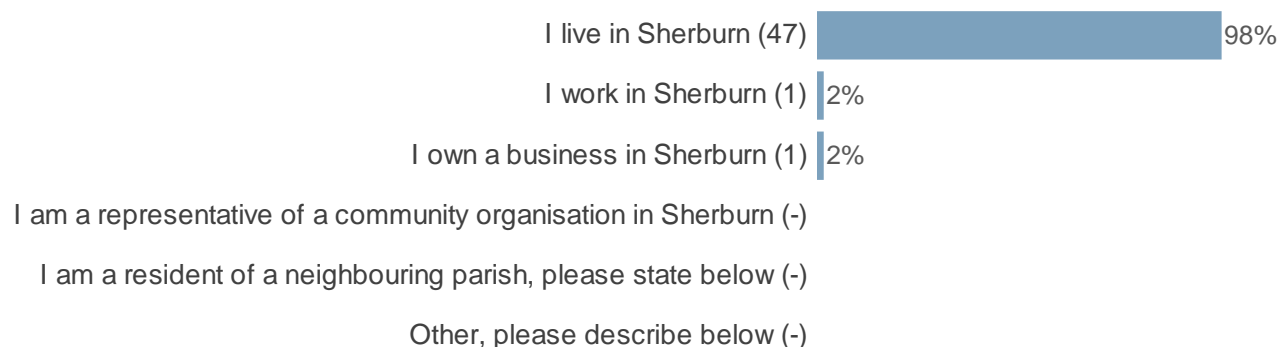


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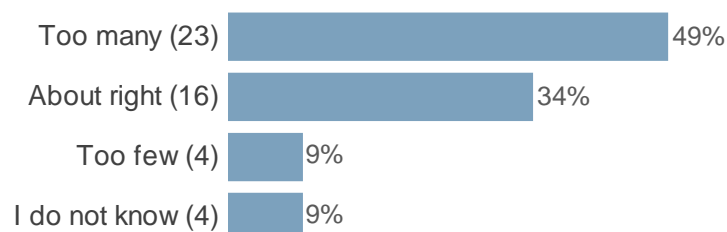
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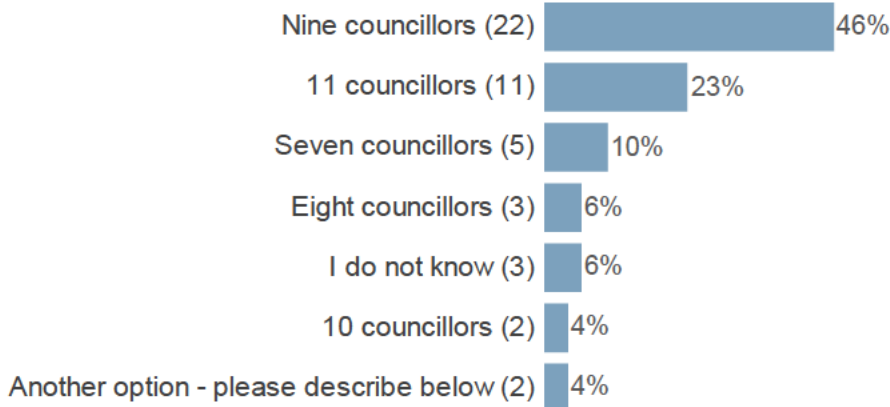
Are you aware that Sherburn Parish Council has had difficulty finding residents to stand as parish councillors and is currently holding several vacant seats?



What is your opinion of the current number of parish councillors (11)?



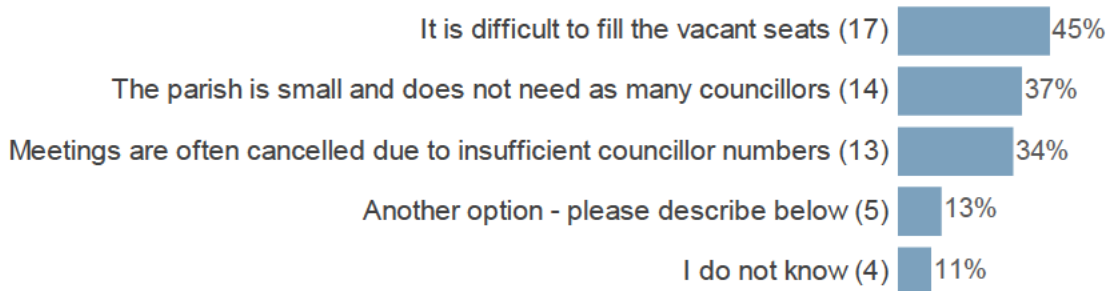
Which of the following would be your preferred option?



As the Town is continually growing, i feel 11 counsellors is not enough, maybe the counsellors who are on the parish council now could hold an information session, what does it entail, how much time .

As few as possible.

If relevant, what are your reasons for supporting a reduction in the number of councillors?



Promote the vacancies better, happy to get more involved but I have not seen a councillor in my street.

I dont support a decrease. In the past the council has not been open to suggestions by the public , which is why i believe its difficult to fill tje vacancies

Sherburn has grown significantly over the past years so I expect about 1 councillor to represent the major areas of the village which I estimate to be about 10 or 11

Villagers feel it is a waste of time joining council as 'they don't get anything done'

Probably one of the reasons you can not get people to join is because nothing never gets sorted out.your wanting to build more houses in the village you can not even get a doctors appointment for weeks

Is there anything further you would like to add about this community governance review?

[REDACTED]

I am not aware of ever having seen any invitations to become a parish councillor. If the need was made more obvious, then perhaps more residents would apply to join the council.

Sherburn is growing and should have representation by a reasonable number of councillors. Improvements in the area are noted but there is too much petty crime and drug abuse going on which may be reflected in peoples attitudes not to get involved.

No

I have attended the meetings on occasions as a resident, I find it interesting to know what's going on in the area, I have found that not many residents attend these. People want things to happen in their area but don't want to give up their own time, including myself, to make things happen. I commend all the current Councillor's as they give so much time as they care so much to keep up with constant challenged in the community. If they are struggling I would happily allow the numbers to be reduced.

Nothing.

The suggestion that the Parish council has difficulty in filling seats leading to cancelled meetings does not stand up to scrutiny. There are minutes of monthly meetings published which show little, if any evidence, of cancelled meetings. Vacancies are rarely published and there are no shortages of applicants as a rule. In fact, I am aware that there have been reserve lists created in the past. There is a turnover of councillors but this probably more relates to the conduct of the council and that it seems to operate more as a glorified social committee with little accountability to the public. Any attempt to weaken further accountability should be refused.

The parish council needs to be more open with communications, they just say see our web site but we have a large amount of people who dont have online access, so need to look at other ways to share meeting minutes. We need to have a mix of ages, men amd women , LGBT, Also look at otjer options for those to attend , so if unable to attend maybe they could interact by being on line via zoom or teams. Im disabled and sometimes cannot attend meetings because my body is not mobile at that timebut im able to attend online, taking this step has had such a positive impact with work meetings . I believe this would help and hopefully never be in a position of not have enough attendees to pass any proposals in meetings.

Im guessing getting rid of councillors still wont reduce council bills. Or even freeze them like labour promised

[REDACTED] I didn't know there were five vacancies, so there is a problem of communication. I led the first Parish Plan Group on behalf of the council. My suggestion is that the council inform each household that they want applicants, with a detail of the commitment. I would also say that the quality and personality of the clerk is important, [REDACTED] With the Parish plan we canvased every household, plus the school children and a group of teenagers, to add their views, and gave easy collection posts for questionnaires to be returned too. Nowadays it might also be necessary to send out copies of papers as not all people have printers, or refuse to use their paper and ink.

I suspect many Sherburn residents are unaware of the lack of parish councillors. I do not think enough is done to encourage people to become parish councillors. Rather than reduce the number of councillors there should be a campaign to recruit the additional councillors necessary to have 11 parish council members.

Problems don't get resolved, mostly are forgotten about. No experience on committee. Cancel meetings at last minute. Minutes of meetings normally late, notice boards not kept up to date. Lack of experienced leadership to resolve situations. No interest in creating ways to improve the apperance of the village except cutting grass. Residents have no confidence in the PC capabilities. No attempts to resolve unauthorised building on the edge of the village, not even concerns to Ryedale Planning.

If I'd have known that there were vacancies, I'd have considered applying to become part of the team

NO

Is there anything further you would like to add about this community governance review?

I would like to offer my support to the Sherburn Parish Council request to reduce the number of councillors to 9. Sherburn is a small village and it seems that a fixed number of 11 is too many to ensure regular quorate meetings to make effective progress in their important and valued work. In these days of shift, remote, flexible working and working away I think this is a reasonable request, when other work takes place by individuals between meetings. Sherburn Council has really important representative work to do, for instance with regard to road safety, eg speeding through traffic lights on A64, so quorate meetings are essential...a requirement of 9 would ensure that this and other crucial work is not impeded but is much more possible. Thank you.