**Haughton Parish Survey 2021**

*It is over 10 years since Haughton Parish Council conducted a survey to capture the views of parishioners on the community, its facilities and what the future might be like. We therefore invite members of each household to answer just a few questions to help us better understand your thoughts on housing, highways, facilities, recreation, green spaces, crime and how we communicate.*

*We have sent each household a paper copy because not every house in the parish is connected to the internet. If you wish to fill in the questionnaire electronically then please download it from* [*https://haughtonpc-staffs.org.uk/document-archive/*](https://haughtonpc-staffs.org.uk/document-archive/)

*Please take a few minutes to participate in this survey by placing ticks in the relevant boxes and using the space provided to add any comments or suggestions.*

**Communication**

*There have been many changes to the way information is communicated recently and the Parish Council needs to ensure that all parishioners can be reached.*

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| **By which means would you like the Parish Council to communicate with you? (***Tick all that apply)* |
| Parish noticeboards |  |
| Household flyer |  |
| Benefice Bugle |  |
| Local newspaper |  |
| Website |  |
| Facebook |  |
| Twitter |  |
| Other (please specify) |

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| **Would you be interested in attending informal workshops to help improve your computer/social media skills?** |
| Yes |  |
| No |  |

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| **Would you be interested in joining a whole village Fibre Gigabit Broadband scheme if one was made available?** |
| Yes |  |
| No |  |

**Traffic and Transport**

*There has been a great increase in the amount of traffic, including heavy goods vehicles, passing through the village on the A518 in the last ten years. Concerns have also been expressed about the speed of vehicles in some sections of the road and in some of the side roads.*

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| **Do you think the current traffic calming measures on the A518 are sufficient?** |
| Yes |  |
| No |  |
| **If no, what measures would you like to see introduced?** |

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| **Are you in favour of a reduced speed limit in side roads in the village?** |
| Yes |  |
| No |  |

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| **Is parking on side road pavements a problem?** |
| Yes |  |
| No  |  |
| **Comments** |

**Crime**

*Haughton is considered to have a low level of crime and anti-social behaviour. However, any incidents are distressing to residents.*

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| **Are you aware of any areas within the parish where crime or anti-social behaviour occur?** |
| Yes |  |
| No |  |
| **If yes, please give details** |

**Housing**

*The Staffordshire Local Plan includes references to housing. When it is published for consultation the Parish Council has the opportunity to comment.*

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| **Do you think Haughton is in need of further affordable housing?** |
| Yes |  |
| No |  |
| **Reason for choice** (optional) |
| **If new housing is allocated to Haughton in a future Local Plan where do you think would be the ideal location?** |

**Amenities and Recreation**

*The Parish Council works to provide amenities within the village and we are keen to obtain your views on these.*

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| **Which of these parish recreational amenities do you use?** |
| Playing field |  |
| Children’s play area |  |
| Adult fitness equipment |  |
| **Are there any other recreational amenities you would like to have?** |

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| **Do you think the village needs more open space where you can sit away from the main road or the playing field?** |
| Yes |  |
| No  |  |
| **If yes, please give suggestions** |

**Footpaths and Commons**

*Haughton has access to the Greenway/Route 55 Cycleway which runs from Stafford to Newport and a network of public footpaths surrounding the village. There are two published guided walks available in leaflet form and on Haughton Parish Website.*

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| **Which of these rights of way do you use?** |
|  | Often | Sometimes | Never |
| Greenway/Route 55 Cycleway |  |  |  |
| Public Footpaths |  |  |  |
| Bridleways  |  |  |  |

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| **Which of these do you think would encourage a greater use of local footpaths?** |
| Easier access through boundaries |  |
| Better signposting |  |
| Accessible maps |  |
| Additional published guided walk leaflets |  |
| Guided group walks |  |
| **Any other comments** |

*Allimore Green Common is a Site of Special Scientific Interest, owned by the parish and managed by Staffordshire Wildlife Trust.*

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| **Have you visited Allimore Green Common?** |
| Yes |  |
| No |  |
| **Would you be interested in attending a guided tour of the common, hosted by SWT?** |
| Yes |  |
| No |  |

*Dale Common is owned by the parish and currently is let for grazing on an annual basis.*

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| (Please choose one option) **In your opinion Dale Common should:** |
| Continue to be let as grazing land |  |
| Be allowed to rewild as a wildflower meadow |  |
| Have a programme of planting native trees and shrubs to aid drainage in Dale Lane |  |

**Dog Gloves**

*The Parish Council has been providing dog gloves, available from dispensers around the village, for many years. It is now a legal requirement that dog walkers carry the means to pick up dog faeces. The Dog Fouling Act of 2016 places responsibility on the person in charge of a dog to clean up after it. Councils can fine people for failing to do this.*

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| **In view of the changes in the law since the dispensers were put in place choose one of these statements:**  |
| The Parish Council should continue to supply free dog gloves available through dispensers |  |
| The Parish Council should continue to supply free dog gloves available on reasonable request (while stocks last) from a location to be decided |  |
| The Parish Council should stop supplying free dog gloves to dog walkers |  |

**Environment**

*Haughton is a pleasant, clean and well-maintained village, as its numerous successes in the Best Kept Village competition show. Since the previous survey there has been a move towards better environmental awareness by aiming to curb climate change, to live in harmony with other species and to lower carbon footprints.*

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| **Do you agree or disagree with these statements?** |
|  | Agree | Disagree |
| More trees should be planted on the green spaces |  |  |
| Small areas of grass in public spaces should left unmown to encourage biodiversity |  |  |
| The Parish Council should encourage home composting |  |  |
| A garden-sharing scheme should be set up for people in need of assistance |  |  |
| Allotments should be available in the parish |  |  |

**Covid 19 Memorial**

*Many communities are considering creating permanent memorials to acknowledge the losses, sacrifices and difficulties of Covid 19.*

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| **Are you in favour of a permanent Covid 19 memorial to be created within Haughton Parish?** |
| Yes |  |
| No |  |

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| If yes: **What form do you think a Covid 19 memorial for Haughton Parish should take?** |
| Bench |  |
| Tree |  |
| Other (Please specify) |  |
| Comments |

*Finally*

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| **Are there any areas of the village you think need improvement?** |
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| **Any other comments:** |
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**Thank you for completing this questionnaire**

*The completed questionnaire can be put into a box in the Fresh and Local shop in the village. Alternatively, if you contact Haughton Parish Clerk on 01785 840845 or by email at* clerk@haughtonpc-staffs.org.uk *then someone will collect it from your house.*

*If you have downloaded the questionnaire from the Haughton Parish Council website and filled it in, please save your completed version and then email it to the clerk on the above email address.*

***PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE BY 17th MAY 2021***