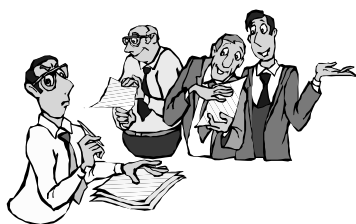


**STELLING MINNIS APPRAISAL 2007**  
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In the autumn of 2006 the Parish Council decided to carry out a village appraisal with the intention of producing a parish plan. The idea is to produce an up-to-date picture of our community. We want to know what you think about a range of issues which affect our everyday lives. We want the information to be based on facts rather than speculation or inspired guesswork. This will provide reliable guidance for the parish council and other bodies and enable them to establish priorities on your behalf.

Earlier this year we asked you for your wish lists for things which would improve life in the village. Those responses will form part of the final report. Now we need to go a stage further and ask you questions about your household and other related issues.

Your confidentiality in completing this appraisal questionnaire is guaranteed. Once the data has been analysed and the report produced all the returned forms will be shredded. No copies will be kept or shown to any other organisation or body. We do not need to know your name(s) or address, but it would be helpful if you gave your postcode so that we can see if the needs of residents in one area differ from those in another.

The questions are in three parts. The first part is general information about your household. The second part is about individuals in your household, please use 1 column (A-F) for each person and add additional columns if required. The third part is seeking views from the household, in which context “you” means the household. If views differ then by all means tick more than one box if it makes a sensible answer to a question.

If any of the questions cause you concern you do not need to answer, simply put a line through that question. ***In most cases you will be able to complete the form by ticking one or more boxes (☑) in answer to each question.*** Space is provided in the final question for you - if you wish - to give your views on matters that concern you, expand on the answer to a particular question, or draw our attention to something we might have overlooked.

**RETURN OF THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE**

The completed forms will be collected by a volunteer collector on  
Your collector is \_\_\_\_\_ and phone number \_\_\_\_\_

If you will not be at home or this date is not convenient please would you either telephone your collector and arrange an alternative date/time or leave the completed form in the envelope in an obvious place. Alternatively you may prefer to leave it in the box in Stelling Minnis Stores – in which case please could you let your collector know.

Should you need help in completing the form please ask your collector who will be able to help you. If you have received this appraisal form by post, then please ignore all of the foregoing and return the completed form in the SAE provided.

**PLEASE COMPLETE THIS APPRAISAL QUESTIONNAIRE. WE NEED AS MANY REPLIES AS POSSIBLE TO ESTABLISH THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY**

*David Stuart* - Chairman

## SECTION 1 – GENERAL INFORMATION

1a	Please give your postcode.	CT4 6		
1b	Name & address (optional).			
2	Are you permanent residents?	Yes	No	
3	Does your property include holiday lets?	Yes	No	
4	How long have you lived in Stelling Minnis Parish?	Years		
5	Why did you choose to live here? Please tick all the boxes that apply.	School	Rural	Proximity to Europe
		Peace & quiet	Business or employment	Other

## SECTION 2 – INDIVIDUAL QUESTIONS

Please use a separate column for each person in your household, but use the same column for the same person throughout the section (questions 2 to 8).



### YOUR HOUSEHOLD

Please tell us about your household

	Please tell us how many people live in your household and their age groups:	A	B	C	D	E	F
6a	Age under 1 to under 5						
6b	5 to under 11 (or still at Primary School)						
6c	11 to 16						
6d	17 - 21						
6e	22 to 30						
6f	31 to 40						
6g	41 to 50						
6h	51 to 60						
6i	61 to 70						
6j	71 to 80						
6k	81 and over						
7	Do any children in your house attend school or college within 12 miles?						
8	Do any children in your house attend school or college further away than 12 miles?						
	How do they normally get to school or college?						
9a	Walk						
9b	By bicycle						
9c	By Bus						
9d	By Car or Motorbike						

## **BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT**

Please tell us how each member of your household is employed. Please use the same column letter for each person that you used on the previous page.

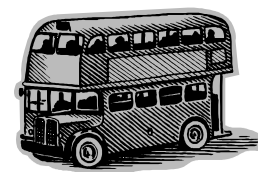


	<b>Person indicator</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>
10a	Full time – in the village.						
10b	Part time in the village.						
10c	Full time less than 20 miles away.						
10d	Part time less than 20 miles away.						
10e	Full time more than 20 miles way.						
10f	Part time more than 20 miles away.						
10g	Work at or from home all the time.						
10h	Work at or from home some days.						
10i	Unemployed						
10j	Homemaker						
10k	Retired under state pension age.						
10L	Retired above state pension age (Women).						
10m	Retired above state pension age (Men).						
10n	Self employed.						
	<b>Mode of transport to work:</b>						
11a	Walk						
11b	Own transport						
11c	Public transport						
11d	Lift with someone else						
12	Would you like to work locally if work was available? Please answer Yes or No.						

## **SECTION 3 – HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONS**

### **TRANSPORT - THE BUS SERVICE**

If you require a bus timetable, telephone Poynters Coaches on 01233 812002



13	Does anyone in the household use the bus service other than for access to school? Tick the answer which is most applicable.	Yes regularly		Yes occasionally	
		No			
14	The present timetable has remained the same for some years. Does it suit the needs of your household?	YES generally		NO but we put up with it	
		NO so we don't use it			

	Would anyone in your household use, if available:-				
15a	A later bus?	Yes		No	
15b	A Sunday Service?	Yes		No	
16	If available, would anyone in your household use a service to destinations other than Canterbury/Lyminge/Hythe?	Yes		No	
17	If yes – where to?				

## OTHER TRANSPORT



18	Does anyone in your household use the Hospital Transport Service?	Yes		No	
19	Does anyone in your household use the Voluntary Car Service?	Yes		No	
20	Other than for local shopping and leisure does your household always use a car for transport? Tick the answer which is most applicable.	Yes		No – also use other means	
		No car available			
21	Does anyone in your household sometimes share a car with someone from another household?	Yes		No	
22	Would your household be prepared to join an official car sharing scheme if it was organised locally? Tick the answer which is most applicable.	Yes as a driver		Yes as a passenger	
		Yes as driver or passenger		No	

## HOUSING and PLANNING

Please tick the column which is closest to your views on the following statements on this subject as they apply to Stelling Minnis only.



	<b>STATEMENTS</b>	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
	New houses and conversions:				
23a	No new houses should be built.				
23b	There should not be any conversions of out-buildings.				
23c	A few new houses or conversions may be supported by the Parish Council.				

		Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
24	An exception should be made to allow a few (say 6) affordable homes to be built for rent or part rent/part sale for people with family connections in the village.				
25	There should be limitations on the size of extensions to existing properties.				
26	Additional buildings such as garages, workshop, and stables should not exceed half the size of the main house.				
27	Holiday lets should be permitted.				
28	Properties should not include more than 2 holiday lets.				
29	The conversion of farm buildings for rural or light industries should be encouraged.				
30	All building should be in styles appropriate to the existing property and rural area.				
31	All new buildings should blend in with neighbouring buildings.				
32	Despite being obtrusive, wind turbines for power generation should be encouraged.				

## **HEALTH AND RELATED ISSUES**

These questions can be answered , mainly by a tick, either on behalf of the household or by each resident in which case there will be several ticks.

These questions are not intended to be personal but to establish the extent of the needs of the village.



33	Which of these NHS Hospital(s) have you attended in the past 2 years? Please tick all the boxes that apply.	K&C		William Harvey	
		Folkestone		QEQM, Margate	
		Maidstone		Specialist Hospitals	
34	If you needed to access any of the hospitals in question 33, how would you get there? Please tick all the boxes that apply.	Use public Transport		Use own car	
		Rely on a friend or neighbour		Use Taxi	
		Use Hospital car service		Use some other transport	

35	Where do you go for doctor's services and prescriptions?	Lyminge		Elham	
		Bridge		Other (please state)	
36	If a local nurse, doctor or prescription collection service were available, would you use it?	Yes		No	
37	Where do you go for dental services?	Canterbury		Hythe	
		Folkestone		Ashford	
		Other (please state)		Don't use a Dentist	
38	How did you get to the doctors or dentist? Please tick all the boxes that apply.	Own Car		Bus	
		Lift with someone else		Other (please state)	
39	Have you called an ambulance in the past 2 years?	Yes		No	
40	How long did you have to wait?				
41	Is anyone in your household housebound?	Yes		No	

**Only answer questions 42 – 45 if anyone in your household is disabled or aged 60 and over.**

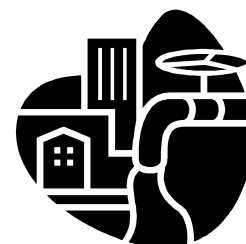
42	Does a district nurse visit you regularly?	Yes		No	
43	Do you use the Age Concern facility in Lyminge?	Yes		No	
44	If yes, how many times a week?				
45	If available would you use a meals-on-wheels service?	Yes		No	

## PUBLIC UTILITIES AND OTHER SERVICES



46	Do you use the local shop/post office?	Occasionally		Once a week	
		Several times a week		Daily	
		Never			
47	What do you use it for? Please tick all that apply.	Daily or Weekly shop		Top up Shopping	
		Fruit & Veg only		Meat & Fish only	
		Post Office Services		Lottery and phone top up	
		Dry Cleaning		Video Rental	
		Buy papers & magazines		Other	
48	Are there any services that the shop/post office does not currently supply that you would use if they did? Please write in the box (example – road fund licence renewal)				

Stelling Minnis has fewer public services than most parts of the Shepway District. Some residents may prefer this and it may be one of their reasons why they live here. We would like to assess your views on related issues.



49	Cesspool service: The present arrangements are satisfactory?	Yes		No	
50	If mains drainage was available we would be prepared to pay a connection charge. (NB in New Romney average charges have been quoted at £7500).	No		Yes up to £5,000	
		Yes up to £10,000		Yes over £10,000	
51	If mains gas became available would you connect to it?	Yes		No	

52	Would you like street lighting in the village?	No		Yes but only in a few strategic locations, e.g. bus stops.	
		Yes in the village centre.		Yes all streets like Rhodes Minnis.	
53	Kerbs: There should be more kerbs to protect and maintain the road edges.	Yes		No	
54	Pavements should be provided in the village centre.	Yes		No	
55	Pavements should be provided from the end of the Minnis (Locks Garage) to the Primary School.	Yes		No	
56	Are litter bins required in the village?	Yes		No	
	If yes, should there be:-				
57a	A few litter bins in the centre of the village?	Yes		No	
57b	Litter bins at access points to the Minnis?	Yes		No	
57c	Litter bins should also have dog waste bins attached?	Yes		No	
58	Do you think a displayed village map showing road names, paths, tracks & house names would be useful?	Yes		No	

## THE MINNIS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

The Minnis is a privately owned common on which the public and commoners have certain rights. It constitutes a major part of the Parish and as such is of concern to us all. Recently it has been the subject of public consultations before a management plan was produced and submitted to DEFRA in 2006.

We would like your views on matters which were referred to in people's wish lists. Please note that litter bins and kerbing of the roadside are dealt with elsewhere in the questionnaire

59	<b>Car parking.</b> Should there be a designated area or areas for car parking for visitors, ramblers, dog walkers etc?	Yes		No	
60	If yes, please tick any that you are in favour of	At the top of Pony Cart Lane near to the Rose & Crown		Just off Bossingham Road, north of Minnis Lane	
		At the north end, south of Harvest Lane		Others (please state)	
	<b>Grazing.</b> We would like your view on the recently introduced grazing plan for the Minnis. Please tick the statement which is closest to your opinion.				
61a	The fenced trial area to the East of Bossingham road is enough and grazing should not be extended beyond that.				
61b	The fenced area should be extended to include the larger area to the West of Bossingham Road.				
61c	Open grazing should now be considered				
61d	No view either way.				
61e	The grazing plan should be abandoned.				
61f	Other views (please state, or use Q106).				
62	Does your household own dog(s)?	Yes		No	
63	Do you walk on the Minnis?	Yes		No	
64	Do you ride horse(s) on the Minnis?	Yes		No	
65	If you avoid using the Minnis, even for part of the year, please tell us why that is.				

	<b>Rules and Regulations on the Minnis.</b> In your view are any of the following rules necessary. Please tick those you think are appropriate. (Note: some of these are included in existing byelaws)				
66a	No camping or caravans.				
66b	No fires.				
66c	Dogs to be kept on leads.				
66d	No horse riding in winter months.				
66e	Driving allowed for access to properties.				
66f	Driving allowed for access to car parking area(s).				
66g	Visitors to pay to park in the designated areas.				
66h	Other (please state).				
	How should any rules be enforced? Please tick any you favour.				
67a	Rules should displayed on notices				
67b	Where legally possible there should be local by-laws				
67c	Volunteers should act as wardens at busy times				
68	Would you be prepared to act occasionally as a warden?	Yes		No	

### Footpaths and bridleways

In the Parish there are other public footpaths and bridle ways.

69	Do you use them?	Yes		No	
70	If yes please comment as follows: They are well maintained.	None		Some	All
71	They are clearly signposted.	None		Some	All

## POLICE AND RELATED SERVICES



72	In the past five years have you called the police?	Yes		No	
73	If yes for what reasons?	Burglary		Vandalism	
		Stolen vehicle		Anti-social behaviour	
		Other			
74	If yes what was the response time? (If appropriate.)				
75	Is there a sufficient police presence in Stelling Minnis?	Yes		No	
76	In the past five years have you called the Fire Service?	Yes		No	
77	If yes what was the response time? (Please write in.)				
78	What was the reason for call? (Please write in.)				

## RECREATIONAL AND SOCIAL FACILITIES

These questions can either be answered on behalf of the household, usually with a single tick, or by each resident in which case there may be several ticks.

79	In the past year have you attended a social function, course or club at Stelling Minnis village hall?	Yes		No		
80	If yes, approximately number of times?					
81	Please enter the number of local clubs and societies that your household supports. Local means those that operate in Bossingham or Stelling Minnis or are listed on the contacts page of the Hardres-Stelling News.					
82	Which age groups do you think are <b>NOT</b> well catered for by local clubs and organisations. Please tick all that apply.	1-5	6-12	13-18	21-60	61 & over

83	Which subjects would interest you enough to attend a course in Stelling Minnis Village Hall? Please state.				
84	If a club/weekly social session were to be held at the village hall would you attend?	Yes – if daytime	Yes- if evening	Yes – if weekend	No
85	Would you be prepared to help run such a club or help with the Youth Club at Bossingham Village Hall?	Yes		No	
86	Is there a need for a play area for families with young children, say 2 – 7 year olds?	Yes		No	
87	If provided would you use it?	Yes		No	
88	Where would you wish to see it located?				
89	Is there a need for sports facilities for older children?	Yes		No	
90	Is there a need for sports facilities for adults?	Yes		No	
91	If yes to either what kind of facilities are needed?				
92	If extra sports facilities (e.g. tennis etc) were available at Bossingham Village Hall would you use them?	Yes		No	

## COMMUNICATIONS



93	Should there be better mobile phone coverage in the area?	Yes		No	
94	Should there be any new masts?	Yes		No	
95	Do you have a computer?	Yes		No	
96	Are you connected to the Internet (dial up or Broadband)?	Yes		No	
97	Do you visit the Village Web Site?	Yes	Occasionally	No	
98	If facilities for a communications centre or Internet Café were available in the village would you use:-	Fax	Photocopier	Internet Cafe	

Thinking about communication within the Village. Does your Household

99	Read local papers? Please tick those that apply	Kentish Gazette (Canterbury)			
		Kentish Express (Ashford)			
		Folkestone Herald			
		AdScene			
		Other (please specify)			
100	Do you read either of the Village Notice boards?	Yes most weeks		Yes but less often than once a month	
		No		Didn't know there were two.	
101	Do you read notices in the shop?	Yes most weeks		Yes but less often than once a month	
		No		Didn't know there were any	
102	Do you read the Parish Magazine?	Yes		No	
	If you don't take the Parish Magazine and wish to – please contact Margaret Crawford on 01227 709568.				

## **PARISH COUNCIL PERFORMANCE**

We are interested in how you would rate the performance of the Parish Council. Please tick the relevant box or boxes if there is a difference of opinion within your household.

		Very Good	Good	Poor	Very Poor
103	The manner in which the Parish Council looks after the needs of the community.				
104	Their communication with the community.				
105	Speed of reaction to changes in the communities needs.				

**AND FINALLY .....**

**Question 106 →→→→→**

Please use this box to write any other comments or views you may have on living in Stelling Minnis or to expand on any of the answers you have previously given.

106



Continue overleaf if you need more space.

**Now please return your completed form. See page 1 for information**

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