

# 22 PARISH

## COUNCIL/PLANNING

- 94% in favour of greater PC involvement in Local Authority planning decisions.
  - **Other duties/comments suggested for PC:**
- PC should be more pro-active: ‘more aware of what’s going on under their noses’
  - **Equally, Parishioners must tell Parish Council about their concerns**
  - **More about individual Councillors on website and in Village Directory?**
- PC should monitor roads/ditches/verges more closely
- This Questionnaire should be implemented
- Local knowledge of Parish Councillors valuable – but could it lead to planning bias?
- 79% feel the PC should have the ability to decide minor planning applications.

- Anything for smooth running of parish
- Local planning in AONB a mockery – look at some new farm buildings

### **TRADITIONAL BUILDING STYLES**

- Consensus they should be preserved in existing buildings
  - Care needed in requiring them for new buildings
  - No thatched roofs on new buildings
  - Mixture of old and new
  - Tree screening for large agricultural buildings.
  - Preserve pattern/arrangement of old habitations in new buildings.
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- *See Blackdown Hills AONB “Design Guide for houses – How buildings and settlements contribute to the character of the BH landscape” - Obtainable from BH AONB office, Hemyock.*