to monitor closely the impact on HGV movements of developments by Cemex at Long Itchington and the changing use of the Ryton Peugeot site and campaign for the best solution regarding speed/safety/traffic noise and the state of road surface.
- o Liaise with WCC and Parcel Force on minimising the passage of HGV movements through the village.
- o The Parish Council need to investigate issues raised by increasing internal traffic and demand for parking especially near junctions, e.g. North Street and Shepherd Street. The Parish Council to investigate the use of alternative parking sites where congestion is worst.
- o The Parish Council to encourage villagers to use their own off-street parking areas where they exist.

Village Amenities

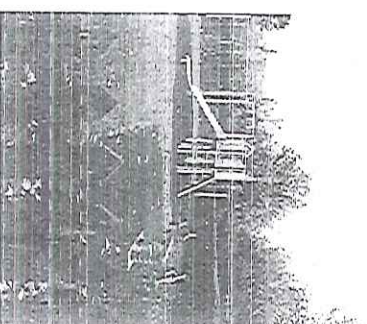
- 8.5% of the respondents were representatives of the Church.
- 3.3% of the respondents were representatives of the Bingo group.
- 4.6% of the respondents were representatives of Marton Walkers.
- 3.3% of the respondents were representatives of Marton Cricket Club.
- 24 respondents acted as leading members of various village groups.



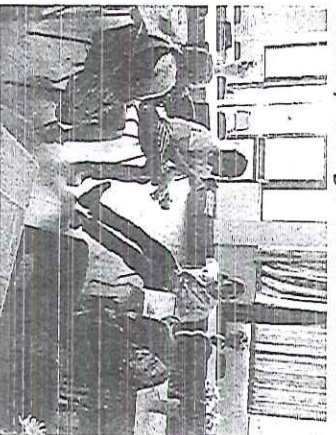
Additional facilities requested were for a variety of activities which have been passed onto the Village Hall Committee and the Playing Field Committee for comment and individual action planning. The most popular mentioned were indoor bowling, badminton, youth club and most significantly a tennis court. Half the number requesting any of the above requested a 5-a-side football pitch or a skateboard area.

154 respondents considered the **Playing Fields** met the village's needs as against 33 who felt that it did not.

116 respondents were satisfied with the current children's play equipment, as against 13 who were not. One problem noted was the lack of female orientated activities amongst which a croquet pitch was suggested. The lack of play facilities for older children was commented on.



Of the 174 respondents who had used the **Village Hall** recently, there was almost 100% satisfaction expressed with the village hall in terms of facilities, cleanliness and disabled access, though some comments referred to the appearance of its street frontage. 20 respondents had hired the village hall in the last six months and all but one were satisfied with availability and 100% with the charges. 58 respondents have attended classes in the village and 63 had attended classes outside the village. Demand for classes was mainly for various form of dancing activities, though there were 30 requests for keep-fit/yoga type activities. It was noteworthy that 41 people did not use the Village Hall at all.



Action Points (Part 1)

- o Improve the usage of the Playing Fields and associated facilities (Playground, Pavilion, Museum) to enhance village life and guarantee the future of the facilities:
 - o Investigate the long term replacement of the Playground facilities by requesting a fuller report into this issue at the next safety inspection and consider replacement of aging equipment.
 - o Support the current usage by supporting village organisations and activities such as the Cricket Club, Sports Day and casual usage by ensuring regular maintenance with particular focus on grass cutting and the field boundary.
 - o Investigate the promotion of the Pavilion as a small scale venue for rent.
 - o Investigate the future of the Museum following the hiatus caused by the death of its founder.
 - o Investigate the possibility of providing further facilities e.g. five-a-side football, croquet.

Action Points (Part 2)

- Improve usage of Village Hall, wherever possible, to enhance village life and maximise earning opportunities to guarantee the future of the facilities:
 - Investigate ways of improving parking in the vicinity of Village Hall to minimise inconvenience to neighbours.
 - Improved disabled access. Village Hall already has a ramp – can investigate the provision of disabled parking space.
 - Maintain current high standard of activities and events for both villagers and visitors.
 - Actively advertise events in surrounding area.
 - Consider opportunities to improve external appearance of Village Hall, utilising opportunities for any available funding.
 - Consider ways of improving facilities on offer for users, for example, enhanced availability of storage.
 - Develop policies directed to minimising energy use.

Health & Welfare

Difficulty of access to various health services was experienced by one to six of the respondents in each of the categories. Requirement for support for the housebound was mentioned by between two to five respondents.

Most households that have had cause to use the health and welfare services in the previous year expressed general satisfaction, with most feeling they had a good or very good service. Demand for a village health clinic was high, with 109 respondents saying they would use it if available and only 16 saying that they would not.

Action Points

- Investigate the use of the village hall as health centre with the Primary Health Care Trust and local doctors
- See earlier action point in support of those with mobility issues

Education

Of all nursery age children, 3 attended Knightlow School, 1 attended Leamington Hastings, 0 Long Itchington, 0 Southam and 4 other schools. Of all primary age children, 11 attended Knightlow School, 0 attended Leamington Hastings, 0 Long Itchington, 0 Southam and 10 other schools. Of all secondary age children, 8 attended school in Rugby, though 0 went to Coventry, 2 to Leamington, 7 Southam and 4 to other schools.

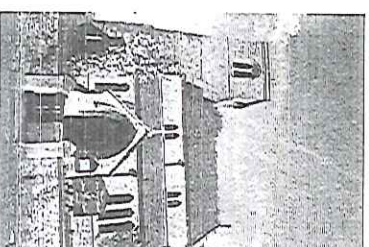
Action Point

- No issues raised.

The Church and Churchyard

The church is valued as:

- historic building - 105 of the respondents.
- the churchyard as a nature reserve - 94 of the respondents.
- focal point for the community - 77 of the respondents.
- for Births Marriages and Deaths - 59 of the respondents.
- haven of peace and quiet - 59 of the respondents.
- a place of worship for 46 of the respondents.



Action Points

- To apply for permission to initiate structural changes in the church which will extend the use of the church for village activities (e.g. Art Exhibition) and facilitate disabled access as well as installing a water supply and toilets.
- To promote active wildlife management in the churchyard.

Communications

Local village news was mainly accessed by the Marton Newsletter, which is read by 146 out of 153 respondents. Only 2 households said they received no information. A similar number also read one of the local newspapers with a bias towards Learnington rather than Rugby or Coventry. 76% households had access to a computer with an Internet connection with another 7% planning to do so. Currently only 15% make use of the village website.

The newsletter was considered valuable as a source of local information but was seen as benefiting from an expansion of its news content and introduction of more illustrative material.

MARTON PARISH NEWSLETTER					
September 2008					
ISSUE	TOTAL PARISH HOUSEHOLDS	TOTAL PARISH POPULATION	TOTAL PARISH EMPLOYED	TOTAL PARISH UNEMPLOYED	TOTAL PARISH RETIRED
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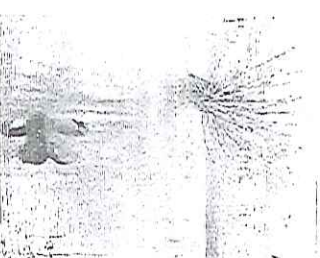
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Action Points

- Newsletter was highly valued and consideration should be given to expanding its news content and introducing of more illustrative material. Possibly also considering occasional special editions with use of colour.
- The use of the village website to be more widely encouraged through regular updating by all village organisations especially the Parish Council, in carrying out a number of action points in this document as well as considering the creation of amore attractive format.

River & Flooding

When the questionnaire was completed there had been eight years without a flood even so 128 of 152 respondents expressed concern about flooding. After the experience of the July 2007 flood, an even higher level of concern might well have been expressed. There was a clear correlation of levels of concern with greater proximity to the river. Clearly flooding is a very serious problem for these people and after a pattern of flooding at thirty-year intervals, two floods within ten years is a cause for concern.



Action Points

- The Parish Council to liaise with the Environment Agency in monitoring developments to minimise the impact of future flooding.
- The Parish Council to liaise with Warwickshire County Council and the fledgling Rugby Borough Council Emergency Committees to maximise support over short term preventative measures (e.g. sandbags, sand) and providing support when flooding strikes.
- Revise the Marton Emergency Plan in line with the latest Borough and County guidelines

Political Representation

Levels of satisfaction with local politicians varied greatly, with 57 villagers unsure of what Parish Councillors did (figures for other political representatives were - Borough Councillor 93, County Councillor 108, Member of Parliament 140, European Parliament 212.

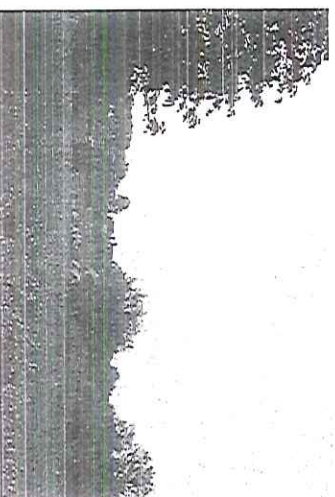
Action Points

- MPC to convene hustings in the village hall for all local political parties at each relevant election to give an opportunity for villagers to be fully informed of the relevant issues.
- The village website to provide links to political representatives of the village at all levels.

Satisfaction with Village Living

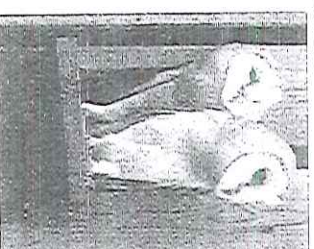
116 people rated living in Marton highly or very highly, 41 had mixed feelings, whilst 12 do not rate it very much.

The rural situation of the village was the most significant factor (in all its aspects) that featured in most responses in respect of what people liked about living in Marton.



Specific areas suggested for improvement:

- "footway" to Long Itchington mentioned by 49 out of 152 respondents.
- a Village Nature Trail mentioned by 41 out of 152 respondents.
- a Local History Group mentioned by 37 out of 152 respondents.
- more seating mentioned by 29 out of 152 respondents.
- provision of a Village Map Notice board mentioned by 27 out of 152 respondents.
- landscaping North Street entrance mentioned by 15 out of 152 respondents.
- rationalise street furniture mentioned by 15 out of 152 respondents.



Action Points

- The Parish Council to action the comments made by villagers in the Parish Plan questionnaire by encouraging the community to be involved in the delivering of the initiatives (e.g. Long Itchington footpath).
- To tie in concerns about village appearance with the creation of a Village Design Statement.

Further Thoughts

General comments made:

- It is a dormitory village.
- Cliquy village difficult to get involved.
- Most mothers work.
- Children educated out of the village.

Action Points

- All village organisations to have as their central aim to stimulate community life through an active associational life e.g. Sports Day, Arts Festival, Marton Night Out, Bingo, new specialist interest organisations, local and natural history groups etc.
- The regular updating and publishing of a Village Directory to be distributed to all households.

Any comments/suggestions/modifications in respect of this report would be appreciated and should be directed to Selina Turner, Marton Parish Clerk 01926 634372 or sellinaac@fsmail.net

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Marton Sports Day and Fete

Event for 2008
The Parish Council are pleased to announce
that the Marton Sports Day and Fete will be held on
Monday 15th September 2008 at the Marton Sports Ground, Marton, Dorset.

10.00 Sports competition kicked off by the Parish Council and the Marton Sports Ground staff. There will be a variety of sports for all ages and abilities. There will be a variety of stalls and refreshments available. There will be a variety of entertainment available. There will be a variety of prizes available.

2.00 Sports open - local sports clubs and teams, including netball, basketball, tennis, badminton, table tennis, and other sports. There will be a variety of prizes available.

2.30 Other sporting events begin - football, tennis, badminton, table tennis, etc.

4.30 - 7.30 Live music, with BBQ available.

Football - local clubs and teams, including netball, basketball, tennis, badminton, table tennis, etc. There will be a variety of prizes available.

Cost - All you need to do is bring your own refreshments and a picnic. There will be a variety of stalls and refreshments available. There will be a variety of prizes available.

Location - Marton Sports Ground, Marton, Dorset. There will be a variety of stalls and refreshments available. There will be a variety of prizes available.

More information - If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Clerk, Selina Turner, on 01926 634372 or sellinaac@fsmail.net.

The Action Plan

(- How to meet the needs outlined in the Parish Plan.

- Some of these matters can be dealt with by the village itself through the actions of village organisations such as the Parish Council, though others will require liaison with organisations that have greater powers such as Rugby Borough Council and Warwickshire County Council.)

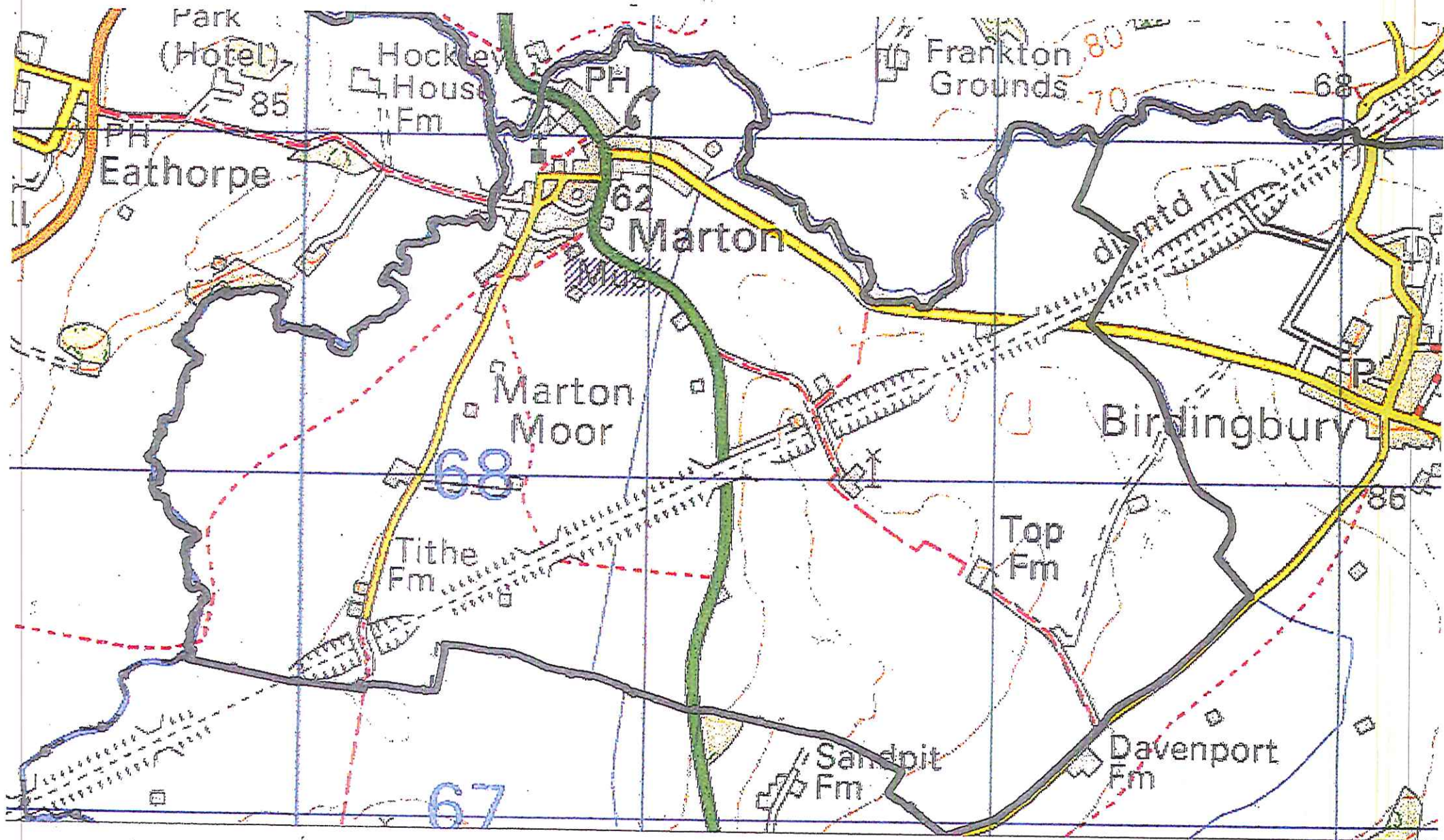
Issue	Action	Priority	Partners	Timescale	Lead Responsibility	Resource Implications
HOUSING 1. Parish Housing Strategy 2. Village Design Statement	The Parish Council to carry out regular surveys to monitor the housing needs of Marton	Low	MPC, WRCC Enabling Officer.	3 Year Minimum	MPC + WRCC	Advice from WRCC
	To publish the results of the consultation exercise for the Village Design Statement and ensure its adoption by the RBC Planning Department to have the status of "material consideration"	High	MPC, Borough Councillors, RBC Planning (Rob Parker-Gulliford)	1 Year	MPC, Parish Plan Group, RBC	Use of WRCC grant
	The parish council to regularly invite the Warwickshire Energy Efficiency Advice Centre to hold exhibitions in the village hall promoting developments in sustainable domestic living	Low	MPC, WEEAC	3 Year Minimum	MPC	None
TRAVEL, TRANSPORT, TRAFFIC ROADS & PATHS	The parish council to co-ordinate a scheme where those with temporary/permanent mobility problems can be helped by willing villagers	Medium	MPC	2 Years	MPC	None
	The parish council to investigate ways of publicising an ever changing bus time table through the village website and updating the notice board in the bus shelter	Medium	MPC + WCC (Kevin McGovern) + Webmaster	1 Year	MPC	None None
	The parish council to investigate ways of publicising those who wish to be involved in car sharing either via the village website or the Village Directory	Medium	MPC + Webmaster	2 Years	MPC	
	The parish council to investigate issues raised by increasing internal traffic and demand for parking especially near junctions e.g. North Street and Shepherd Street The parish council to investigate the use of alternative parking sites where congestion is worst	Medium	MPC	Ongoing	MPC	Look at available grants to aid purchase of parking sites
	The parish council to encourage villagers to use their own off-street parking areas (where they exist.)	Medium	MPC	Ongoing	MPC	None
	The parish council to monitor closely the possible impact on HGV movements of developments by Cemex at Long Itchington and others at the old Peugeot plant at Ryton and campaign for the best solution regarding speed/ safety /traffic noise and the state of road surface	High	MPC + RBC + WCC + Cemex	Ongoing	MPC	None
	Liaise with WCC and Parcel Force on minimising the passage of HGV movements through the village	Medium	MPC + Parcel Force + WCC	Ongoing	MPC	None

Issue	Action	Priority	Partners	Timescale	Lead Responsibility	Resource Implications/ Issues
VILLAGE PUBLIC SERVICES	The parish council to continue to monitor any demand for additional dog bins	Medium	MPC	Ongoing	MPC	£100 per bin and installation
	The parish council to liaise with the library service to facilitate the awareness of the library service in the village and to discuss the location of its stopping off point(s)	Medium	MPC + WCC Library Service	1 Year	MPC	
	Rolling replenishment of ageing street lighting and the shorter term updating of the form of lighting to more energy efficient versions	High	MPC + WCC Lighting Engineers	12 Years	MPC	£1200 per lamp standard
	The Parish Council to encourage the transfer underground of overhead power cables.	Low	MPC + Powergen	Long Term	MPC	None
	The parish council to encourage pride in the village appearance by entering/initiating relevant competitions (e.g. Best Kept Village, Best Kept Garden)	Medium	MPC + WRCC	Every year	MPC	None
ENVIRONMENT	In the light of proposed changes to the domestic waste collection service the parish council to encourage the use of the new bins through publicity, via the village website, regarding the new complex collection timetable	High	MPC + Webmaster	6 months	MPC	Use of Website
HEALTH & WELFARE	Investigate the use of the village hall as health centre with the Primary Health Care Trust and local doctors	Medium	MPC + Village Hall Committee + Local Primary Health Care Trust + local doctors	2 Years	MPC	None
CHURCH & CHURCHYARD	To apply for permission to initiate structural changes in the church which will extend the use of the church for village activities e.g Art Exhibition/To facilitate disabled access/To install a water supply and toilets in the church	High	MPCC + Diocesan Architect	2 Years	Church Wardens + MPCC	Grant from CSP + Fundraising
	To promote active wildlife management in the churchyard	Medium	Community Spaces Programme Local naturalists Warwickshire BAP	2 Years	MPCC	None

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RIVER & FLOODING	The Parish Council to liaise with the Environment Agency in monitoring developments to minimise the impact of future flooding	High	MPC + Environment Agency	Ongoing	MPC	?
	The parish council to liaise with WCC & RBC Emergency Committees to maximise support over short term preventative measures and providing support when flooding strikes	High	MPC + WCC + RBC	Ongoing	MPC	?
	Revised the Marton Emergency Plan	High	MPC + WCC + RBC	Ongoing	MPC	?
LAW & ORDER	The Neighbourhood Watch to convene a village meeting where issues of concern regarding police issues can be addressed	Medium	Neighbourhood Watch + Warks Police + PACT	1 Year	Neighbourhood Watch	None
	The parish council to follow up villagers concerns with the police at the quarterly Dunchurch Panel meetings	High	MPC + Warks Police	Ongoing	MPC	None
POLITICAL REPRESENTATION	MPC to convene hustings in the village hall for all local political parties at each relevant election to give an opportunity for villagers to be fully informed of the relevant issues	Medium	MEP/MP/WCC/RBC/MPC	When elections arise	MPC	None
	The village website to provide links to political representatives of the village at all levels	Medium	MPC + Webmaster	Ongoing	MPC	None
VILLAGE AMENITIES	See section at the end					
COMMUNICATIONS	The Newsletter was highly valued and consideration should be given to expanding its news content and to the introduction of more illustrative material. Possibly also considering occasional special editions with use of colour	High	MPC MPCC	6 months	MPCC + MPC	Funding for printing
	Use of the village website to be more widely encouraged through regular updating by all village organisations especially the parish council in carrying out a number of action points in this document	High	MPC + Webmaster	6 months	MPC	Cost of dedicated website address

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VILLAGE COMMERCIAL SERVICES & EMPLOYMENT	The parish council to monitor developments that might endanger the survival of the village post office	High	MPC	Ongoing	MPC	
	To encourage commercial activities that could benefit the village in terms of services and employment	Medium	MPC	Ongoing	MPC	
	The parish council to ensure that the Warwickshire County Council's work with Extended Schools is publicised through the Village Directory and village website for access to facilities for child care, after school clubs etc.	Medium	MPC + WCC Social Services + Webmaster	2 Years	MPC	
CHANGING PARISH DEMOGRAPHY	The parish council to examine any future official statistics such as the 2011 census to monitor any changes in this situation regarding the demographic balance within the village community and its possible impact on services	Medium	MPC + WCC (Spence Payne)	Ongoing	MPC	
	The parish council to monitor future planning to ensure the preservation of the factors that the villagers value about living Marton	High	MPC	Ongoing	MPC	
SATISFACTION WITH VILLAGE LIVING	The parish council to action the comments made by villagers in the Parish Plan questionnaire by encouraging the community to be involved in the delivering of the initiatives e.g. Long Itchington "footway"	High	MPC + (Parish Paths Partnership)	Ongoing	MPC	Possibility of grant aid via landfill tax
	To tie in concerns about village appearance with the creation of a Village Design Statement	Very High	MPC	Spring 2009	MPC	
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS	Village organisations to stimulate community life through an active association life e.g. sports day, arts festival, bingo, village hall activities, village website, local and natural history groups etc	High	MPC MPCC MPF Committee Village Hall Committee Cricket Club	Ongoing	MPC etc	
	The regular updating and publishing of a Village Directory to be distributed to all households	High	MPC	1 Year	MPC	Funding for Printing

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VILLAGE AMENITIES	<p>Improve the usage of the Playing Fields and associated facilities (Playground, Pavilion, Museum) to enhance village life and guarantee the future of the facilities</p> <p>i.e.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Investigate the long term replacement of the Playground facilities by requesting a fuller report into this issues at the next safety inspection and consider replacement of aging equipment - Support the current usage by supporting village organisations and activities such as the Cricket Club, Sports Day and casual usage by ensuring regular maintenance with particular focus on grass cutting and the field boundary - Investigate the promotion of the Pavilion as a small scale venue for rent - Investigate the future of the Museum following the hiatus caused by the death of its founder - Investigate the possibility of providing further facilities e.g. five-a-side football, croquet 	Medium & Long	Committee Cricket Club etc MPF Committee	1-5 Years	MPC + MPF Cricket Club Marton Museum Trust Parish Council	Grants required for support of Playground replacement
	<p>Improve usage of Village Hall, wherever possible, to enhance village life and maximise earning opportunities to guarantee the future of the facilities.</p> <p>i.e.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Investigate ways of improving parking in the vicinity of Village Hall to minimise inconvenience to neighbours. - Improved disabled access. Village Hall already has a ramp – can investigate the provision of disabled parking space. - Maintain current high standard of activities and events for both villagers and visitors. - Actively advertise events in surrounding area. - Consider opportunities to improve external appearance of Village Hall, utilising opportunities for any available funding. - Consider ways of improving facilities on offer for users, for example, enhanced availability of storage. - Develop policies directed to minimising energy use 	Medium & Long	Village Hall Committee	Ongoing	Village Hall Committee	Grant support for building and resource improvements



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