

Great survey and wonderful to be asked what is important to Lymm parishioners. Please note the scores that I gave mid-band were done so as I think a deeper dive is needed into these topics during 2024. i.e. toilets at the dam: can that be provided in the village by the shops, restaurants and by modernizing the Parish Hall. Litter picking, tree pruning, mowing: what are WBC's responsibilities - we should not be taking up slack but instead pushing back to get the services we pay for in Council Tax. CCTV: is this a deterrent and help solve crime. Events : which events - we can't do them all OR we need to address the funding, staffing and logistics of them and trade other activities out from this list of 20 items.

Keep up the good work. Happy Christmas!

It is surprising that there is so little allocated for supporting events for teenagers including renting time at the 3G pitches at LHS, but significant funding to addressing security, speeding, sunken gardens etc.

Cannot afford to pay any increases so would rather there are cutbacks.

Staffing and admin costs are using a large chunk of the money. A voluntary committee could be formed with members elected to make decisions and assist with admin in the same way as a school trust board and a board of governors undertake these roles on a voluntary basis. This would allow for more money to be spent on the projects. Allotments and the skate park are used by a small proportion of the residents of lymm and should be lower priority than improvements benefiting the whole community.

The Parish council seems to be spending or planning to spend a lot of money on things which are other people or organisations responsibility. Policing is the responsibility of Cheshire Police, and they are well funded for it - so hold them to account to deliver proper policing for Lymm rather than pay extra to do their job for them. Maple Lodge, the Village Hall, and Youth Club spaces need to be self sustaining and cover their own costs through users of these spaces paying to do so, frequency of use, or through their own fund raising efforts. Similarly, the May Queen charge for access to a public space - they should not need a public grant as well. Allotments also should cover their own costs - certainly not have £15,000 spent on subsidising them - if the users want access to water then they should be facilitated in achieving this but pay for it themselves.

In short, the Parish Council should concentrate on doing the small things around the village which are enjoyed by all residents well, holding other organisations who are failing to deliver to account, and budgetting far more than £5K for protecting the green spaces from development.

Village needs good decoration for Christmas

Could be done by charity from the retail shops in village

The cost band of keeping the village tidy is very high and often rubbish is present. Should there be more bins or proactive measures.

Too little time for the public to leave comment. Minimum increase should have been able to be selected from 0.

Wow, you want to do so much! When so much of the budget is staffing... cut down on nearly 200k of staffing!!!

Also, emblemed lamp posts? In a cost of living crisis? More CCTV, more lighting, flowers? Please keep costs down for everyone these next few years, money is tight. Do what absolutely needs to be done. No new public toilets, no massive expenditure. Half a million on the village. Budget like us who live here have to. Do what you can with what you have got, stop being greedy. Whilst its wonderful to have dreams when mortgages have doubled in the last year, we'd all love more flowers, a new bathroom etc but we are having to live to our means, the Parish council should be no exception. Don't hike yet another of our bills!

People are scrimping by, using food banks, choosing to eat or heat their house.

The PCSOs should do their clinics by the cross and not indoors where only a tiny minority of the people even know they are about. They 'kid's indoors for an easy life. They should be high box at all times

Are these being given to those not on social media so their voice can also be heard?

I would like to see benches every 150/200 metres between the village and oughtrington along the towpath and along slutchers lane. I'd like to go out walking but need places to rest. I'm sure i'm not the only one.

Policing, speeding and parking should be a priority. ASB is out of control, speeding and parking are ridiculous. Also, littering and dog poo remain an issue. No point in pretty flowers if you're avoiding the village centre due to groups of foul mouthed youths and dodging the dog poo. Not many do 30mph on Higher Lane. Should be a speed camera and a crossing on the stretch between top of Rectory Lane and Oughtrington Lane.

Not enough granularity in the sections. Clock and Defibs are not environmental projects, and whilst I'd support defibs, I would't support money being spent on a clock.

Village hall isn't covering its costs, so hire rates need increasing.

Lymm Dam requires investment to improve activities around the location, e.g. Children's adventure trail.

I think it's unacceptable that the parish council continue to increase the precept by far more than any other element of the council tax year on year.

There needs to be better signage showing the village centre and parking. The businesses in the village centre are struggling and we could lose some of them in 2024.

Thank you for all you do for lovely Lymm x

It's good we can do this survey online. Thanks for organising.

1. Suggestion. Lymm council could pay capex for track mats, radios / whatever that LHTD and May Queen rent, then subsidise costs of multiple community events

2. Install micro hydroelectric tubines at upper and lower dam. Put a digital screen showing storage and output as a feature in sunken gardens for education (and entertainment of geeks)

3. Install high speed chargers in pepper street car park (power from 2 above + battery storage) attract M6 travellers to spend time in lymm village rather than truck stop

4. Funds will be needed regarding warburton bridge - oversight that peel fix it right before outsourcing liability to a company that will no doubt go bust leaving taxpayer on the hook. Legal costs, surveyor/engineer

5. Footpath link ups - new estate behind sainsburies to canal, back of bucklow gardens path to new estate, widen path past st Peters to allow kids to cycle to high school traffic free,

I would like to see more of the council tax I pay going to benefit Lymm

Upkeep of our garden spaces and walkways - the walkway and walls around Lymm Dam need to be a priority for Warrington Borough council to fix. There is a lot of invasive species to be cleared. A "friends of Lymm Dam" volunteer group could be made

Road markings need to be improved

Hard surface the footpath between Oughtrington Crescent and Mill Lane as far as field. Used by children walking to high school from Mill Lane. Strangely field drains quite well apart from one small section.

Disappointed to see little mention of active travel. Guess you can't do much with so little money. So much for localism.

Christmas decorations a disgrace

The lights on the Christmas trees are pathetic! You can hardly see them. Such a shame....

The marketing of carols on Christmas Eve - it states that it's from the cross, when a) it was 'around' and not 'from' b) it's actually happening around the lower dam-clearly not fact checked!

The marketing of this survey is poor-on the deadline it was posted on Ill.

All councils need to be more visible- how about 'councillor's from the cross' once a month.

Ensure that the website is up to date-apparently Rob is still employed.

Why does LPC spend so much money on loss making village hall and nothing on Oughtrington community centre. No budgeted for a new roof so now taking out a loan spending money that could have been better used. Why no section 106 money from all the houses built.

What about paths around schools. Oughtrington lane is overgrown most of the time reducing width for children going to school. Also around Oughtrington are covered in mud and leaves go ref weeks at a time. The trail between the health coop and Sainsburys could do with resurface like the rest of it. Finally Sandylands park could benefit from an upgrade of equipment

Some small wins can bring big rewards. Painting railings at Dam upper and lower.

Deterrent for illegal parking on double yellows in village.

I think the council should ask people and businesses more actively for donations towards Christmas lights and other things in the village. In other areas such as Hale the Christmas lights are supported by donations from individuals and businesses. More could be done to actively encourage people to contribute.

Ensure the proposed medical centres we keep hearing about are enforced as the ageing population and additional housing puts a huge strain on the existing services. This is probably aimed more at WBC

The pavements and footpaths throughout the middle of the village are disgraceful. They are broken and dangerous, as well as looking very untidy. Outside the Spice Lounge up the cross, by the side of the lower dam, the flags and/ tarmac is breaking up. Cars parking on pavements are causing some of the breakage. Where are the traffic wardens covering the parking on the streets? More fines should be given out to deter people from parking in un designated areas. Flags around the cross are very uneven. I know that the area used to be used for parking but it shouldn't be now.

More litter bins are needed, which should be emptied on a more regular basis, especially after events, such as the carols around the cross.

What is happening to the Barclays Bank building? That eyesore has gone on long enough.

Lymm desperately needs to update and improve the park facilities -not just the skate bit. The play equipment is dated and would benefit and update.
Please don't spend on things that WBC will just veto or overrule. Keep increases low re cost of living & hikes in everything else.
Improvement of access road to Sowbrook would be more beneficial than allotment security.
Positive provision (i.e. somewhere for them and not just removing from village centre) for community youth (is the skate park used nowadays?) rather than Sunken Garden
Security and safety re parking in village, noticed an increase in people parking on the cobbles in Pepper Street which causes issues for people entering/leaving car parks and access to roads out of village. Can wardens hours be increased?
Why not combine sunken garden improvements with platinum jubilee commemorative tree/plaque? Could be our new Jubilee Garden?
Let's have the village centre pedestrianised.
For Lymm to survive and thrive we need more good businesses,there is little in the village to bring people in and to spend ,it is unfortunate that the makers market wasn't offered a much bigger space ,like Knutsford,close off the street ect and bring people in to the village????the village needs to be looked after and maintained to bring good businesses in???and people ??otherwise I fear for its future??make whoever bought the horrible building on the corner do something with it !!!it is a complete eyesore and a blot on the village!!!!
Is it possible for carols at the cross to be less "commercial radio" in future? This year there was a radio jingle played in the middle of one of the carols. Simple things like the number of verses played did not match the digital song sheet which meant that the usual family singalong was hard to join in and the location change has affected the speaker set up so that there is a big sound dead portion in the middle of the village. Could funding could be found to pay the local brass band to return? Or the concert band? The radio station has done so much to support community cohesion and the broadcast makes it accessible to those who cannot attend and for that we appreciate their work, but it felt like it had lost its heart this year. This is not to under appreciate the work of the many volunteers that make this event happen - nor to underestimate the cost of putting on such an event. Could the parish council invest in some Zettle terminals to allow attendees to tap their phones or cards to make a fixed donation (removing the need for bucket collections)? Possible sell hard copies of the booklet to cover costs and allow families to have a couple they keep to reuse (a nice tradition in itself).
All good
Thank you for everything you do in keeping Lymm a great place to live
Poll doesn't work out display all the options properly on phones unless the phone is rotated to landscape orientation. Hope everyone was aware of thi

I would like the environment and sustainability to be a priority for lymm parish council.
Work towards pedestrianising Lymm centre
Just wondering why the organisations - Maple Lodge, May Queen, Dickensian etc need grants when they are well supported so can raise their own income.
The cobbles on pepper street need replacing ASAP - they have become un-drivable and are destroying resident's tyres and shock absorbers. We have heard nothing since the consultation and this now needs to be treated as a priority.
We appreciate the efforts of the volunteer councillors
The parish council needs more control over building planning. WBC is too big and too detached.
Less money wasted on decorating the village or events. The decorations are nice at Christmas but the poppies, bunting etc just don't add anything. There should be more expenditure on the stuff that matters - reducing traffic, speeding vehicles and the things that would make the village actually functional.
I personally believe rather than spending unnecessary funding on decorating the village and hiring 3rd party contractors, local businesses can do this
Encourage more voluntary involvement
PCSO needs to spend more time at Oughtrington Primary sorting parking at start and finish times. Not just odd day. Needs to be ongoing and regular- it's an accident waiting to happen. Nothing ever gets done and they spend more time at other schools as a priority.
Please don't illuminate everything, it's not green and Lymm is safe. Don't want lights everywhere because mr mrs scaredy cat can't walk along a path, get a torch . We managed without lights everywhere for years and no one got killed robbed or run over
I've selected strongly agree to traffic management on the basis that it includes development of a one-way traffic system through Lymm village to include short stay on street parking. Increasingly cars are parking anyway, causing traffic issues. On-street parking should be a number 1 priority, it would enhance the convenience of the village, increase footfall and use of local businesses, whilst also calming the traffic with a one way system, and preventing the current obstruction of parked cars.
Money for allotments should come out of rent, various organisations already fundraise - new projects should apply to those for funds. Do we really need poppy emblems on lamposts? Parish Council should be concentrating on its role and making sure that if they are consulting - consultation should not be a last minute exercise and members should be going out into the community to explain what they are doing. Do you really want the views of people in Lymm? or have decisions already be made?
I am a strong supporter of local government - the more local the better! I am an admirer of the French model where even villages with a population of barely 1,000 have a Maire and high degree of autonomy.
I support a strong and well funded Parish Council.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - some of the above ratings would be best if qualified with comments - I noted there was no mention of the cost of living crisis and food insecurity etc - what does the PC know about the numbers of people/families really struggling in the area? - I wonder what residents would choose the resources to be spent on if there were a citizen's assembly chosen by sortition?
<p>There is a lot of inconsiderate parking of vans and commercial vehicles outside others property because there is no room at their own house to park or is not allowed on new estates. This in turn causes problems for those residents, the elderly, deliveries and emergency services.</p>
<p>Free parking to both village car parks. To discourage on street and ridiculously dangerous blue badge parking on blind bends(Sextons mainly)</p> <p>Traffic warden to patrol the village even after 7pm. Again to discourage multiple on street parking outside of Naz restaurant down to the post office. Most times at night you have to drive on the wrong side of the road around the bend to the sunken garden. Again highly dangerous.</p>
<p>Definitely need increased policing to attempt to control the drug trafficking around Lymm centre.</p>
<p>More robust parking management</p>
<p>Completion of Pepper Street resurfacing now critical needs completing ASAP. Illegal parking around the area of the Cross to Eagle Brow now prolific and hazardous this area needs to be policed until the problem subsides.</p>
<p>I didn't know that there was a Parish Council mailing list and I only heard about this survey through LEAF. It would be interesting to see how staffing costs have grown over the years and to know how much of that cost arises from doing work that WBC is actually supposed to do.</p>
<p>Love to hear more about what the council is doing. Is there a newsletter that sets out these items being discussed? Is this the mailing list?</p>
<p>Upgrade Ridgeway Grundy children's play facilities. Secure playground from dogs accessing the area. Skate park not a priority.</p>
<p>Please address parking, especially at night. Too many cars parked on yellow lines and zigzags.</p>
<p>Thank you for all your hard work! The village is an amazing place to live. It always looks beautiful and has a real sense of community which the parish council do so much to promote.</p>

The conservation centre of the village has room for improvement at minimal cost:

- 1) Remove the 'Lymm is open for business' sign on the lamppost by the benches at the Lower Dam. I don't know how this was approved as it has an arrow pointing up The Grove not to the village centre and anybody passing this sign would observe that the shops were open anyway.
- 2) Move the Dinosaur's Footprint to the heritage centre. The sign is cheap and tacky, the footprints can't be seen due to the glass becoming too dirty and children use it as a climbing frame which is dangerous. (Also the residents of the Grove were not given opportunity to challenge its positioning)
- 3) Disallow knitted objects on top of the postbox at the lower dam. This is obviously somebody's pride and joy but it's an official item of street furniture and this is a conservation area.
- 4) There is an advert on a frame outside Lymm Spice lounge for a tarmac company. This is blatant advertising that has nothing to do with any local business in the village conservation centre. Please can we have it removed.
- 5) Once again the railings round the lower dam need repainting. The last effort, I think, was around three years ago. Maybe a better approach would be to spray with aerosol paint once or twice a year. It would work out a lot cheaper.

I think the parish council is doing a great job and many thanks to all of you for all the hard work that you do.

Regards

Fabulous work is carried out by the parish council and this should be supported through 2024 and long into the future !

The Parish Council always seem reactive rather than proactive. Take far too long to get anything done - when are you going to put the clock up? I think it was delivered in April! And get the public toilet sorted out? You seem out of touch. How about 2 or 3 of you come to the cross every Saturday morning to actually talk to people. How many of you shop in the village or go to the pubs and restaurants or use the library? Put the minutes of meetings on the notice boards - using the half that is now covered in glass presumably for your use. Leaving only half the space for everyone else to put up their informative posters telling people what is going on.

I think there should be some form of lighting going up to scout hut from Pepper Street. It is very dark when taking children up the slope.

Improvements to lighting in Pepper Street and Davies Way car parks, especially round pay stations