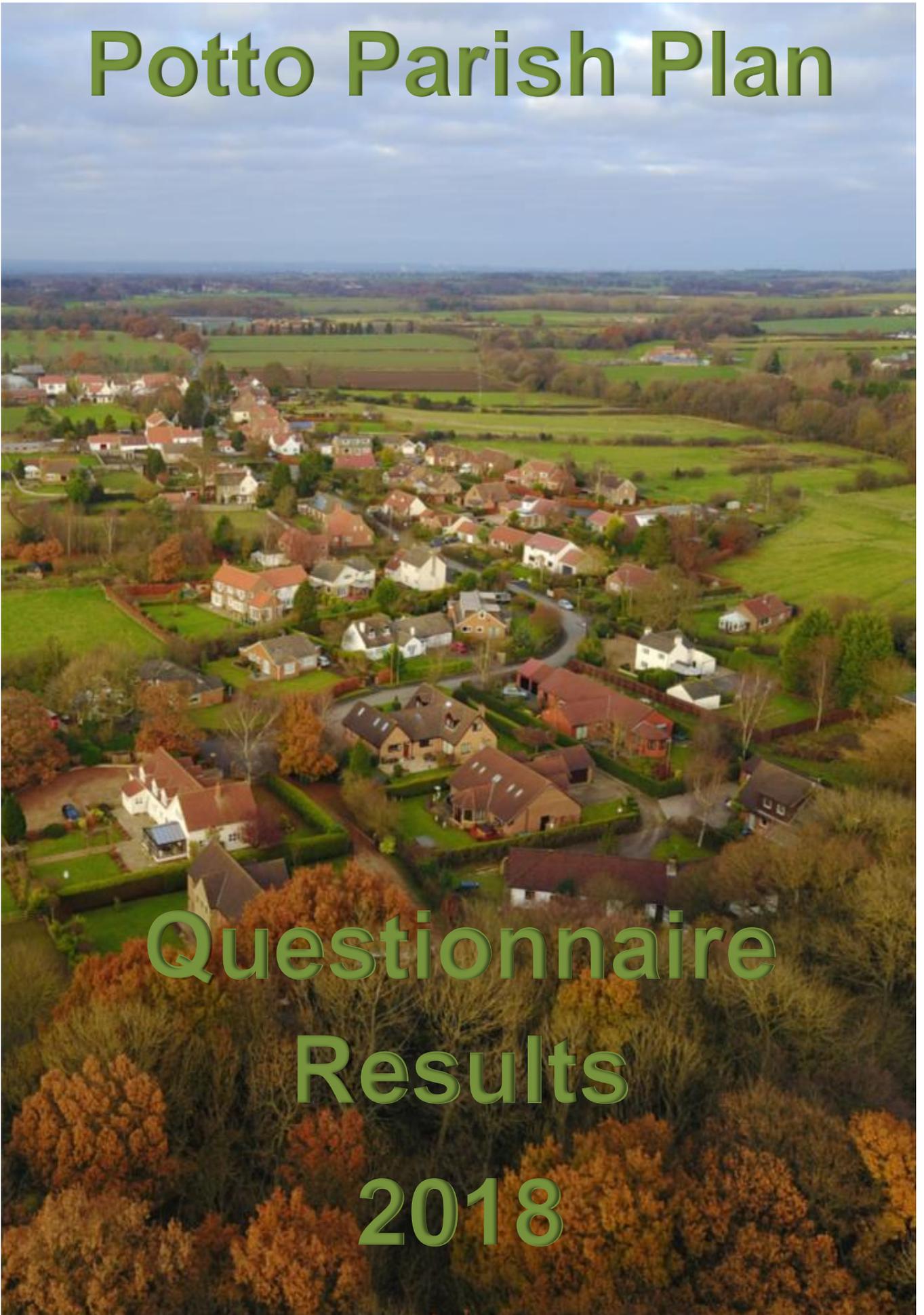


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Questionnaire  
Results  
2018



**22 June - 20 July 2018**  
**59 paper and 40 online responses received = 99**  
**total from 118 households**

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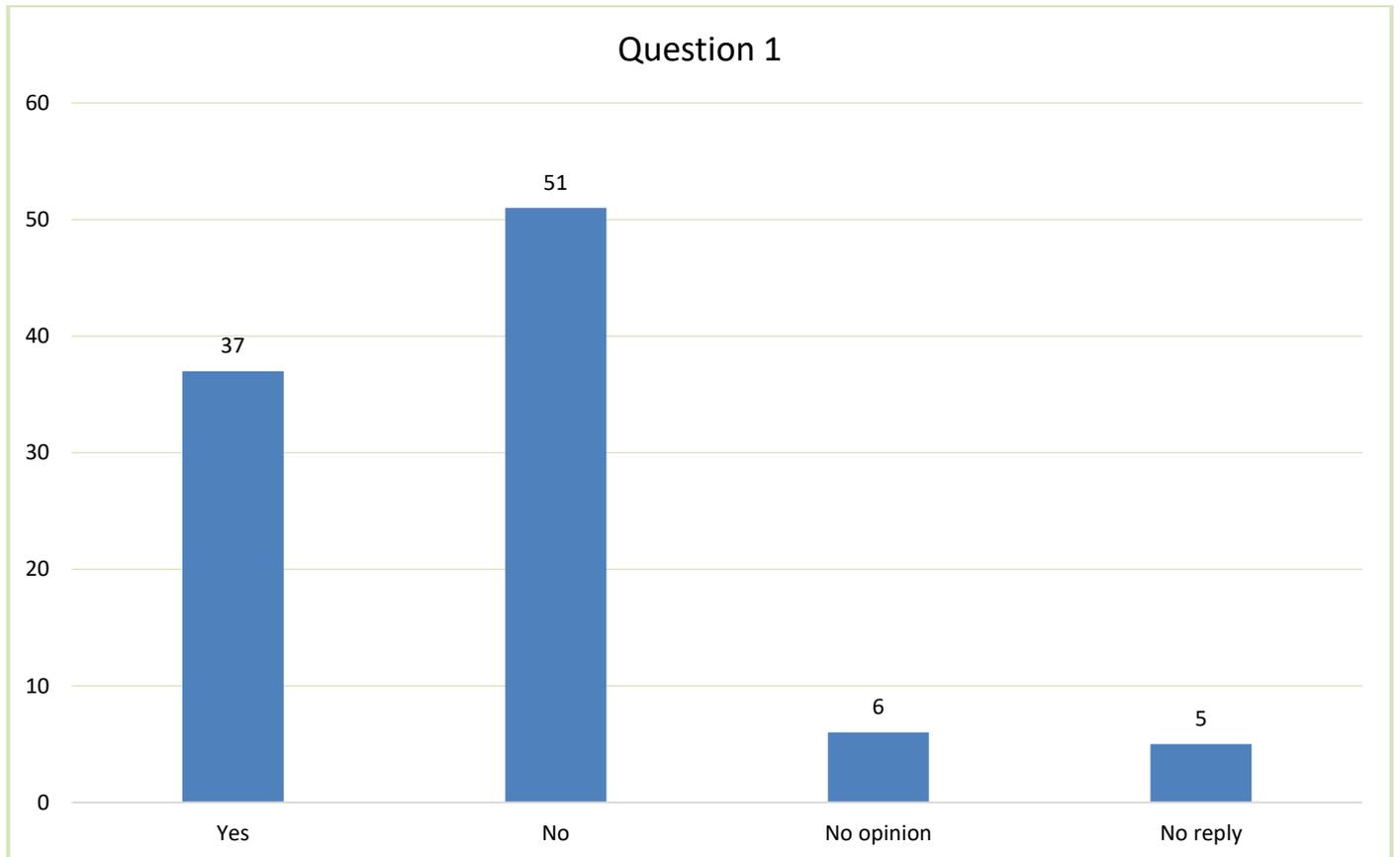
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**SECTION 2: PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

a) Village Planning Status Question 1

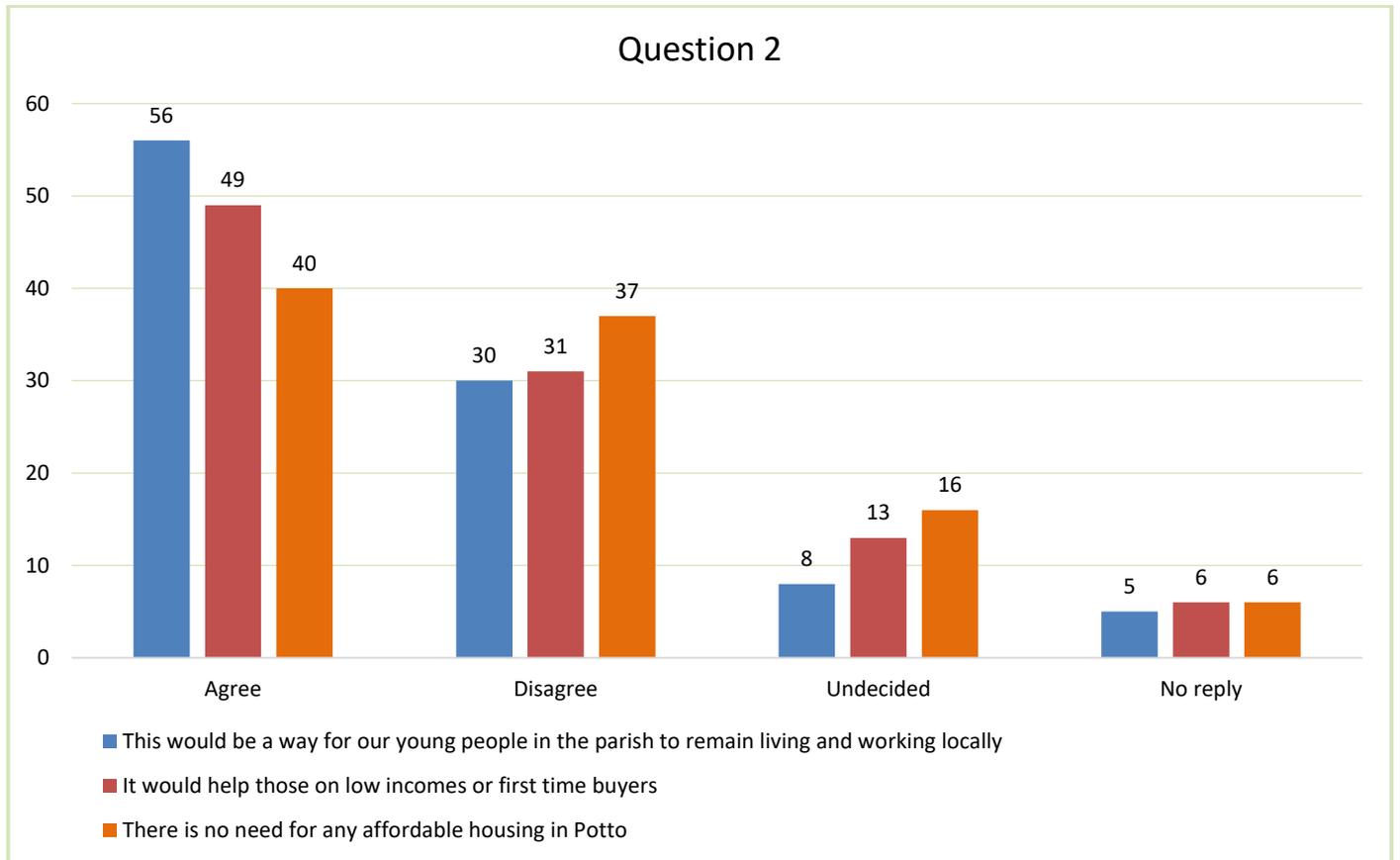
<b>Q1</b>	<b>Within the terms of the Local Plan, Potto is classed as an 'other settlement' and, as such, deemed essentially unsustainable insofar as substantial development is concerned. However, further policy guidance suggests that Potto could be regarded as a 'cluster village' when seen alongside its neighbours, Swainby and Hutton Rudby (in terms of sharing facilities) and, as such satisfies some of the criteria* when considering small scale development.</b>	
	<i>* If Other Settlements are to form a cluster, these must have a good collective level of shared service provision. Settlements should be linked to each other by convenient public transport, walking or cycling, where the combined settlements offer a range of services contributing to a sustainable community. This could include the sharing of facilities such as a school, post office, health facility or village shop.</i>	
	<b>Do you think that Potto should be regarded as a cluster village?</b>	
	37	Yes
	51	No
6	No opinion	
5	No reply	



b) Housing

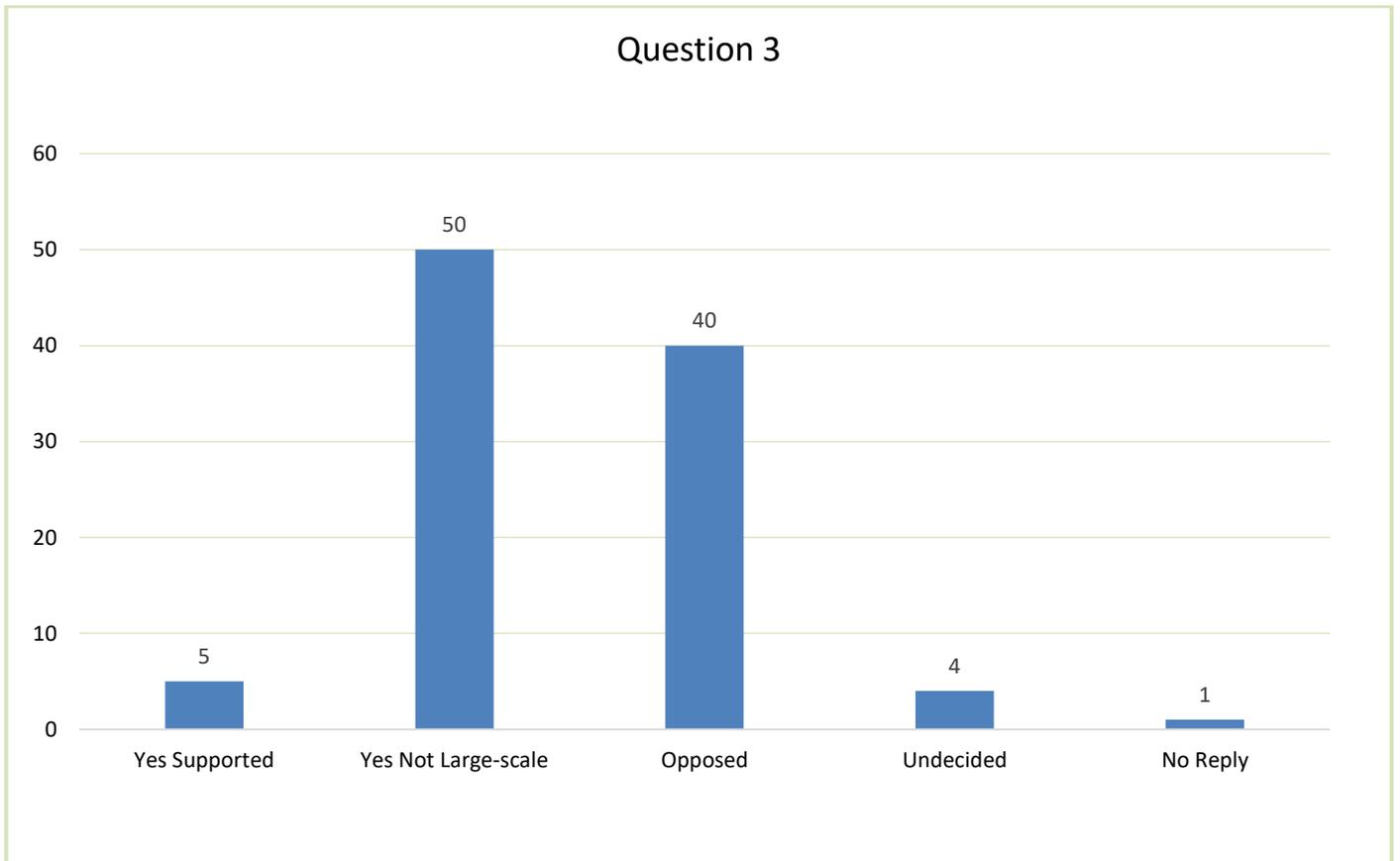
Question 2

Q2	In the future, if affordable housing was considered a possible option in Potto, what would be your opinion?				
		Agree	Disagree	Undecided	No reply
	This would be a way for our young people in the parish to remain living and working locally	56	30	8	5
	It would help those on low incomes or first-time buyers	49	31	13	6
	There is no need for any affordable housing in Potto	40	37	16	6



Question 3

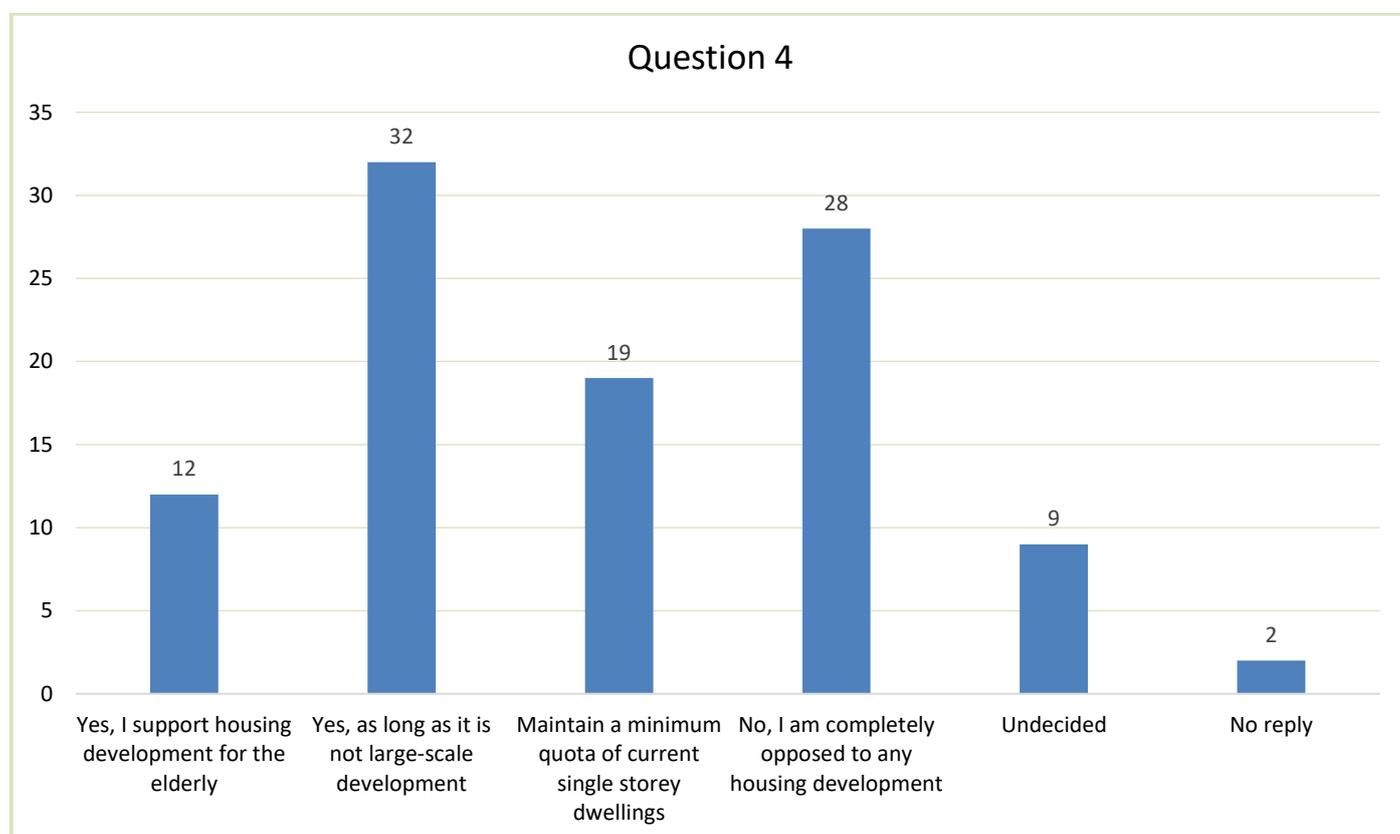
Q3 Do you support the development of housing generally within the Parish?	
5	Yes, I would welcome and support new housing development
50	Yes, as long as it is not large-scale development
40	I am completely opposed to any new housing development
4	Undecided
1	No reply



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## Question 4

Q4 Do you support development of housing for the elderly within the Parish?	
12	Yes, I support housing development for the elderly
32	Yes, as long as it is not large-scale development
19	Maintain a minimum quota of current single storey dwellings
28	No, I am completely opposed to any housing development
9	Undecided
2	No reply
Please add any comments on housing development within the Parish:	
35 responses received	



## Comments for Question 4

- 1) Character of village being spoiled by current trend of adding another storey to single story dwellings without thought of how the final appearance fits in with surrounding properties. 2) Elderly properties good in principle but we lack facilities to support e.g. shop, worthwhile bus frequencies.
- 2) A problem with housing for the elderly in a place like Potto is the lack of suitable infrastructure e.g. no pub, shop, post office etc. and a limited bus service
- 3) Although road Black Horse Lane/Station Road re-surfaced - needs inspection. There is a heavy traffic load. Road serves access to 'Tomahawk Pub' etc. surface already breaking up exposing tar. More permanent surface SHOULD have been considered. Overstrain on water courses/drainage. Housing development may be landfill - access to Cooper Lane/Cooper Close would cause serious issues.
- 4) Any proposed housing developments should be shown to the residents of Potto for their careful consideration before they could be implemented.

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- 5) Development needs to be consistent with existing services e.g. water drainage. A block should be put on extending small/single storey houses into large family houses. Having stock for elderly is already restricted and needs to be protected.
- 6) For the village to survive and prosper we need to enable small scale appropriate development, within planning guidelines and to encourage younger people and families. Potto is a great place to live and to close our minds to growth smacks of 'NIMBYISM'.
- 7) Good idea but getting it past planning (good luck) from my experience
- 8) I am opposed to any new large houses
- 9) I assume older people would be better suited living in easy access of shopping and medical facilities
- 10) I chose to live in Potto because of its size and local character. I do not want this to change my attitude to Potto.
- 11) I feel that Potto and villages like it predominantly appeal to older folk or people without children or who's family have now left home and we all need to accept this. Regarding housing for the elderly, given the councils current policy of allowing existing bungalows to be developed, I can't see any justification for building more bungalows. Simply maintain the housing stock that already exists!
- 12) I feel the issue for elderly residents is not the inability to downsize, but their access to facilities such as shops, PO, medical care, which due to the size and nature of the village are not available. This would not improve with more housing development aimed at the elderly. Likewise, there are few work opportunities for young people around the parish, so this is not a consideration with regard to an affordable housing development. I do however feel that the planning authority should be sympathetic to an occasional individual small 'affordable' application
- 13) I think there is enough accommodation for the elderly, we need to encourage new families to the area to ensure that the village does not stagnate.
- 14) It is a concern that bungalows have been bought and re-developed into houses hence lack of suitable accommodation
- 15) New affordable/housing association Housing development needs to be targeted towards the needs of local residents and family links. It should be tied to those groups and not be available for general sale without qualification.
- 16) Part of the attraction of Potto is that it is a small community. Further development would potentially ruin the village.
- 17) Potto has previously been identified by the Secretary of State's Inspector as an unsustainable village. Potto Close was built with no additional infrastructure. Cooper Lane is a narrow cul-de-sac leading on to another two cul-de-sacs, leading to significant intensification of road use and regular problems with parking. Delivery lorries, oil tankers and other trades vehicles associated with population increase add to the problem and present hazards for pedestrians and children as there is no space for a footpath along several areas of the lane. Many hitherto small properties have been enlarged, a few to massive proportions which are at odds with the historic outline of the village. The national average household (National Audit Office, England, 2017) fell to 2.34 persons. Despite there being very little need for 5 + bedroomed houses in England, Hambleton DC continues to allow extensions of houses in Potto for 5+ bedrooms, thereby worsening the problem of affordability for future would-be buyers. Potto has been allowed to become a village for the very comfortably off.
- 18) Q1 If the term cluster village is dependent on the services as described then we are a cluster village with Hutton Rudby with the only exception being we do not have a convenient Public Transport. Q2/3/4 I think a small development would be welcome as long as the village infrastructure and location can support it without compromising existing environmental requirements.
- 19) The current policy of allowing bungalows to be turned into two storey houses is flawed since it erodes the opportunity of downsizing and thus prevents release of larger family size properties. There is a national shortage of bungalows and we continue to allow them to be eradicated. In Potto we see applications for houses to be built behind current housing and all accessing Cooper Lane via private tracks/lanes and there are several plots whose owners are waiting for the opportunity to do the same. This is blatantly the wrong way to develop Potto since it will add further problems to Cooper lane, two thirds of which has no pedestrian walkways, poor street lighting and a dangerous junction, with greater traffic noise and pollution. Eventually a critical mass will be reached and the village will be changed detrimentally for ever. I am in favour of small-scale development of Potto most suitably to the south and west with new access roads etc. It must be done properly and not on an individual and ad hoc basis

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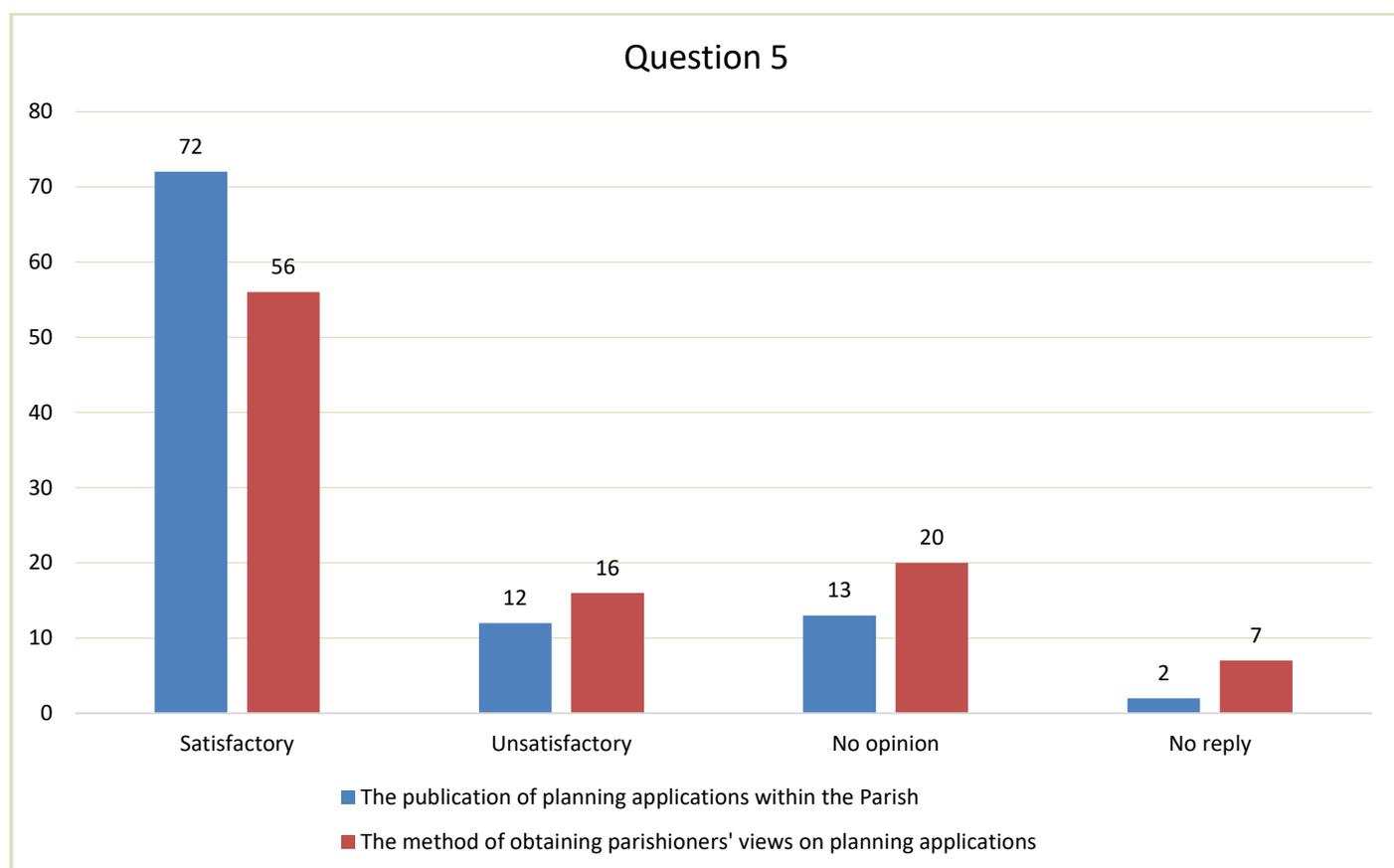
- 20) The facilities and work opportunities in Potto are very limited, so I do not consider affordable housing is necessary. New housing development for the elderly is also not suitable as the bus service and necessary facilities are poor
- 21) The infrastructure i.e. drainage, is insufficient to sustain any new developments
- 22) The infrastructure, i.e. drainage, is insufficient to sustain any new developments
- 23) The planning policy of HDC (possibly supported by Government) has been for far too long to permit any remaining smaller houses to be substantially extended. Small bungalows become large houses. Houses with agricultural restrictions are over-developed and the restrictions lifted, increasing the value for owners, whilst excluding those who need to live locally to work on the land. The net result is that the smaller properties in the parish have all but disappeared. The parish is now, along with many other similar rural villages, populated by executive dwellings only. This results in the residents being older or retired, as young families simply cannot afford to buy here. Therefore, there are no children, local schools close and there is no balance of ages within the community. HDC should not permit demolition of all small properties to build mansions on the same site or permit huge extensions to smaller properties - without genuinely exceptional circumstances. If people need a larger house, they should move and buy a bigger house. HDC should ensure that the parish retains a balance of all sizes and types of housing stock; but it may be too late. The answer is not to build more smaller homes, as these would quickly be sold and extended for profit. The answer is to have a planning policy that ensures there is a balanced number of every size/type of home in every parish.
- 24) The transport and support infrastructure for Potto is not capable of supporting elderly people who need support. In addition, you could say that Potto already has a very high level of elderly people.
- 25) The village has no facilities for the elderly. To go anywhere you need a car. Bus service is insufficient.
- 26) There are too many extremely large houses now. These will become completely unaffordable for the great majority and there is a risk that Potto becomes an exclusive rather than mixed community.
- 27) There is generally a lack of facilities and transport for the elderly/infirm so perhaps if that can't be changed, we should not encourage more elderly to live here.
- 28) This would enable the elderly to retain the friendships they have made with the younger village residents and could be viewed positively in developing and extending the care in the community.
- 29) To live in Potto - need a car. Bus/transport - not regular. Shop in Hutton Rudby - not on bus route. Potto is dormitory village. Where is local employment?
- 30) To live in Potto having a car and capable of driving is essential, unfortunately as you get older, driving becomes a big issue and especially during bad weather, so developing housing for the elderly would seem total inappropriate. Housing mainly becomes up for sale when the elderly moves out of Potto to live much closer/walking distance of shops, doctors and more regular transport
- 31) Too many of the smaller properties in the village have already been given planning permission to be developed into large executive type houses.
- 32) Transport insufficient for elderly without a car
- 33) Water and sewerage systems are already running at maximum capacity
- 34) We chose to live in Potto because of its size and character. We would not want anything to change our mind and more away.
- 35) We must maintain a quote of single storey housing as we are losing existing stock.

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## c) Communication (Notice of planning applications and communication of parishioners' views)

## Question 5

Q5	What is your opinion about ...?				
		Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	No opinion	No reply
	The publication of planning applications within the Parish	72	12	13	2
	The method of obtaining parishioners' views on planning applications	56	16	20	7
Do you have any comments on the planning application process within the Parish?					
26 responses received					



## Comments for Question 5

- 1) All information should be put on Potto Notice Board and web site as soon as possible
- 2) All planning applications should be distributed online to all interested parties
- 3) Applications and views should appear on Notice Board and web page as quickly as possible.
- 4) As long as the Parish Council minutes are publicised on a monthly basis, detailing planning applications.
- 5) Direct contact with immediately affected households is a must. Cannot rely on website and more local communication is needed.
- 6) display applications on the parish notice board
- 7) Encourage residents to register on the HDC website.
- 8) From personal experience did not receive details where I thought appropriate (2 occasions)
- 9) HDC have an automated facility that allows anyone to register and then to receive notification of any planning applications in their parish or other selected area. This is good. Anyone can then contact HDC with their views about any particular planning application.

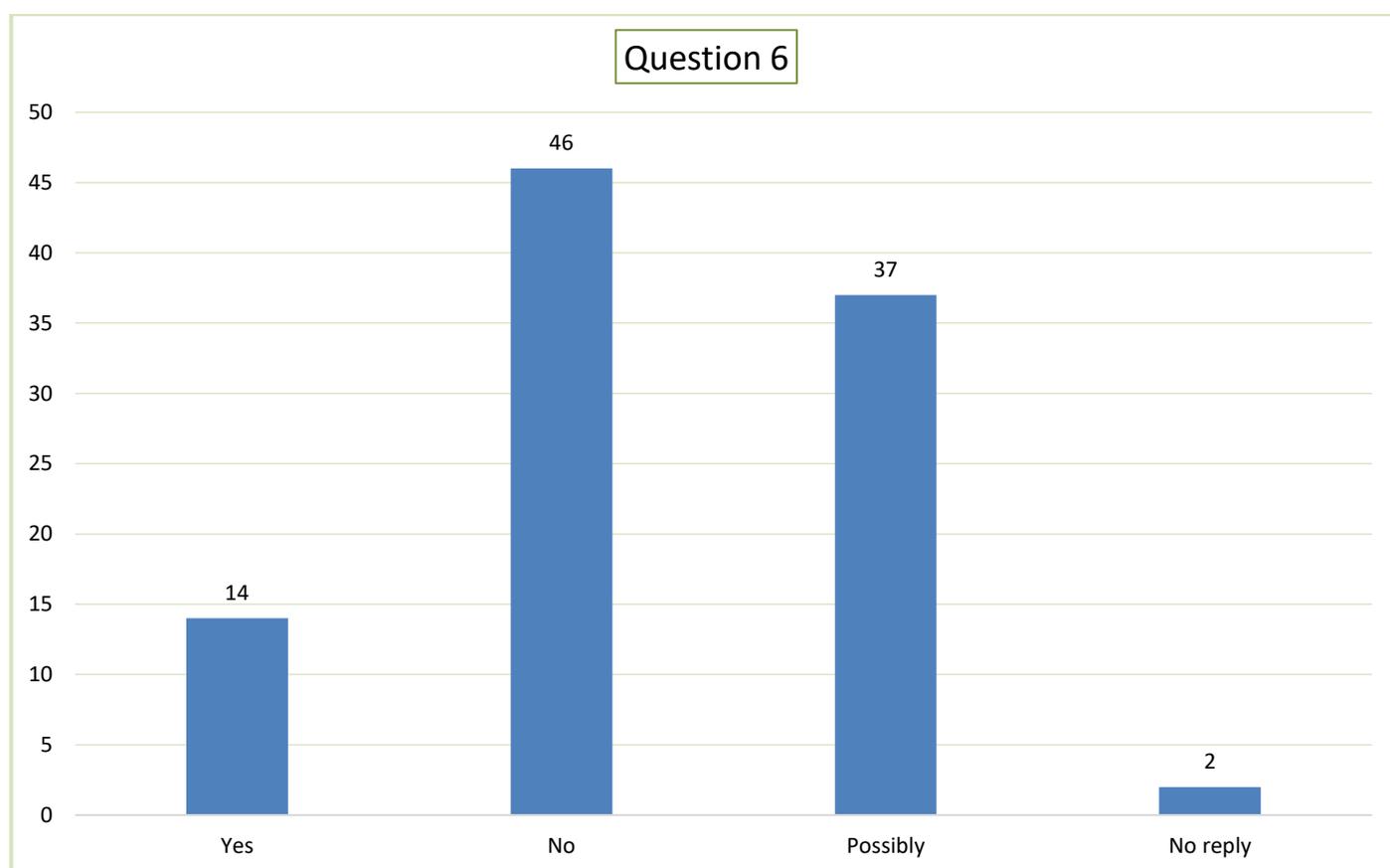
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- 10) I have used it and found it quite straightforward
- 11) I realise there are logistical problems associated with ensuring all villagers are made aware of planning applications, but the current system is nevertheless inadequate and needs to be improved. Even 'tracked' applications fail to ensure notification and the system is far short of failsafe. The current system requires constant checking and vigilance by parishioners. Hambleton DC has allowed many small houses in Potto to be enlarged to 5+ bedrooms. Some of these enlargements have impacted negatively on the appearance of the village due to their sheer scale. At a time when the National Audit Office England Housing Needs Survey (2017) identified that the average household is 3.4, (<https://www.nao.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Housing-in-England-overview.pdf>), it is impossible to understand why Hambleton DC pursues this policy. The preponderance of over-large, expensive housing in Potto (and similar villages) can only exacerbate unaffordability issues for future would be buyers.
- 12) Info is there should it need to be referred to.
- 13) It appears that only those properties directly affected by proposed developments are notified of planning applications. Perhaps a more widespread notification system could be used, such as email notices for those interested in such applications.
- 14) It is, however, difficult to avoid vexatious planning objections with this process
- 15) It's too easy for planning applications to go unnoticed, despite resident's efforts to be proactive in monitoring this.
- 16) Local considerations should be given in areas of the village where planning would not be suitable.
- 17) Not directly living in the village so feel disconnected
- 18) Parish council minutes are not always published on an up to date regular basis
- 19) Planning and development are a subject close to most villagers' hearts yet very few comments are received on applications. The process could be more structured to encourage wider debate and transparency.
- 20) Sorry I haven't lived here long enough as yet.
- 21) The council website can be somewhat complicated for the layman. The district council or the Parish council could simply flag up new planning applications within Potto via e-mail and then the residents can refer to the website for further details rather than keep checking the website every week. Having provided the council with one's personal details I do not believe name and addresses should be published alongside comments or objections made. This leaves objectors open to personal and abusive letters, e-mails, and comments on social media. The green planning notice of application forms used to supposedly inform the public by being posted at the property involved are really somewhat of a farce. These forms should be posted in a similar fashion to For Sale signs but obviously on a smaller scale. Putting these notices in often obscure places e.g. on the opposite side of a street wrapped around a thin lamp post making it almost impossible to read is not good practice.
- 22) The current planning process and awareness of planning applications seems to be fine and is county wide. No need to change.
- 23) The Parish Council have not submitted comments against planning app at 37 Cooper Lane
- 24) The Parish Council have not submitted their comments on the planning application at 37 Cooper Lane. I'm quite disappointed.
- 25) The process seems appropriately handled
- 26) Would be better if more than just immediate neighbours directly informed

## d) The Village Character Assessment

## Question 6

<b>Q6</b>	<b>Would you be interested in helping with a future Village Character Assessment?</b> (This might involve helping to gather information on the natural environment, sharing anecdotes, histories and photographs of buildings or industries, taking photographs etc.)	
	14	Yes
	46	No
	37	Possibly
	2	No reply
Use the space below to expand your answer if necessary:		
13 responses received		



## Comments for Question 6

- 1) Dependant on commitment, especially for working households
- 2) Depends on level of commitment required.
- 3) Heavily committed in work for two churches (one in Potto, one in Swainby) ex P.C. chair and P.C. member for many years.
- 4) I am very interested in the historical background of the village as well as the present character. It is very important to capture evidence before it is lost.
- 5) I may be interested dependent on subject.
- 6) I may be interested in it as long as there was an end product.
- 7) I think it is important to stay connected within our environment and to share/store past and future history
- 8) I think this should only be undertaken if there is broad support from parishioners. A lukewarm response is not a mandate.
- 9) If I can meet any of the criteria

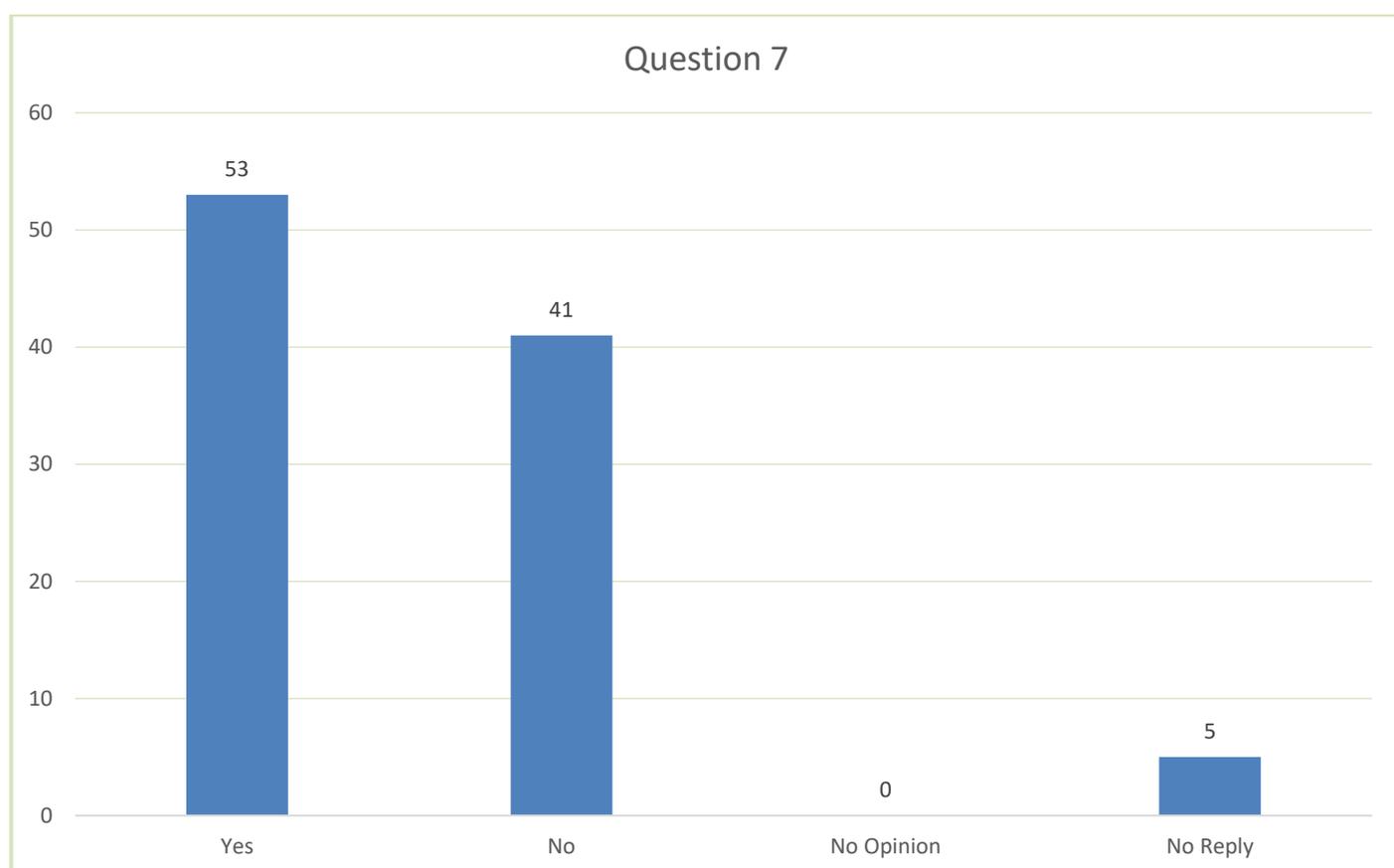
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- 10) I'm sorry but my work takes up too much time for me to be able to contribute in this - there are plenty of retirees with time on hands.
- 11) Production of this Character Assessment or Village Design Statement was part of the first 10-year parish plan. It was agreed to be done 10 years ago, but the parish council have persistently refused to make any progress.
- 12) The idea of there being a "village character" to assess in Potto is stretching the definition a bit though.
- 13) Would need support and guidance

## SECTION 3: HIGHWAYS, STREET LIGHTING AND ROAD SAFETY

### Question 7

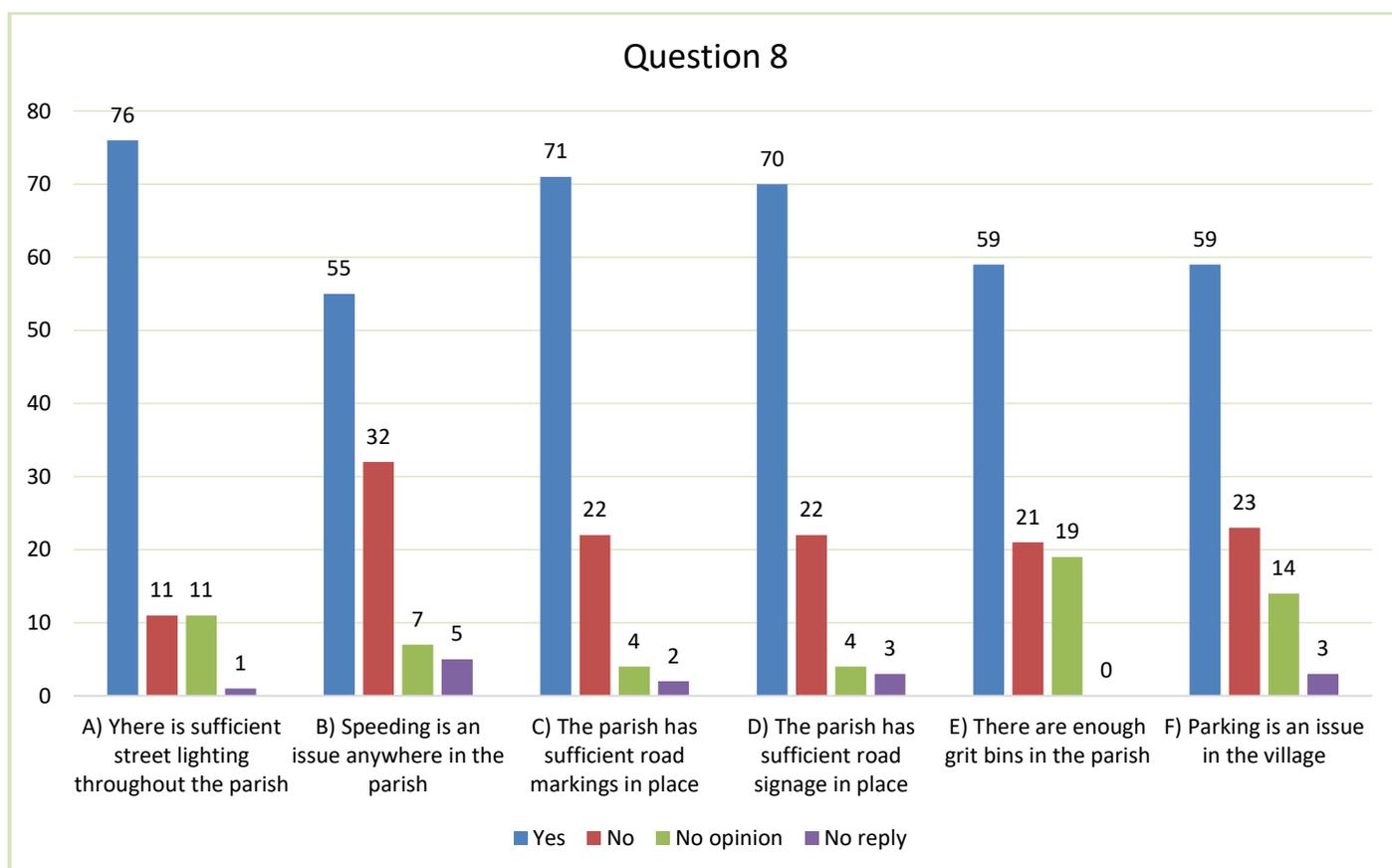
Q7	Are you happy with the condition and maintenance of parish roads?	
	53	Yes
	41	No
	0	No opinion
	5	No reply



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## Question 8

Q8	Do you think ...?				
		Yes	No	No opinion	No reply
A	<b>there is sufficient street lighting throughout the parish</b>	76	11	11	1
	Any comments:	14 responses received			
B	<b>speeding is an issue anywhere in the parish</b>	55	32	7	5
	Any comments:	40 responses received			
C	<b>the parish has sufficient road markings in place</b>	71	22	4	2
	Any comments:	18 responses received			
D	<b>the parish has sufficient road signage in place</b>	70	22	4	3
	Any comments:	24 responses received			
E	<b>there are enough grit bins in the parish</b>	59	21	19	0
	Any comments:	10 responses received			
F	<b>parking is an issue in the village</b>	59	23	14	3
	Any comments:	44 responses received			



## Comments for Question 8

## Question 8.A

- 1) Any street lights that are obstructed by trees - these need to be cut back
- 2) But not after midnight

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- 3) But with the already small number of street lights should we really turn any of them off at midnight
- 4) More needed in 'middle' of village
- 5) New lighting needed between Church and street corner
- 6) No more needed as love to see the night sky
- 7) OK
- 8) Only a very few are illuminated at night
- 9) Rural crime is on the increase and the village has few lightings, the turning off of these few lights at night leaves the village open to criminals, even with houses having individual security lighting the road are in darkness.
- 10) Seems ok?
- 11) The approaches to the sharp bend in the centre of the village are very poorly lit.
- 12) The council policy of switching off street lights at midnight must be revisited. No lights should be switched off where there are no pavements. A reassessment is essential
- 13) Very dark on most lanes
- 14) Village lighting should be at a minimum level

*Question 8.B*

- 1) 20mph should be made mandatory throughout
- 2) 60mph to 30mph when arriving from Hutton Rudby is rarely observed.
- 3) A lot of vans speed down Black Horse Lane early in a morning. Around 0630 to 0800
- 4) Although it is well signposted, there are regular occasions when drivers pass the pub travelling towards the centre of Potto and exceed the speed limit knowing that the area is not policed.
- 5) cars travel way too fast down cooper lane
- 6) Cooper Lane - especially if they have come from H/R they do not slow at junction and speed up going down the hill
- 7) Cooper Lane village Butcher Lane
- 8) entrance to village - there are clear inconsistencies of speed
- 9) Especially on Goulton Lane
- 10) Everywhere!
- 11) Fast traffic on the road past Potto Hall leading from A19 to A172
- 12) Goulton Lane seems to be some peoples speed way, and I include Preston Wagons in this comment. The litter dropped between Preston's depot and the Stokesley by-pass is also substantial.
- 13) I enjoy walking in the local lanes but this can be hazardous due to speeding drivers, especially in places where there is significant narrowing.
- 14) Mainly villagers driving to bottom end
- 15) More traffic within the village
- 16) Most speeding is by residents!
- 17) National speed limit on Butcher Lane is too high as there are houses with concealed driveways. The 30mph limit should start before Glen rock farm, not just on the bend in the village
- 18) Occasionally
- 19) Often through village by residents. Corner at top of village still a problem.
- 20) On the approach to the village past Tomahawks - drivers are still doing 40 to 45 mph when they hit the village. The road is restricted at the boundary and needs appropriate signage.
- 21) Parsons back lane
- 22) People do not observe the 30mph in the village
- 23) Preston's of Potto some disgraceful driving on Goulton Lane with cutting corners (near misses)
- 24) Road junction into Cooper Lane - particularly prone to some speeding including motor cyclists
- 25) Signage or speed indicators could help, but we must avoid speed bumps or 'urbanisation' of the village. Police enforcement is the best approach.
- 26) Some motorists still drive too fast round the sharp bend
- 27) Sometimes along butcher lane & cooper lane northwards.
- 28) Sometimes but not often
- 29) Speeding vehicles on open lanes, particularly Black Horse Lane and Butchers Lane
- 30) The 20mph limit sign entering the village is obstructed by overgrown hedges.

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- 31) The blind corner and the junction
- 32) There are many instances of speeding in Cooper Lane from the Butchers Lane junction to the bottom of the village. Whilst visiting delivery drivers are mainly to blame, a number of residents are not entirely blameless.
- 33) Too much police time is spent on speeding whilst there is an epidemic of thefts throughout the area.
- 34) Vehicles do sometimes travel at speed (though not necessarily over the speed limit) along Black Horse Road, near the junction with Butcher Lane. Visibility (to the south) when emerging from Butcher Lane is limited
- 35) Villagers drive too quickly through the village
- 36) Visitors and people going to the Tomahawk do not, on the whole, keep to village speed limits.
- 37) Visitors and people going to the Tomahawk do not, on the whole, keep to village speed limits.
- 38) Wagons from Preston's travel too fast and without care on Goulton Lane
- 39) Within the village boundary the speed should be 20mph especially at the bottom of the village
- 40) Yes - turning down the no through road part of Cooper Lane and down the hill. There are children, domestic pets and horses travelling down - this should be 20mph MAX.

*Question 8.C*

- 1) As above (On the approach to the village past Tomahawks - drivers are still doing 40 to 45 mph when they hit the village. The road is restricted at the boundary and needs appropriate signage.)
- 2) As you pass the village restaurant going to Hutton Rudby the road has no marking where it becomes single track
- 3) At the top of Cooper Lane/Butcher Lane we need new road markings which indicate who has right of way
- 4) 'Centre' road markings badly needed near 43 Cooper Lane and round the 90-degree bend in the road
- 5) Consideration should be given to the turn at Butchers Lane into 'the village'. The narrow road into Potto (200 yards from Tomahawk) is too narrow for two cars.
- 6) 'Give Way' sign needed on narrow part near 'Tomahawk' pub so know who has to stop!
- 7) Not really an issue
- 8) Now the road has just been re gritted and white lines re draw I think they are ok
- 9) Possibility of road sign at narrow road area beyond Tomahawk giving 'right of way' to oncoming traffic.  
Too narrow for two cars
- 10) Possibly
- 11) Road junctions
- 12) Road markings are ok but overgrown hedges and side growth not trimmed cause issues
- 13) See below Q10 (ticked install a mirror, improve signage, improve road markings and introduce parking restrictions)
- 14) SLOW road markings should be used at both approaches to the Cooper Lane, Butcher Lane bend
- 15) The junction could benefit from markings on Cooper Lane and appropriate signage too
- 16) There should be some 'SLOW' markings on the approach to the junction of Black Horse Lane and Butcher Lane, to give a warning of the possibility of emerging traffic
- 17) Warning signs lorries on other side of road
- 18) Well proven fact that fewer road markings make drivers think more so roads are safer.

*Question 8.D*

- 1) A mirror would be most helpful on the signpost so turning down into Cooper Lane one could see oncoming traffic
- 2) A priority of passage signs where Station Lane narrows (north of pub) would be desirable
- 3) A road narrows sign is needed on the bank approaching the village - priority system?
- 4) A sign at the junction of Butcher Lane and Cooper Lane to direct traffic to The Tomahawk would be useful
- 5) A sign to direct traffic to the Tomahawk would stop confused patrons from turning the wrong way.
- 6) Additional signage is required at, points, warning signage for pinch points and blind bends
- 7) Approaching Potto from Hutton Rudby there should be more signage indicating the narrowing of the road or even introduce priority arrows signs
- 8) as above (On the approach to the village past Tomahawks - drivers are still doing 40 to 45 mph when they hit the village. The road is restricted at the boundary and needs appropriate signage.)
- 9) As above (The junction could benefit from markings on Cooper Lane and appropriate signage too)

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- 10) Butchers Lane needs signage because of the dangerous turn into 'the village'. The narrow road entering Potto from Preston's needs a 'Right of Way' sign because it is too narrow for cars to pass each other.
- 11) Lorries on other side of road
- 12) Often obscured by edges etc
- 13) Perhaps more at top Butcher Lane right - 'Village Only'
- 14) Present signs should be examined again.
- 15) Road sign on A172 travelling north damaged needs replacing
- 16) sign to Tomahawk pub now needed
- 17) Some is regularly obscured by trees/hedging
- 18) Speed restriction signs are inadequate or obliterated.
- 19) There should be a warning sign on this single-track section which says 'Give Way to oncoming traffic'
- 20) Too much at top of Cooper Lane!
- 21) Too much, it is obtrusive. We don't need a 20mph on the bend as cars need to slow down anyway. Also don't need caution children signage - no playgroup.
- 22) Unwanted traffic comes into the village looking for our local restaurants/pub would suggest a sign to the pub at the top of the village
- 23) Warning signs about cyclists might help to alert motorists and, equally cyclists themselves (sometimes riding 2 or 3 abreast) of potential danger
- 24) Would benefit from clearer signage as approach narrow section of road on cooper lane and at junction of cooper lane/butcher lane

*Question 8.E*

- 1) Cooper Close has too small a bin to cover a descent fall and turnaround area at the bottom of the close. This becomes a 'skating rink' in ice conditions.
- 2) Just need to make sure they have grit in them
- 3) More needed and yellow ones should be replaced with green or black - less obtrusive.
- 4) Need them on the butcher lane/cooper lane junction.
- 5) One more needed at bottom end of village where ice/snow is worst
- 6) There should be one on the double bend just after Preston's on the way to Hutton Rudby
- 7) Think so!
- 8) Too few and too small and not always re-filled
- 9) Too small and not sufficient for the slope and turnaround area in Cooper Close
- 10) Unfortunately, the bin contents (salt) is usually frozen when you need to use it

*Question 8.F*

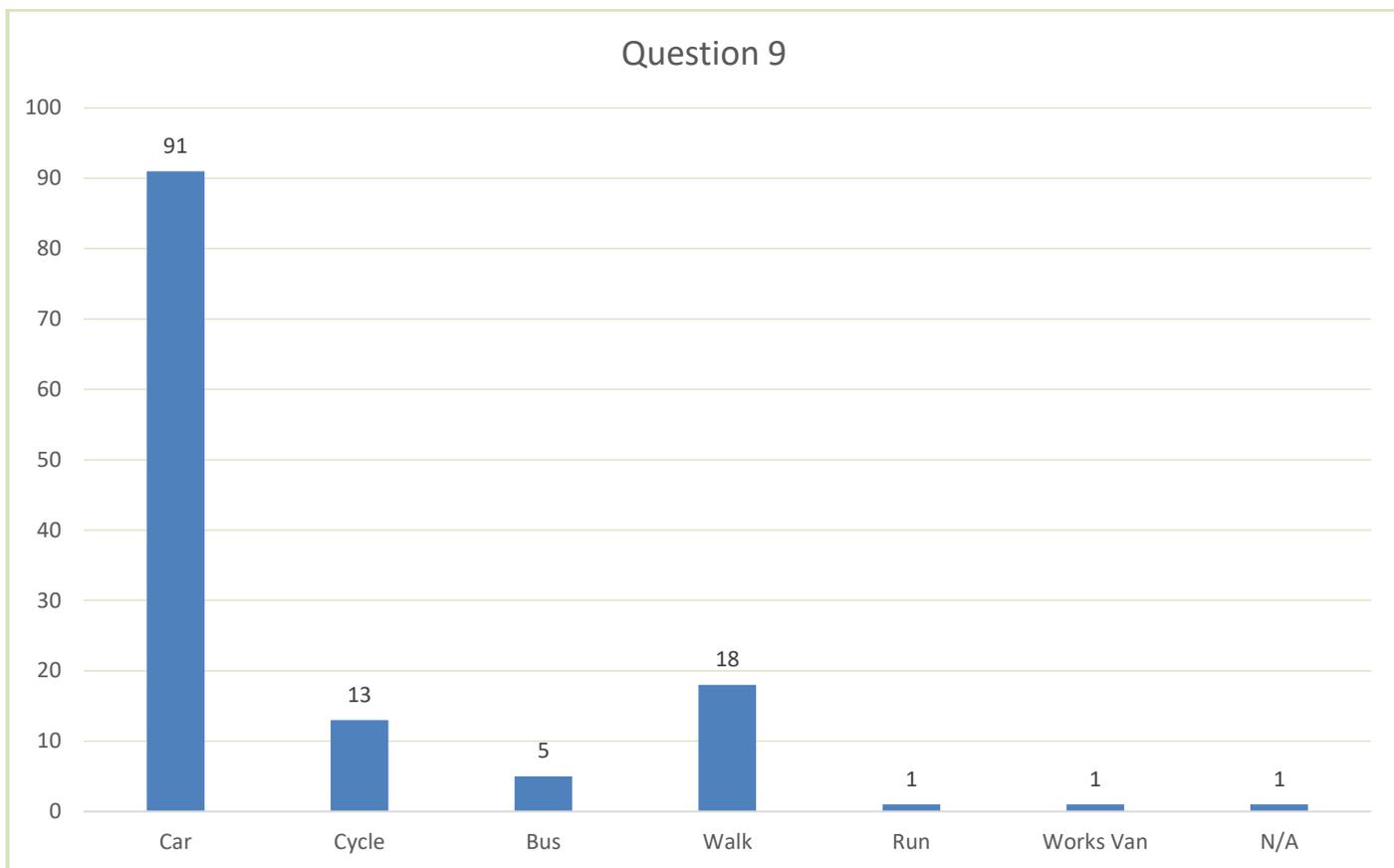
- 1) Access to the village is restricted due to parked cars on the junction which at some time will result in an accident
- 2) At the road junction. Too many big cars!
- 3) cars are destroying the grass verge adjacent to the Tomahawk pub
- 4) Cars park on the grass verges when visiting the pub. This causes considerable damage and is unsightly.
- 5) Cooper Lane near the Tomahawk is becoming a 'car park'. Cars on grass banks and both sides of road at busy times.
- 6) Cooper Lane near the Tomahawk is becoming a 'car park'. Cars on grass banks and both sides of road at busy times.
- 7) Double parking and bad parking on the entrance to the village is a serious problem as most times there is not space for access by emergency vehicles which need at least 10 feet of space to get through
- 8) Due to the size of the Tomahawk car park - Parking on Cooper Lane may become an issue
- 9) Especially along road left side from parish noticeboard southwards opposite 30-34
- 10) Especially at top of village near junction. Caravan parked on road is potential hazard
- 11) Extremely inconsiderate parking at the junction of Cooper Lane and Butcher Lane is fairly common, despite this being a blind bend.

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- 12) Extremely inconsiderate parking at the junction of Cooper Lane and Butcher Lane is fairly common, despite this being a blind bend. Cooper Lane is often reduced to a single lane by parked cars, especially at weekends and also in the week by trade vans/lorries
- 13) Generally, no, if people park responsibly
- 14) I believe that the Tomahawk are taking advantage of the local residents. They have insufficient parking and the extra traffic in the village is a problem.
- 15) Increase of parking alongside verges near the pub
- 16) Issues around inconsiderate parking on verges due to pub traffic and opposite Cooper Lane / Butcher Lane corner forcing cars onto wrong side of road at a blind corner
- 17) Mainly at top of village. Cottages with v. little parking space - or no parking space!! 2 cars per property plus visitors!!!
- 18) Multiple cars park near T junction with Butcher Lane/Cooper Lane and a caravan perpetually there
- 19) Near noticeboard, junction of Cooper Lane.
- 20) On Cooper Lane, close to the junction and around the entrance to the pub.
- 21) Only near the Tomahawk, where people park up the grass verges.
- 22) Only to the extent that people should use common sense and park on one side or the other of a narrow village road.
- 23) Outside Dog & Gun perhaps
- 24) Outside the Tomahawk
- 25) Parking at the junction of Cooper Lane and Butchers Lane is a dangerous hazard.
- 26) Parking on footpaths. Parking inappropriately.
- 27) Parking restrictions near the sharp bend and the top of the village might be helpful
- 28) parking too close to junction in Cooper Lane
- 29) Particularly at top of village near post box
- 30) Particularly near notice board on Cooper Lane-Butcher Lane junction
- 31) Potholes and broken road surfaces have led directly to two broken coil springs on my cars in the last year. The surface of Parsons Back Lane is quite appalling and has been for many years, although the part outside of Potto parish has recently been refurbished to a good standard.
- 32) Pub. Cooper Lane & Butcher Lane. Cooper Lane bend at bottom of village and footpath
- 33) Roads are narrow, no pavements and often parked cars taking up half of road
- 34) Some issues with vehicles parking on verges near pub when pub is busy.
- 35) Sometimes at the Cooper Lane/Butcher Lane junction parked cars obscure visibility
- 36) The Land Rover that parks on the corner as you enter the village has nearly caused me to crash three times.
- 37) The overspill parking from the Tomahawk can get quite disruptive at times
- 38) The parking on the short length of pavement and close to the dangerous junction at top of Cooper Lane is a disgrace. Having been involved in a near miss, albeit three or four years, when forced off the pavement by ILLEGALLY parked cars
- 39) The popularity of The Tomahawk is heartening and to be applauded, but this does mean the car parking facility is at times inadequate
- 40) The road is often blocked by trucks/vans
- 41) The Steak house/pub is now starting to cause parking problems at busy time, parking is now spilling out on to the grass verges at either side of the car park entrance. This substantially reduces visibility to drivers leaving the car park on to a narrow road, reduced even more by the cars partly parked on the verge. This parking also leaves the verge, especially in winter in a rutted and muddy state
- 42) Turning into the top of the no through part of Cooper Lane immediately on the bend - restrictions please!
- 43) Very serious issue at T junction with vehicles parking on both sides. Has caused situations where residents struggled to exit/enter village. Concerns about emergency service gaining access
- 44) Yes, near the bridleway just before the private road to 37, 39 & 41 Cooper Lane

Question 9

<b>Q9</b>	<b>How do you usually travel in and out of the village?</b>	93 responses received
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Comments for Question 9

- 1) Bike and Car
- 2) By car
- 3) By car
- 4) By car
- 5) by car
- 6) By car
- 7) By Car
- 8) By car
- 9) by car
- 10) By car
- 11) By car
- 12) By car
- 13) By car
- 14) by car
- 15) By car
- 16) By car
- 17) By car
- 18) By car
- 19) By car
- 20) By car
- 21) By car and on foot, occasionally cycle
- 22) By car and very occasionally by bus. Reduced bus service has made this option less convenient
- 23) By car, bus or on foot

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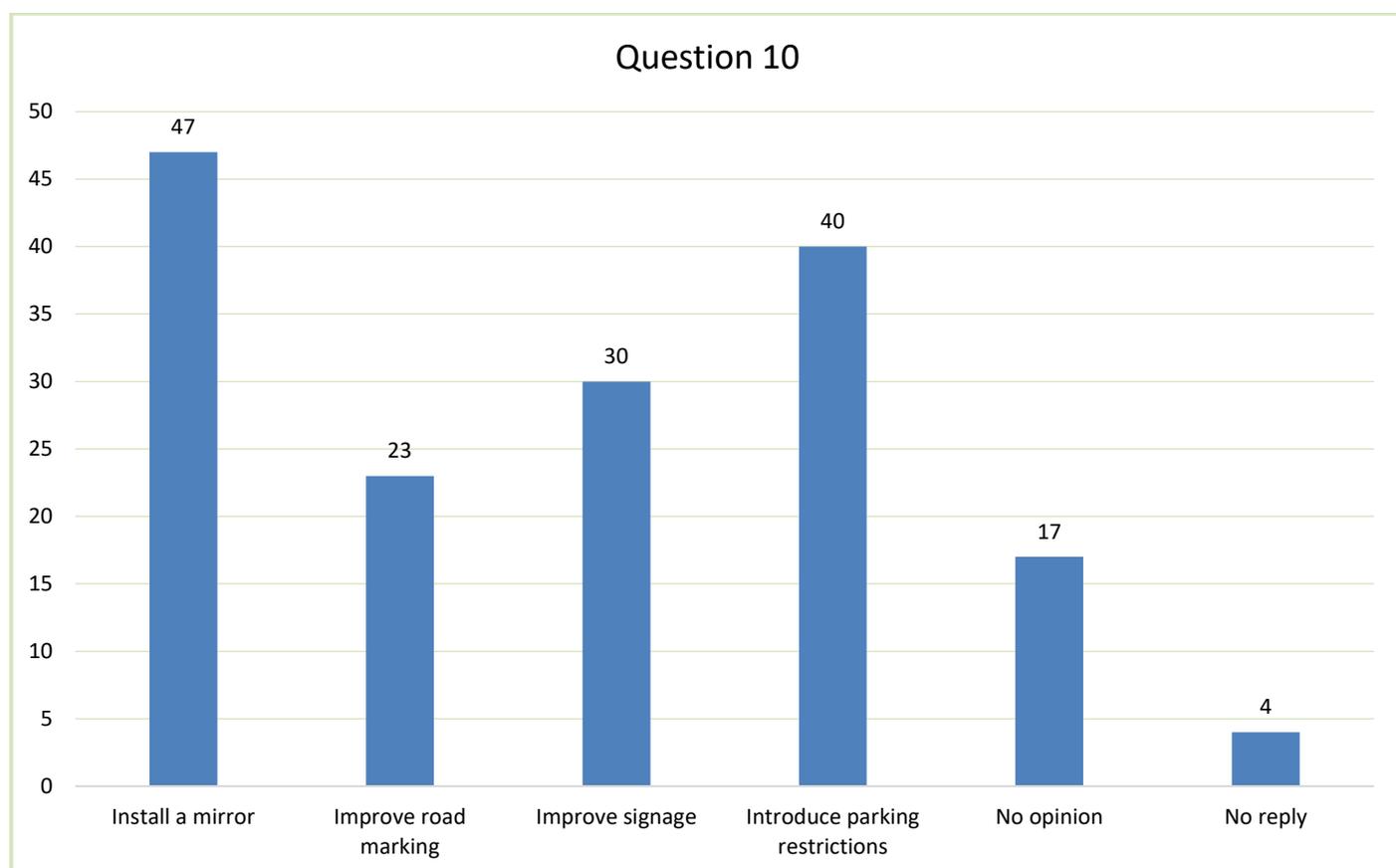
- 24) By car. This is the only feasible mode of transport for the essentials of daily living, socialising and getting to work.
- 25) By car/occasionally by bus or walking
- 26) By car/or walking, occasionally bus
- 27) By private motor car
- 28) Car
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- 68) Car
- 69) Car
- 70) Car and foot
- 71) Car & bicycle
- 72) Car & works van
- 73) car / foot
- 74) Car and bicycle
- 75) Car or bicycle
- 76) Car or bike
- 77) Car or walk

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- 78) Car or walking
- 79) Car, bicycle, walk
- 80) Car, bike, feet.
- 81) Car, bike, walk
- 82) Car, cycle and on foot
- 83) Car/bike/walk
- 84) Car: walk, cycle
- 85) Drive and walk (equal)
- 86) Mainly by car and occasionally on foot
- 87) n/a
- 88) Private car, walking, bus
- 89) Run, bike, car
- 90) Using both roads
- 91) Via Parsons back lane and black horse lane
- 92) walk
- 93) Yes

## Question 10

Q10 In your opinion, do you think the road safety could be improved at the junction of Cooper Lane and Butcher Lane by use of any of the following measures?	
47	Install a mirror
23	Improve road marking
30	Improve signage
40	Introduce parking restrictions
17	No opinion
4	No reply
Any other, please specify:	
28 responses received	



## Comments for Question 10

- 1) A dangerous corner from Butcher Lane into 'the Village'. Preston's of Potto should be asked not to let vehicles go through the village.
- 2) Absolutely NO road humps or 'rumble strips', please!
- 3) All the above would be a great help for road safety
- 4) Builders vans/cars create a hazard on properties being renovated.
- 5) Cars park too close to junction obscuring vision.
- 6) Heavy vehicles have difficulty with deliveries, just gaining access to the village. Traffic leaving the village are on the wrong side of the road due to cars parked. Accident waiting to happen.
- 7) Hedge/trees on inside of junction corner needs cutting back. This impedes vision from butcher lane north along cooper lane.

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- 8) I generally avoid that junction due to the perceived risk from drivers travelling quickly from the direction of Swainby
- 9) Junction at Potto Hall, Butcher Lane and Black Horse Lane has safety problems
- 10) Lines up to junction
- 11) Maybe sign for Tomahawk would be useful as visitor often driving down into village looking for the pub.
- 12) Most definitely in both cases (install a mirror and introduce parking restrictions)
- 13) N.Y. Highways to review all proposals and implement accordingly
- 14) Never been an issue for me
- 15) No problems if driving carefully. Grass and hedge trimming important. Blind exit signs could help on Butcher Lane approach.
- 16) Not necessary
- 17) nothing needed
- 18) Parking on corner is dangerous (See advice in Highway Code!!) See Q8 re parking. Same in all villages (Mainly at top of village. Cottages with v. little parking space - or no parking space!! 2 cars per property plus visitors!!!)
- 19) Parking restrictions close to the junction would improve safety
- 20) Possible Change of priority between cooper lane and butcher lane, turn end of butcher lane into t junction
- 21) Residents encouraged or forced to remove hedges or trees which would greatly improve sight lines
- 22) Stop cars parking on Cooper Lane corner
- 23) This is simply a bottleneck due to parked cars with little or no consideration given to other village residents.
- 24) Trees and bushes on the corner should be substantially cut back. When vegetation encroaches on the road side drivers take the corner much wider, making the corner tighter and more dangerous.
- 25) Try a mirror
- 26) Turning right from Butcher Lane to Cooper Lane can be hazardous. Increased traffic because of success of pubs has made matters worse.
- 27) Very much against introduction of yellow lines, but great necessary to find a similar alternative (have experienced lateness to Dr's appointment because of irresponsible parking) Perhaps would settle for one continuous yellow line on one side T junction to Cooper Close (post box side) NO parking on T. junction.
- 28) Warning signs ahead of the junction and/or a speed reduction near the junction might improve safety

## Question 11

Q11	<b>Any additional comments about highways, street lighting and road safety within the Parish:</b>
	26 responses received

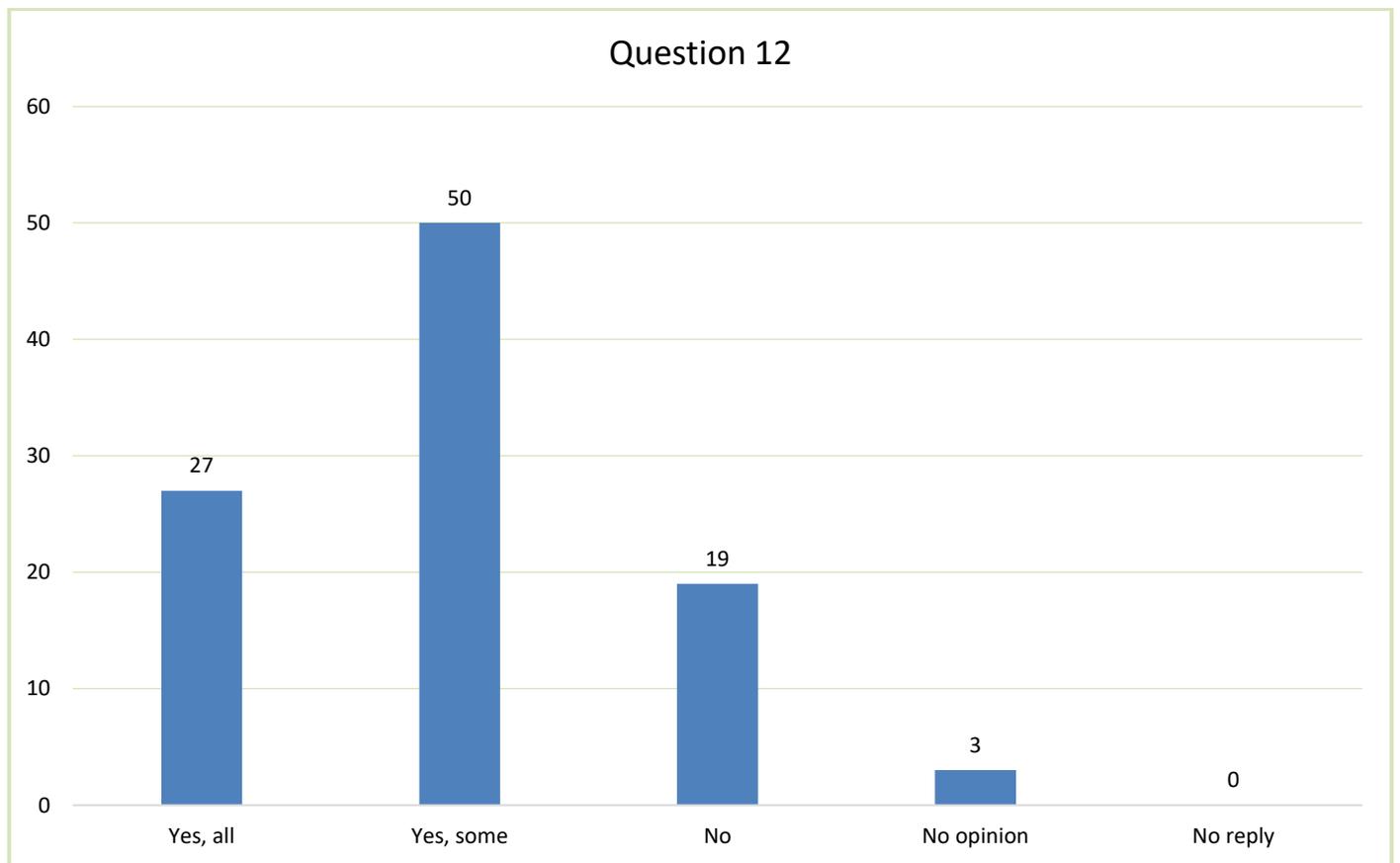
## Comments for Question 11

- 1) A 20mph speed limit would be welcome as a shortage of footpaths make walking hazardous at times
- 2) Although part of the road surface has been replaced on the road from Potto Hall towards the A19, the remaining section is still unfit for road cyclists due to the high number of ad hoc repairs and pot holes
- 3) At pinch point on both approach road to Potto the trees and bushes need keeping cut back for the same reason as above, drivers pull further across the road to miss hitting the vegetation. Streets light should be left on all night, please refer to previous question on street lighting.
- 4) Butcher Lane is a dangerous area. Needs serious thought on how to tackle signage/road marking. Preston's to be approached and asked not to let their vehicles go through the village.
- 5) Clearing back overgrown edges and hedges on Butcher lane.
- 6) Cooper Lane is often congested and this should be an important consideration before any further development or housing extensions are considered.
- 7) Cyclists coming around the corner from Butcher Lane to Cooper Lane, ride too quickly and often 2 abreast.
- 8) Cyclists driving 2 abreast round Butcher Lane/Cooper Lane corner at speed is a problem.
- 9) I want to reinforce my comment on the speeding on Goulton Lane and the litter.
- 10) I would greatly encourage those in authority to WALK up and down Cooper Lane right from The DOG AND GUN, before and after midnight to observe street lighting in general and the effect of overhanging bushes and trees
- 11) Lighting on top of Tomahawk building is blinding when entering Potto from Preston's/Hutton Rudby.
- 12) Need to be aware of cyclists and horses
- 13) Pavements need attention
- 14) Pavements need attention
- 15) Potto Back Lane road surface still like a cart track in places.
- 16) Prior to recent road surfacing pot holes and road surface not satisfactorily maintained
- 17) Q8 - road narrows approaching 'Tomahawk'. Road marking - 'Give Way to traffic leaving village'
- 18) Road humps are not the answer to speeding. If needed chicanes with road narrowing would be better.
- 19) Some lights come on and off at funny times
- 20) The bottleneck that is created at the top of Cooper Lane/Butchers Lane by parked cars will result in an accident.
- 21) The council needs to finish off improving the surface of the loop road to A19! Straighten the road - Black Horse Lane Rd - near the junction at Potto Hall/Roger's pink house so that cars do not cross over towards the pink house whilst travelling fast up Black Horse lane from A172. Pulling out from Butchers lane there can be dangerous.
- 22) The re surfacing is a welcome improvement but we still have an issue with sunken drains and manholes.
- 23) The section of single-track road just near the village pub requires a give way sign.
- 24) too many potholes, take too long to rectify
- 25) Warnings that cyclists and pedestrians are often using small country roads, so motorists should take care.
- 26) Welcome new street light at junction Cooper Close/Cooper Lane. When will it function? When will the existing light fixture be removed? Trees restrict effective lighting Cooper Lane.

**SECTION 4: RIGHTS OF WAY, FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAYS**

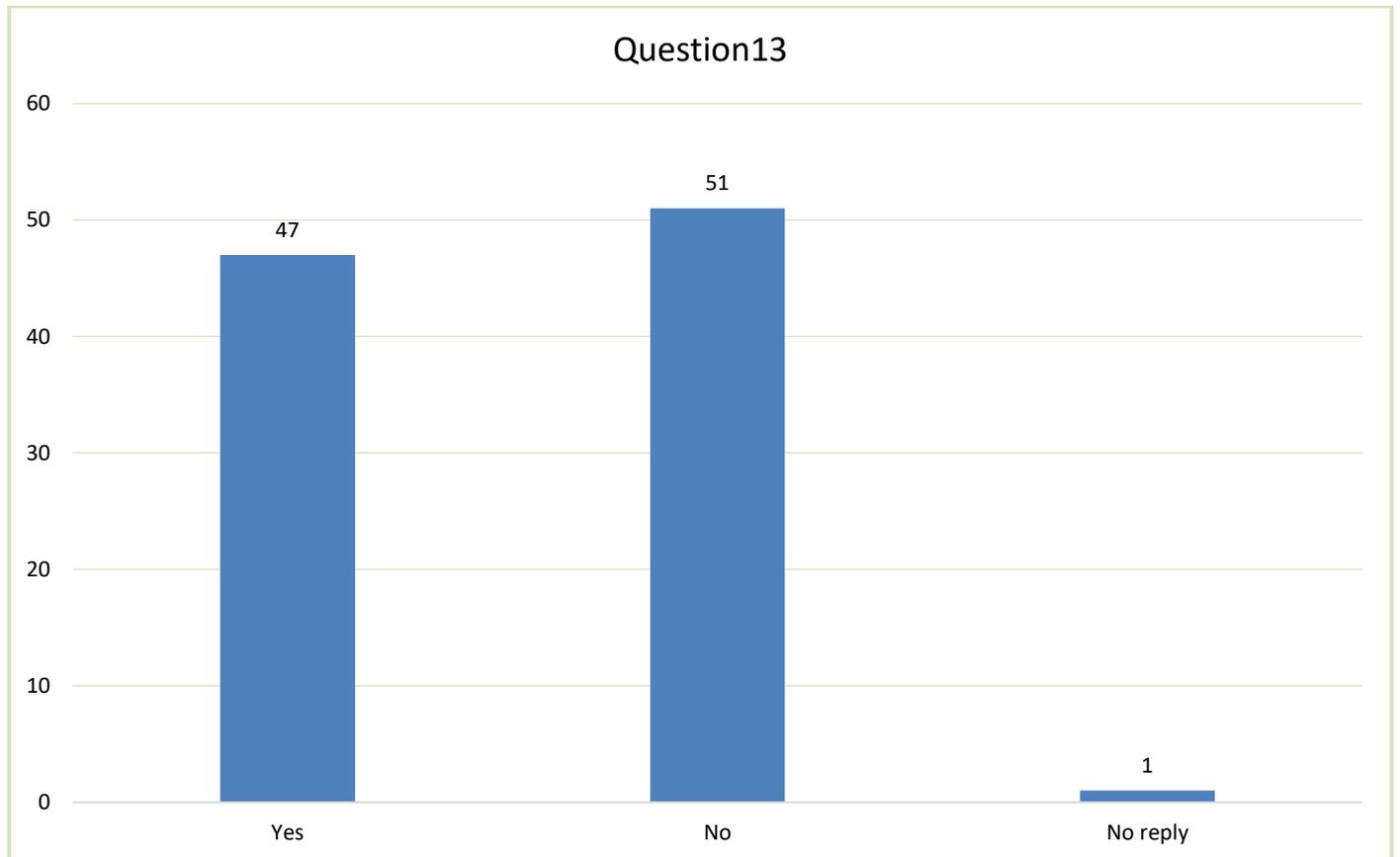
**Question 12**

<b>Q12</b>	<b>Do you have sufficient information about the location and route of rights of way, footpaths and bridleways in and around Potto?</b>	
	27	Yes, all
	50	Yes, some
	19	No
	3	No opinion
	0	No reply



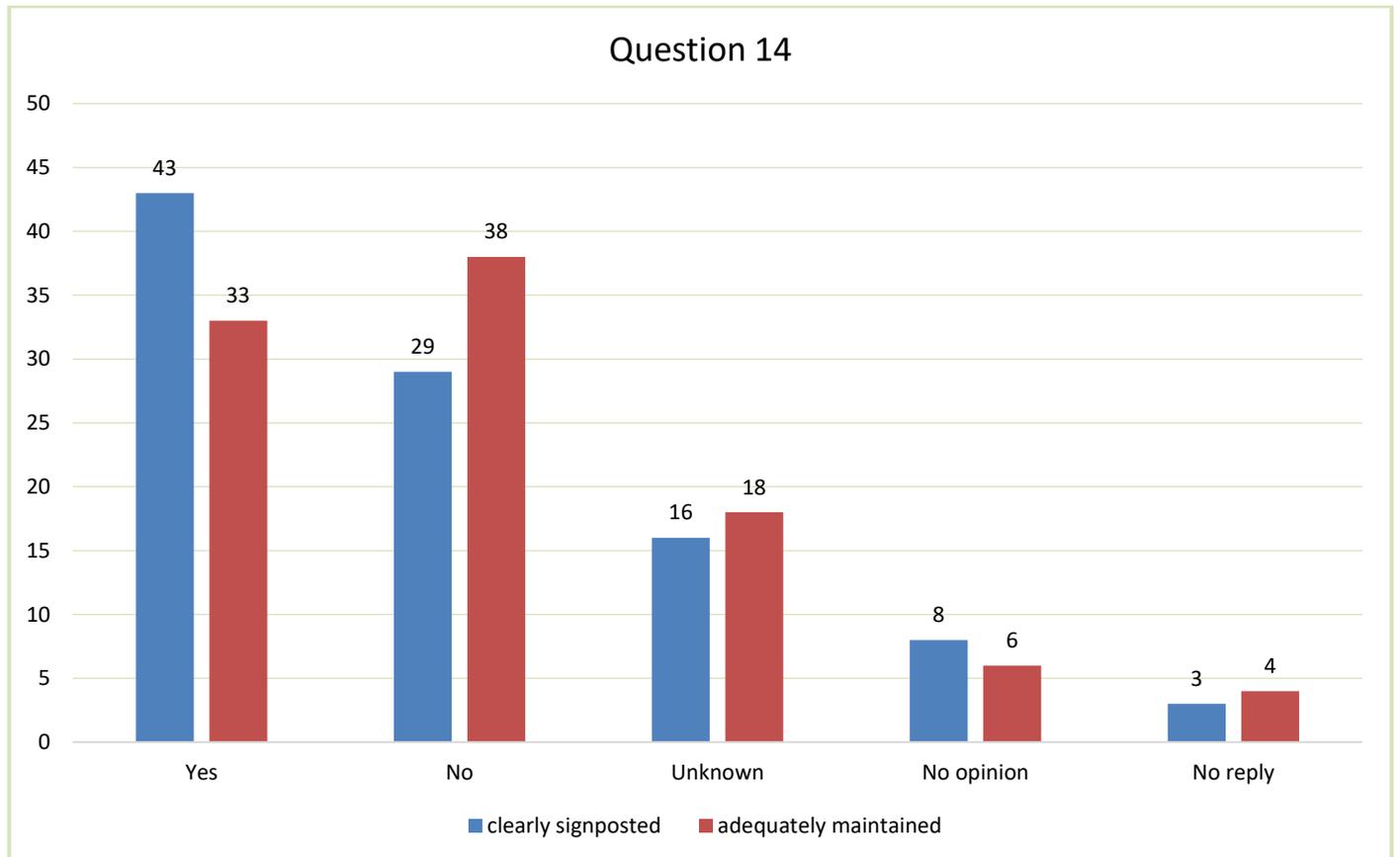
Question 13

<b>Q13</b>	<b>Are you aware of the descriptions of the walks around Potto on the Parish website?</b>	
	47	Yes
	51	No
	1	No reply



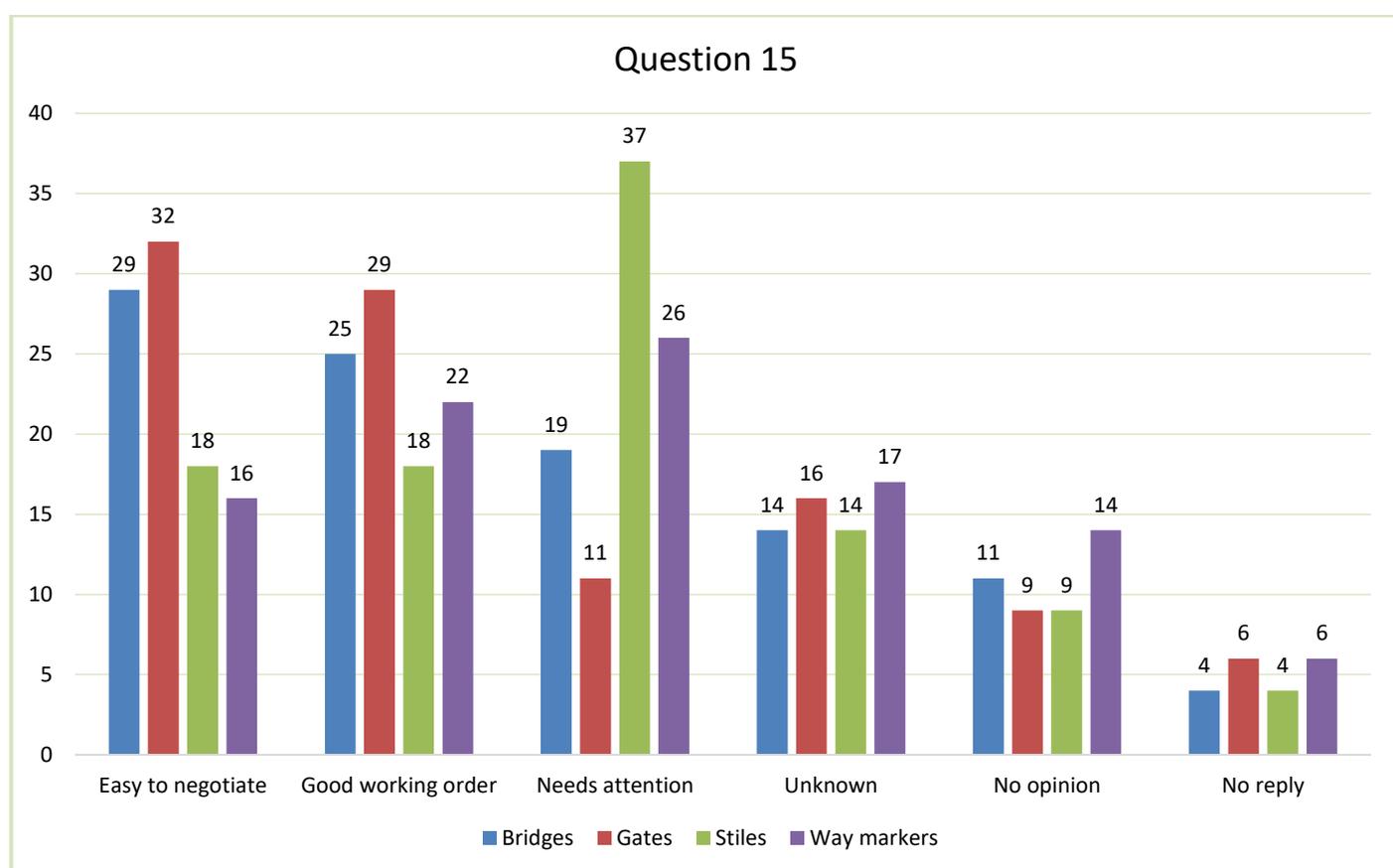
Question 14

Q14 Do you think the public rights of way in the Parish are ...?					
	Yes	No	Unknown	No opinion	No reply
Clearly signposted	43	29	16	8	3
Adequately maintained	33	38	18	6	4



## Question 15

Q15 What is your opinion of the following in the Parish?						
	Easy to negotiate	Good working order	Needs attention	Unknown	No opinion	No reply
Bridges	29	25	19	14	11	4
Gates	32	29	11	16	9	6
Stiles	18	18	37	14	9	4
Way markers	16	22	26	17	14	6
Any comments:						
32 responses received						



## Comments for Question 15

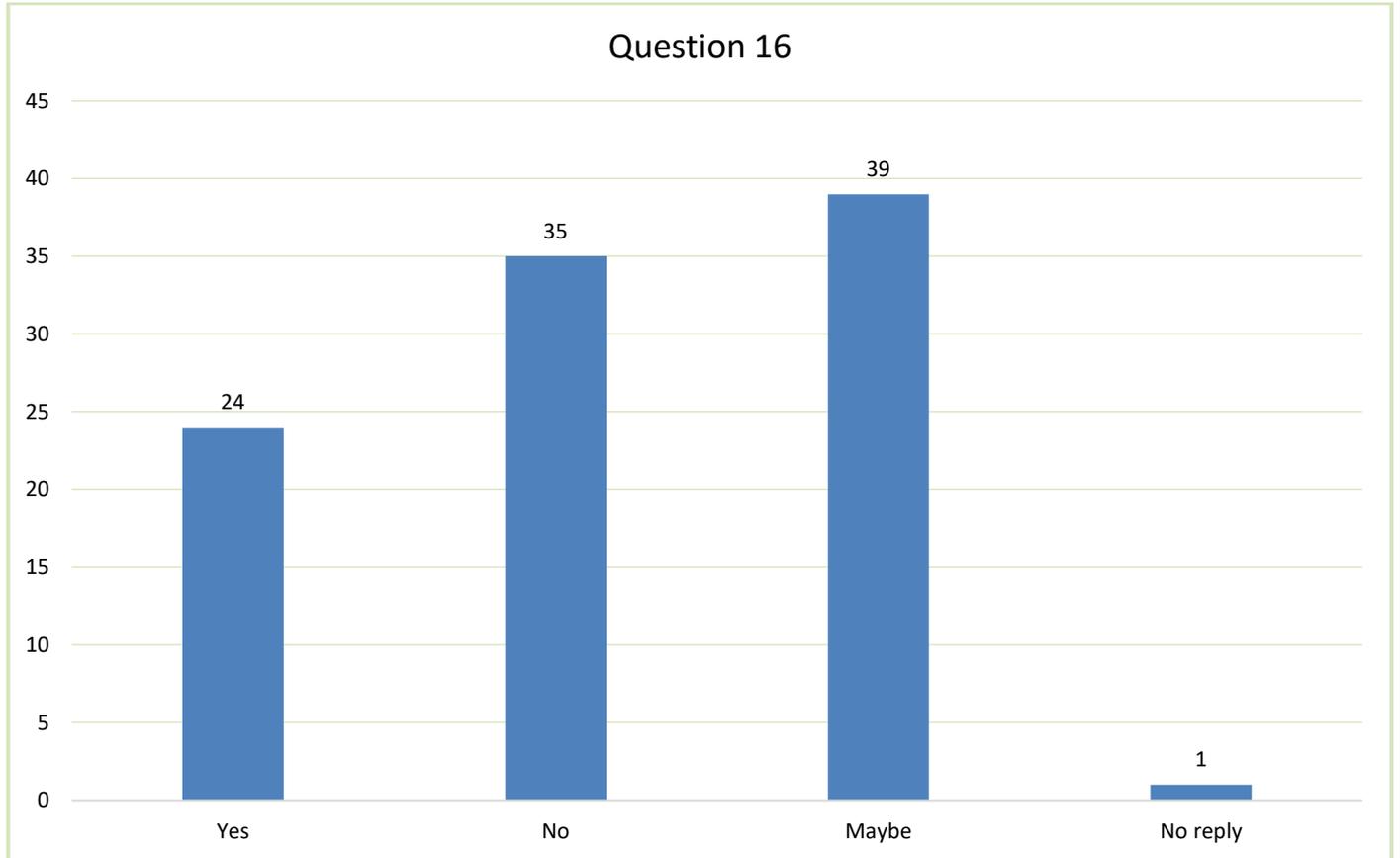
- 1) Attempts to close footpaths by obstructing them has to be resisted - footpath to Swainby blocked forcing people to use green road
- 2) Bridge at end of bridleway to Swainby needs to be wider for buggies/wheelchairs.
- 3) Bridge at Green Lane is far too narrow. Gates and stiles are not user friendly for the disabled. They all have tricky opening mechanisms.
- 4) Foot paths are part of our heritage and must be preserved at all cost and people to be allowed and encouraged to make full use of them. Nobody should be allowed to interfere with right of way
- 5) Gates are not accessible for the disabled. This includes the new gates, sadly. The bridge to Goldgate Lane is unsafe for young children or anyone with mobility issues, also too narrow for a pushchair/wheelchair. Green Lane is unsafe outside daylight hours. (No lighting and uneven.)
- 6) Gates: Some of the larger gates can be difficult because alignment of locking mechanism.

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- 7) Hedges need cutting back around stiles. Most of the bridges are good except the one off the field of Gerry Stapleton. Stiles - a lot are poor condition. Most gates that are on paths are good. Larue farm gates - poor.
- 8) However, I don't know some of the walks. Apparently, the path to Ingleby Arncliffe from Potto Hall is difficult to negotiate.
- 9) I appreciate the replacement of stiles with gates and would like to see all stiles replaced with gates eventually
- 10) No recent experience of use
- 11) Public Rights of Way must be retained and maintained.
- 12) Public rights of way should be kept open and clear of obstructions at all times
- 13) Pushchairs can't fit through the bridge (towards Swainby)
- 14) Re Q14 Public rights of way across private land are not maintained from Potto to Potto Beck and notices are being displayed to state no-one should touch anything! More dog fouling signs needed!!
- 15) Really appreciate the work that has gone into the bridleway to Swainby
- 16) Replacing stiles with gates has been most successful. Can the remaining stiles also be replaced? - please!
- 17) Signage on path from Faceby junction to bridleway at Goulton missing. Signage at entrance to footpath through garden near village hall not visible. Stile between Goulton bridleway and stream needs attention.
- 18) Some of the gates have dropped and v. difficult to open. Many of the stiles are dog 'unfriendly'. Way markers - why not 'Footpath to Swainby' etc. instead of just public footpath.
- 19) Some of the stiles are still very high
- 20) Some styles have been replaced but there are still a few that are old and seem unsafe
- 21) Sorry!
- 22) Stiles too narrow - gates are better - bridge to Swainby from bridle path is very narrow. Some stiles are also too high.
- 23) Strange policy on Stiles e.g. perfectly good one's recently replaced, meanwhile dilapidated are one's becoming impassable, even dangerous?
- 24) The bridge on the footpath to Swainby needs to be doubled in size so that pushchairs and wheelchairs can use.
- 25) The footbridge at the end of the bridleway needs to be wider to facilitate pushchairs etc. The ford is in a dangerous condition.
- 26) The stile on the field after Potto woods (in line with Tomahawk, 2 fields down) is almost collapsed
- 27) The stiles from Cornforth farm through to the Dog and Gun are starting to come apart.
- 28) There have been some recent improvements
- 29) Too overgrown in places
- 30) Two bridges in particular need urgent attention; most urgent is the bridleway over the beck to Goldgate Lane, also the bridge over the Stell to the west of the village.
- 31) Unclear on progress on bridge on path from Goulton lane to HR
- 32) Who is responsible of keeping these public rights of way open and usable to the public?

Question 16

Q16 Could you occasionally help with the community effort to maintain those rights of way that are in public ownership in the parish?	
24	Yes
35	No
39	Maybe
1	No reply

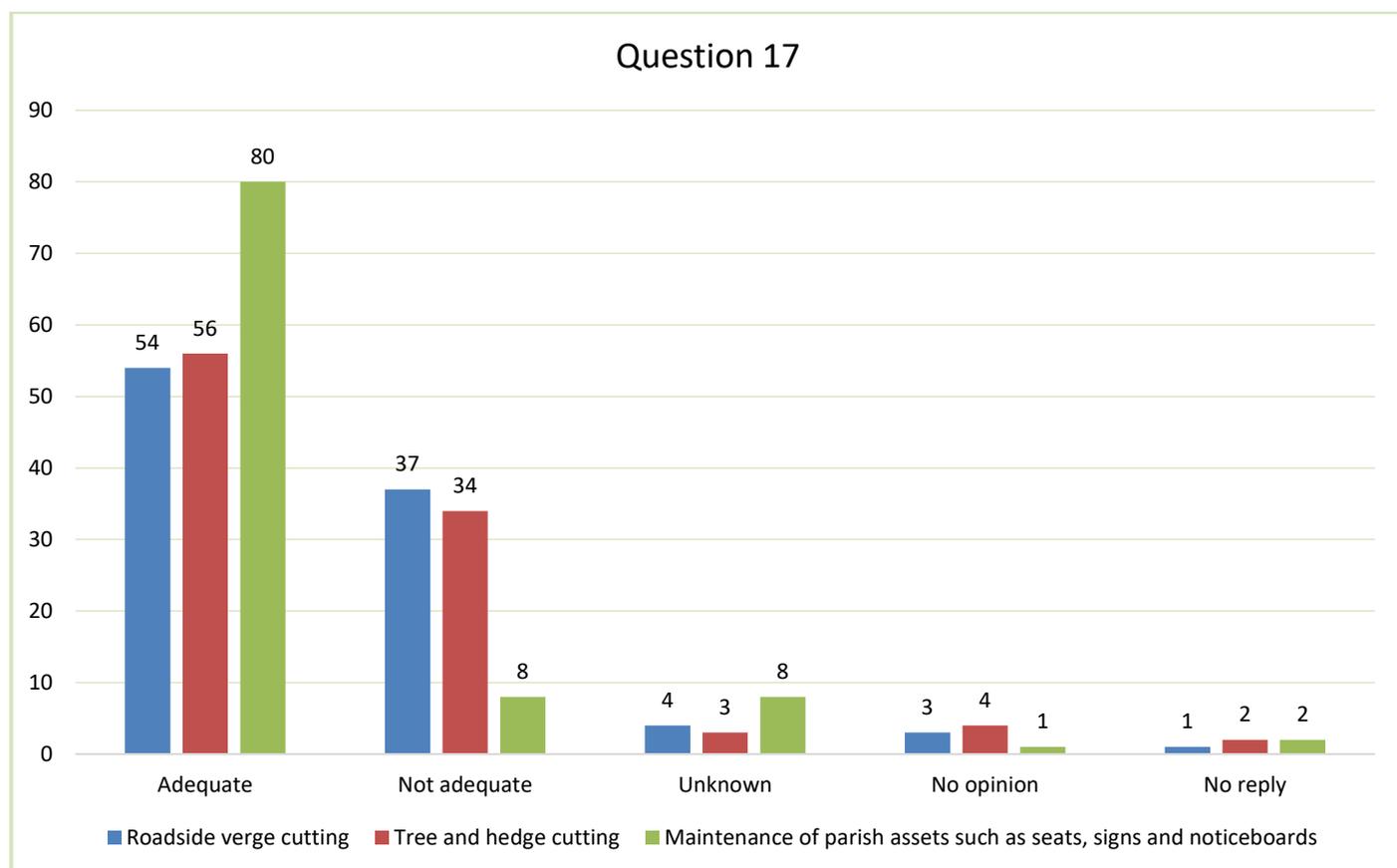


## SECTION 5: ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

### a) Environment

#### Question 17

Q17 What is your opinion of the following?					
	Adequate	Not adequate	Unknown	No opinion	No reply
Roadside verge cutting	54	37	4	3	1
Tree and hedge cutting	56	34	3	4	2
Maintenance of parish assets such as seats, signs and noticeboards	80	8	8	1	2
Any comments:					
16 responses received					



#### Comments for Question 17

- 1) All adequate considering shortfall in funding.
- 2) As of 26th June, Butcher Lane needs a trim
- 3) As stated before, hedges and bushes on pinch point on approach roads to Potto need cutting back to give maximum space for cars on the road.
- 4) Hedgerows are not been cut back by private properties in places, encroaching onto roads
- 5) Much be kept clear at all times
- 6) Need far more careful oversight and treatment
- 7) No evidence of verge and hedge cutting

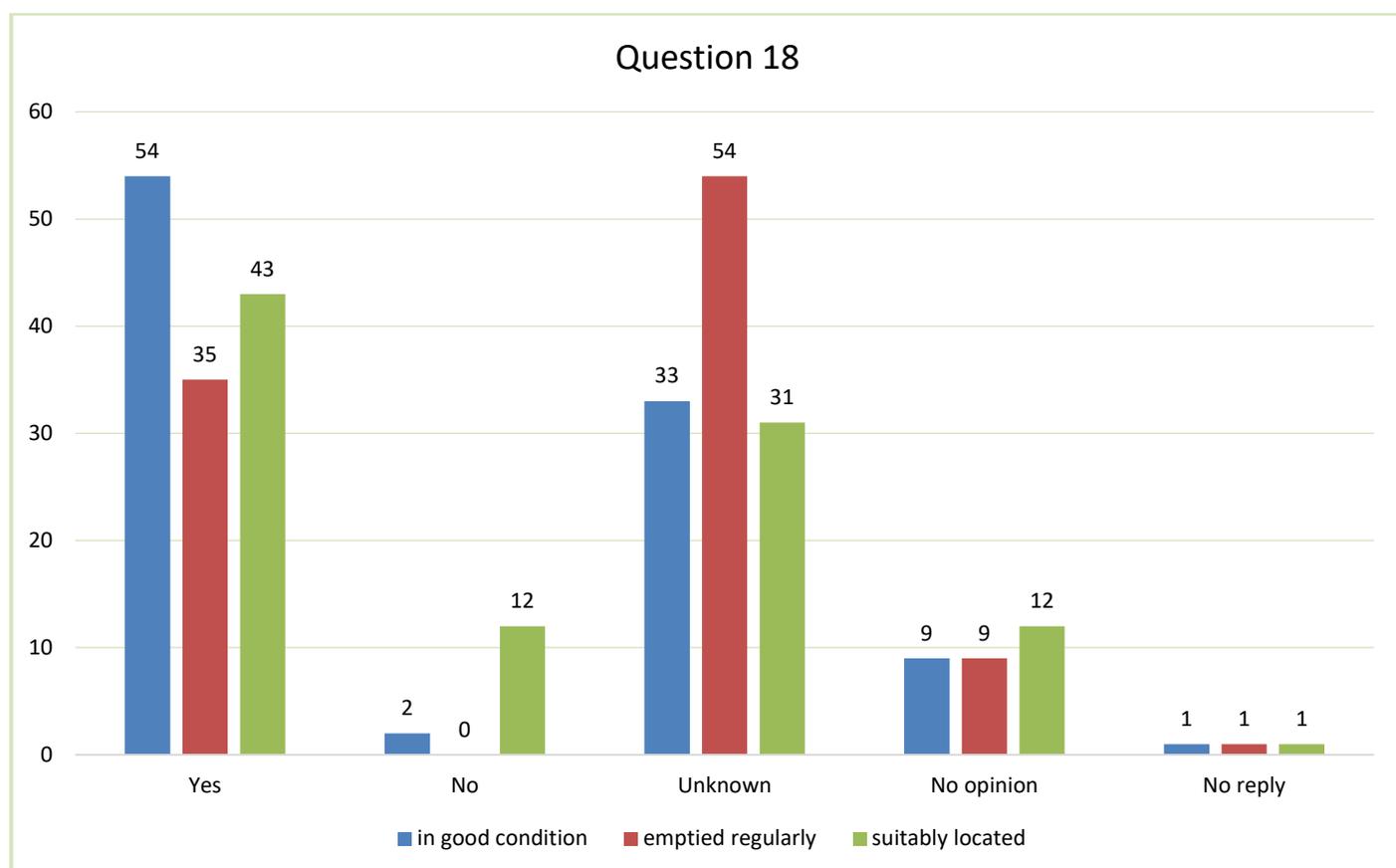
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- 8) No evidence seen of verge and hedge cutting
- 9) Sometimes verges could be cut back quicker, plus some private residences need to cut back hedges that are encroaching onto narrow roads
- 10) The cuttings from hawthorns are not swept up and end up in the soles of walking shoes and puncture car tyres
- 11) The flowerpots at the Potto village signs are very well kept and we appreciate the efforts!
- 12) The seat at the bottom of Cooper Lane needs attention and the hedge behind it needs trimming. - Otherwise the seats are fine
- 13) The verges between Preston's and the Parish Boundary towards Hutton Rudby are never cut and it is a dangerous corner
- 14) Undergrowth needs more control on the popular Green Lane route to Swainby and paths close to the village.
- 15) Unnecessary traffic comes into the village, looking for our local restaurant, a sign at the centre of the village would help.
- 16) Verges left too long for attention - restricted movement of 2 cars passing Butcher Lane. Station Road similar.

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## Question 18

Q18 There are several litter bins and dog waste bins in Potto, usually near public rights of way. In your opinion, are these bins ...?					
	Yes	No	Unknown	No opinion	No reply
In good condition	54	2	33	9	1
Emptied regularly	35	0	54	9	1
Suitably located	43	12	31	12	1
Any comments:					
22 responses received					

*Comments for Question 18*

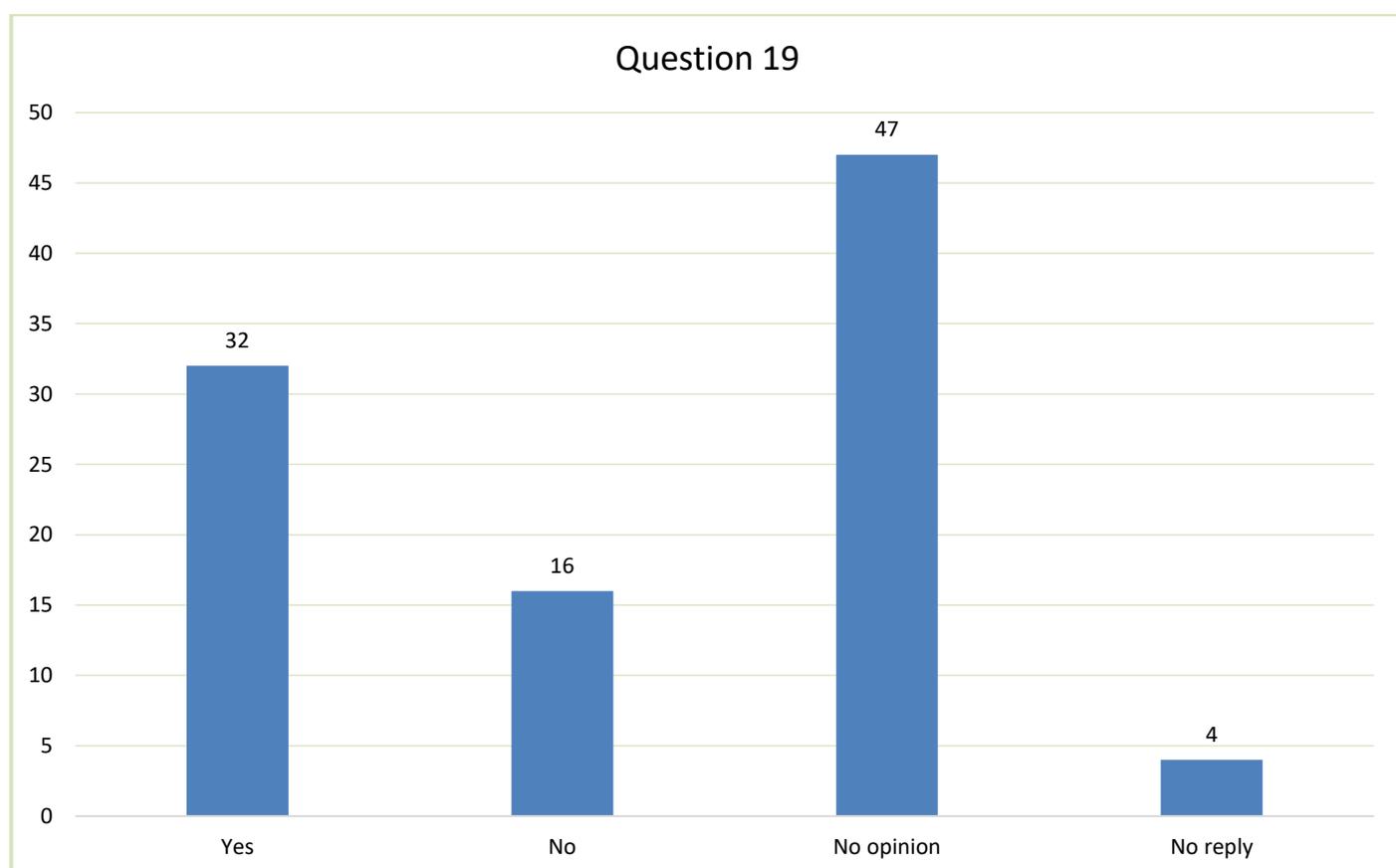
- 1) A bin at the little bridge at the end of the bridleway and at the exit to the woods path would help
- 2) A bin on the bridleway to Swainby or at the Potto end could be useful for dog owners
- 3) An additional dog waste bin would be useful at the bottom of Cooper Lane, near to the bridleway entrance.
- 4) Bin near post box used for private use by 1 resident - regularly filled with re-cyclable material plastic bottles/cans. Notice on bin to discourage?
- 5) Could do with an extra bin on the bridleway
- 6) Could have more dog waste bins along the bridleway - and at the beck end.
- 7) Don't have a dog, but would suggest another bin at the bottom of Cooper Lane and on the bridleway.
- 8) I collect three bags of litter each week from Butcher Lane and Cooper Lane - walking the full length from Potto. Keep Potto tidy please!
- 9) I think we need one or two more dog waste bins on the bridleway to stop the current dog waste issue.
- 10) Litter bins should be USED rather litter dropped at the roadside (suspect that motorists passing through rather than Potto residents are largely to blame)
- 11) More needed on the loop road

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- 12) Need more dog waste bins, then maybe people would use them.
- 13) Need one at the end of bridleway (Gold Hill) as some people are not prepared to walk any distance with it.
- 14) Need to relocate one of the bins and place one adjacent to footbridge on Gold Hill Loop Road.
- 15) Needs to be more
- 16) One needed at Goldhill loop road end/s of footpaths. Nearest is near A172. Quite a way off a circular route.
- 17) Only seen one in the village
- 18) Problems with dog walkers who do not clear up their dogs' faeces.
- 19) Put bins at either end of the Green Lane to Swainby (dog muck alley). Too many irresponsible dog owners.
- 20) There is still evidence of dog waste
- 21) There is still evidence of dog waste
- 22) Unaware of where they are

## Question 19

<b>Q19</b>	<b>In recent years the 'Pride in Potto' volunteer group has been set up and mainly looks after a number of flower tubs in the Parish. Would you like to see 'Pride in Potto' extended to other aspects of the Parish?</b>	
	32	Yes
	16	No
	47	No opinion
	4	No reply
If "Yes", where?		
20 responses received		

*Comments for Question 19*

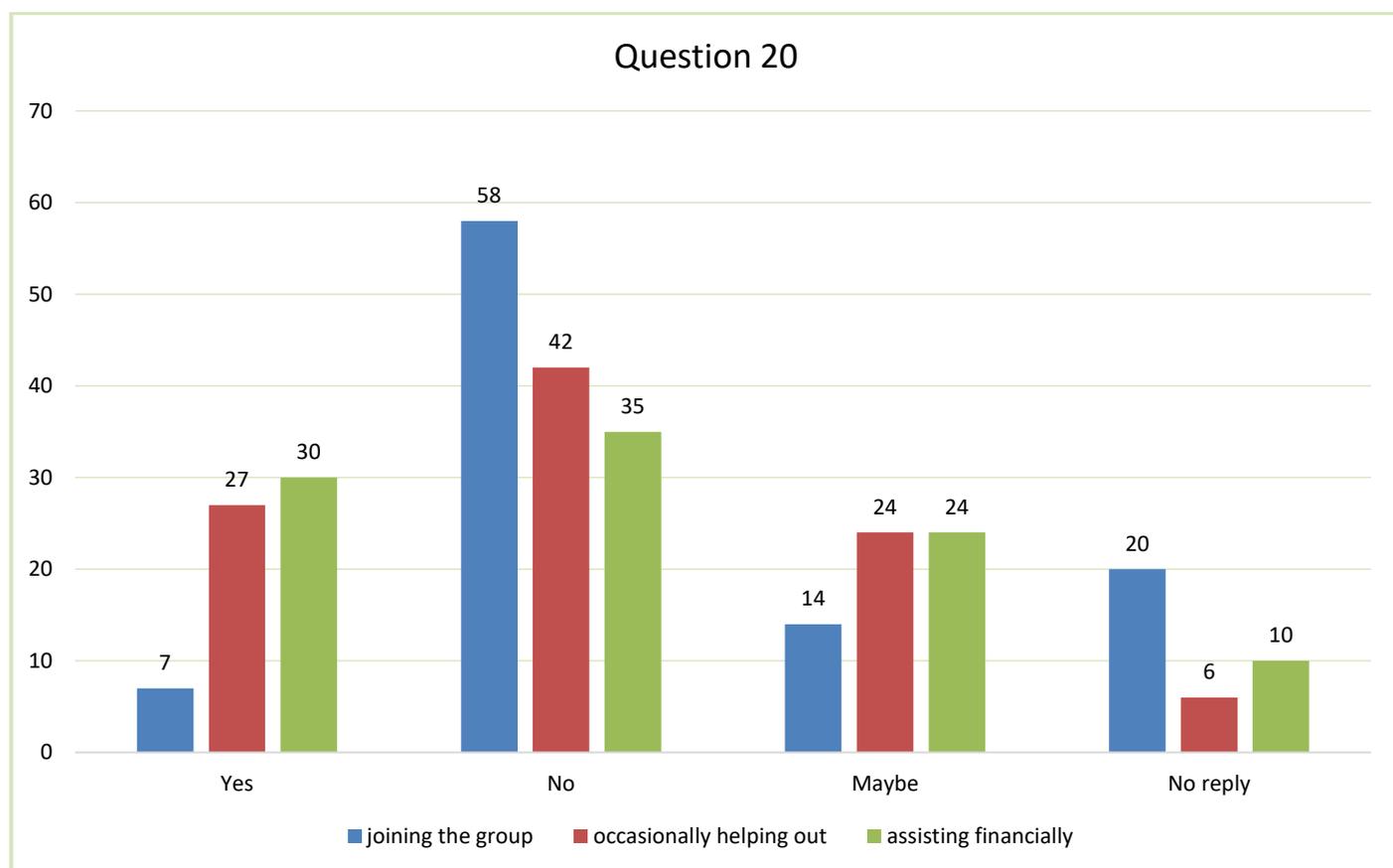
- 1) Along verges and entries to footpaths
- 2) Always look well maintained
- 3) But not practical. Problem of maintaining flora in good condition.
- 4) Duty of ALL householders to keep properties tidy. Support work of existing 'P. in Potto' group.
- 5) Entrances to the village
- 6) General pride and care of the environment
- 7) Grass verges. Litter.
- 8) Hanging baskets maybe on lampposts
- 9) If they had more members. Maybe maintenance of assets seats etc.
- 10) It seems at present that this entails a big commitment from a small number of people
- 11) It would be nice if there was a 'welcome to Potto Village' at the entry. Perhaps tubs/hanging baskets (with permission).
- 12) Maintaining footpaths in summer - they get overgrown

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- 13) Maybe the owners of
- 14) Not without more volunteers
- 15) Not without more volunteers
- 16) Roadside verge planting of wild flowers
- 17) Thanks to the residents who care for and maintain their frontage and encouragement to those who don't trim hedges etc.
- 18) The flower tubs are beautifully maintained and organisers should be congratulated.
- 19) They do an excellent job and make the village pretty
- 20) Would suggest a 'welcome to Potto' idea at the entrance to the 'Village'. Large pots of flowers or hanging baskets with resident's permission where necessary

## Question 20

Q20 Would you consider supporting this work by...?				
	Yes	No	Maybe	No reply
Joining the group	7	58	14	20
Occasionally helping out	27	42	24	6
Assisting financially	30	35	24	10
Any comments:				
12 responses received				

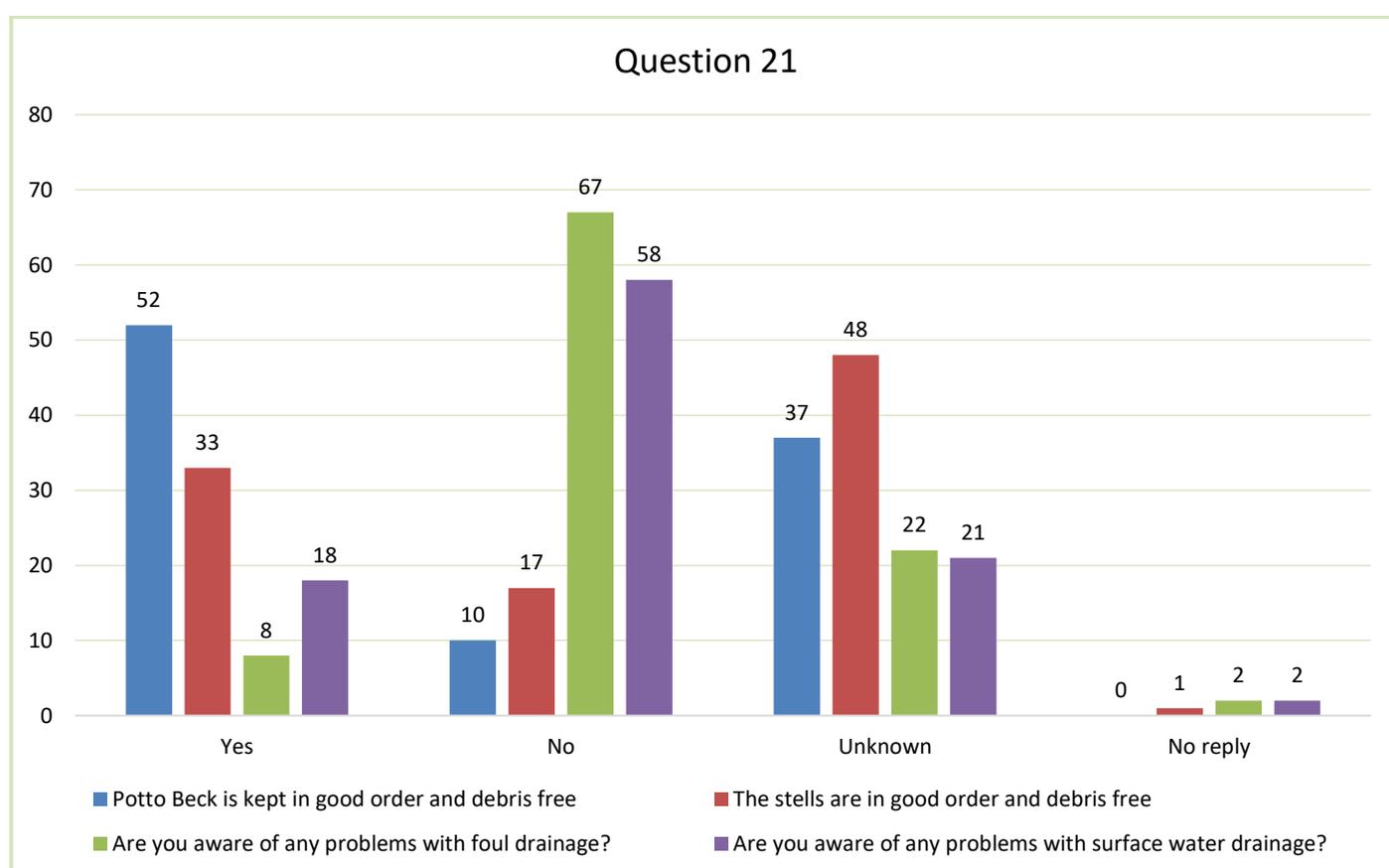
*Comments for Question 20*

- 1) Already doing it
- 2) Already involved incidentally - litter picking, cleaning notice board and many others. Swept all loose chippings Cooper Lane when road re-surfaced.
- 3) But I appreciate the work the volunteers do
- 4) I am extremely time poor.
- 5) I will help out as and when required if available
- 6) If able physically to do so and well supported and supervised. Would assist financially if considered appropriate.
- 7) Many thanks to the volunteers in this group. Tubs are a real asset to the village.
- 8) See Q19 (Duty of ALL householders to keep properties tidy. Support work of existing 'P. in Potto' group.
- 9) Sorry - I barely have the time for my own garden!
- 10) Sorry, maybe when I retire and have more spare time.
- 11) Thank you to the PIP ladies for all their hard work and dedication.
- 12) We'd consider sponsoring a flower bed/ tub etc

## b) Watercourses and drainage

## Question 21

Q21 In your opinion ...?				
	Yes	No	Unknown	No reply
Potto Beck is kept in good order and debris free	52	10	37	0
The Stells are in good order and debris free	33	17	48	1
Are you aware of any problems with foul drainage?	8	67	22	2
Are you aware of any problems with surface water drainage?	18	58	21	2
Any comments:				
21 responses received				

*Comments for Question 21*

- 1) All Stells are not kept cleared. More visits by environment agency/Potto Council to seek measures to enforce residents to keep them clear.
- 2) All Stells are not kept cleared. More visits by environment agency/Potto Council to seek measures to enforce residents to keep them clear.
- 3) At stop near Preston's. At corner of Cooper Lane/Butcher Lane
- 4) Bottom of village can suffer from build-up of surface water
- 5) Butcher Lane, still improvement needed.
- 6) Butcher Lane floods. I understand that not everyone keeps their Stell in good order.
- 7) Evident during periods of extreme heavy rain
- 8) Evident during periods of extreme heavy rain.

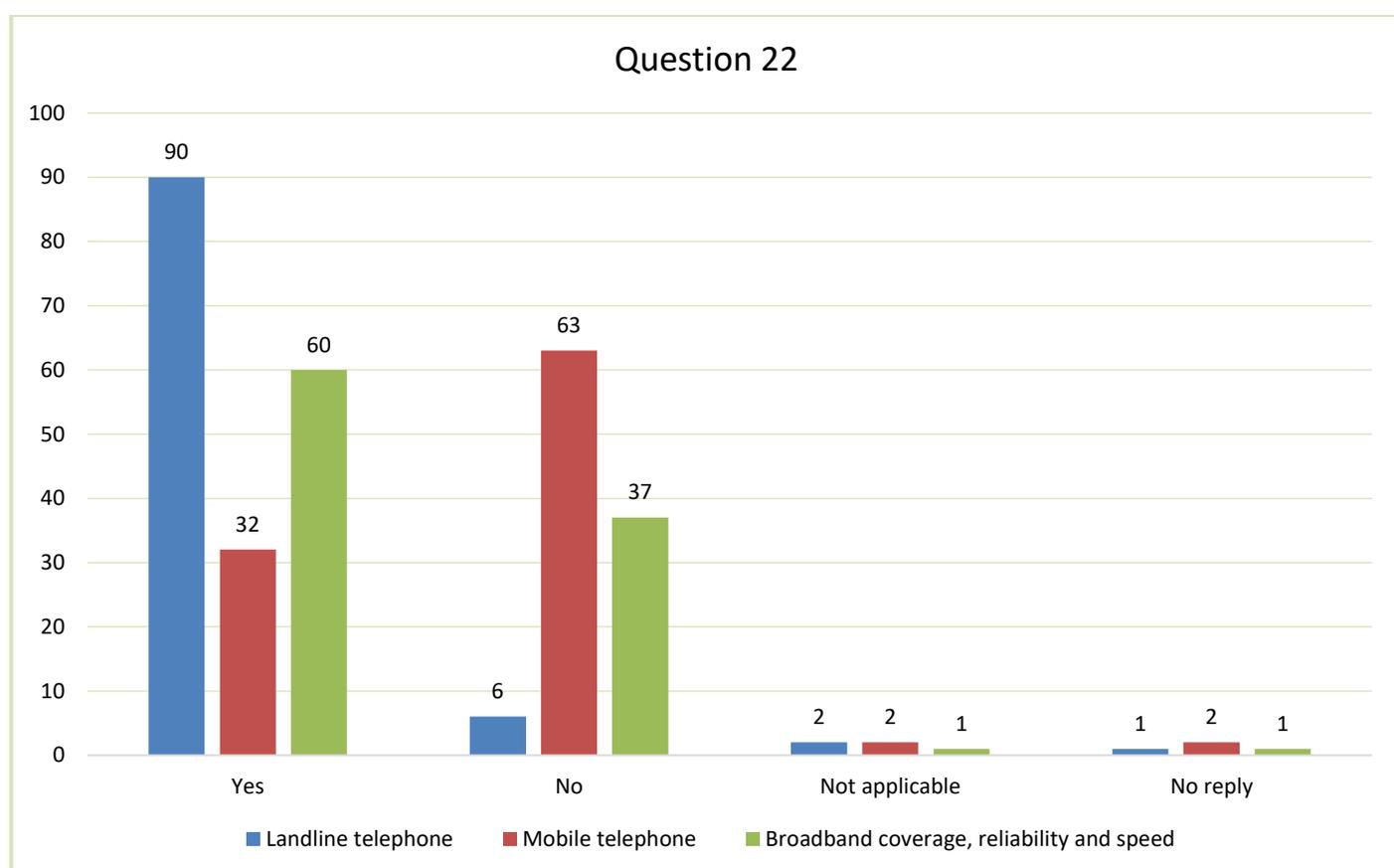
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- 9) In so far as one is aware - might need more information
- 10) Landowners not always keeping Stells clear. More action needed by Parish Council.
- 11) Most of the time. Householders need to pay more attention to Stells.
- 12) Some flooding occurs readily after heavy rain in Cooper Lane at the Stell adjacent to number 56. Most residents keep their Stell section clear but the notoriety of one resident must be very frustrating for them.
- 13) Stell on private road leading to 39 Cooper Lane, needs clearing
- 14) Stells are not always clean
- 15) Surface water problems bottom end of Cooper Lane which is a flood plain. Most Stell owners are considerate and responsible. What a pity for them that this is not an 100% effort.
- 16) The sewage from the pub blocks the drains in the lane between the pub and the church. The drain should be diverted to the main road sewage drain.
- 17) The Stell drainage in the south east corner of the village is very slow to drain. Will be a problem under storm conditions.
- 18) The Stell has slow drainage in the south east corner of the village
- 19) The systems work until nature tests them.
- 20) The village's 'combined' sewer is well known to be severely limited and needs investment.
- 21) Yes, the Stell between 37 & 39 Cooper Lane is totally overgrown

## c) Communications

## Question 22

Q22	Are you satisfied with the following services within the Parish?			
	Yes	No	Not applicable	No reply
Landline telephone	90	6	2	1
Mobile telephone	32	63	2	2
Broadband coverage, reliability and speed	60	37	1	1
Any comments:				
39 responses received				

*Comments for Question 22*

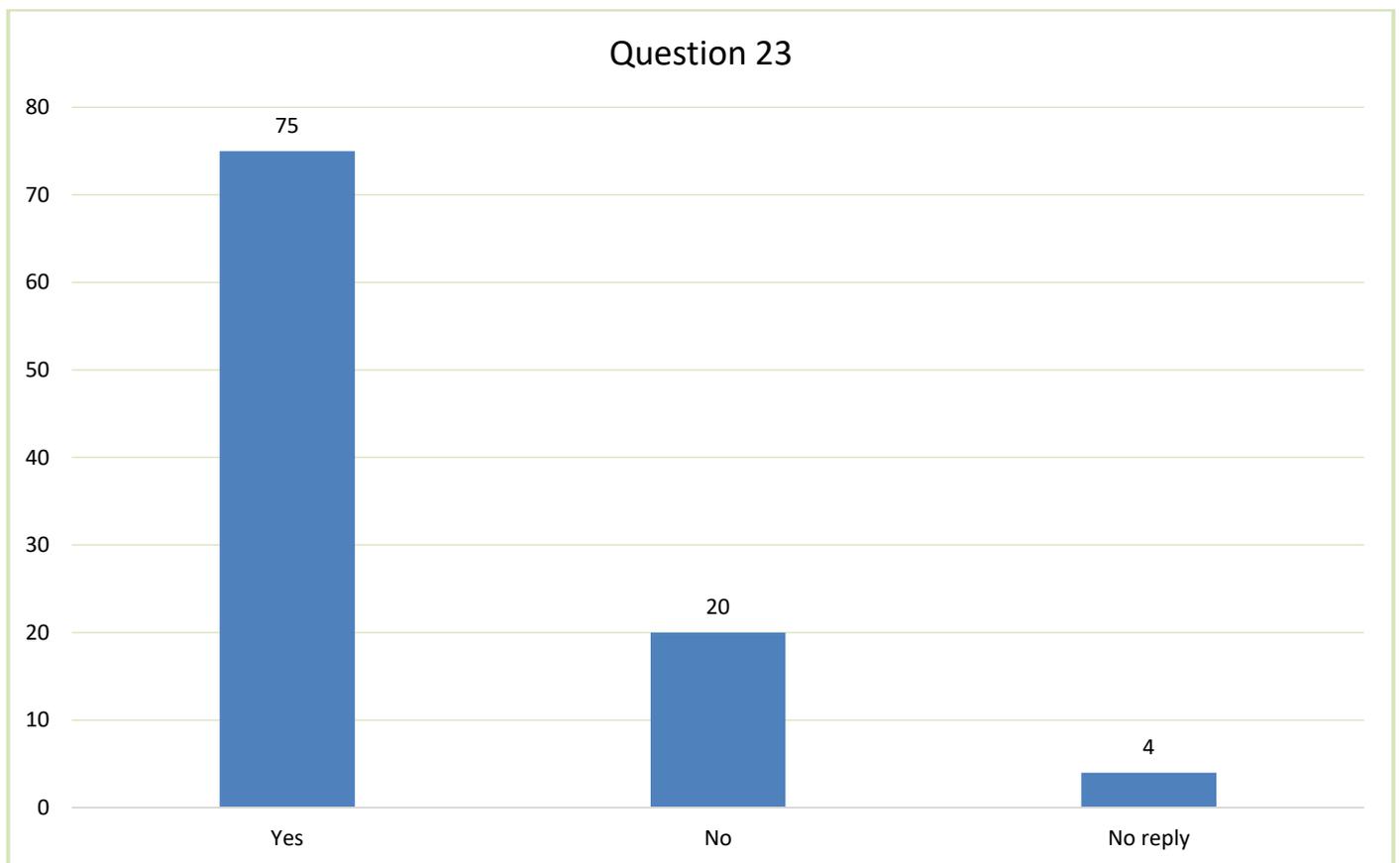
- 1) As a BT customer all three services are good.
- 2) Broadband availability after school/weekends/bad weather can be patchy/slow. Mobile signal south of butcher lane iffy/non-existent. Thanks
- 3) Broadband coverage is lethargic at best and non-existent at worst. We're now on our third provider.
- 4) Broadband near non-existing
- 5) Broadband poor, slow often dropping out
- 6) Broadband slow at our end (bottom of village). Fibre makes little difference since exchange far away.
- 7) Broadband speed at Potto Hall properties is poor
- 8) Could do with upgrading to fibre optic cable to houses
- 9) Didn't get mobile signal anywhere in the village
- 10) Difficulty with coverage from certain networks causing lack of choice
- 11) Doesn't seem too bad for small rural village
- 12) EE coverage is poor. Internet is slow.

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- 13) EE coverage poor
- 14) Haven't arranged broadband yet as I've just moved in so don't know
- 15) I am O2 and the coverage is not great
- 16) Landline cable are old and often fail due to corrosion - BT very slow to repair. Mobile reception poor. Broadband speed only just Ok in mornings, but far too slow in the evenings. Broadband speed checker website cannot even record a speed in the evenings, as it is little better than dial-up and is far below the government minimum speed targets.
- 17) Many breakdowns with both landline and broadband.
- 18) Mob phone (EE) doesn't work at bottom of Cooper Lane.
- 19) Mobile coverage is still very patchy
- 20) Mobile coverage is very poor.
- 21) Mobile phone cover with Vodafone is poor / non-existent and the supposed "high speed fibre" broadband speeds are often too slow to watch films etc. without interruption
- 22) Mobile phone coverage inadequate
- 23) Mobile phone coverage inadequate on EE
- 24) Mobile phone coverage very inadequate
- 25) Mobile phone is still patchy.
- 26) Mobile phone signal patchy
- 27) Mobile reception inside house almost non-existent
- 28) Mobile reception is wholly inadequate.
- 29) Mobile service variable and limited to only a few providers
- 30) Mobile signals are unreliable on all networks I have tried, which is all four major ones. Vodafone is possibly the better one.
- 31) Much better than before thank you.
- 32) Much improved
- 33) Need fibre optic coming into house
- 34) No high-speed broadband
- 35) Personal landline good. No public telephone. No notification to householders of intention. Mobile - variable.
- 36) Poor mobile coverage
- 37) We are not going to be able to have fibre optic broadband where we live.
- 38) We have no land line telephone WHY
- 39) What mobile telephone? There is no signal from any provider in the village. Broadband has improved but will we ever get fibre?

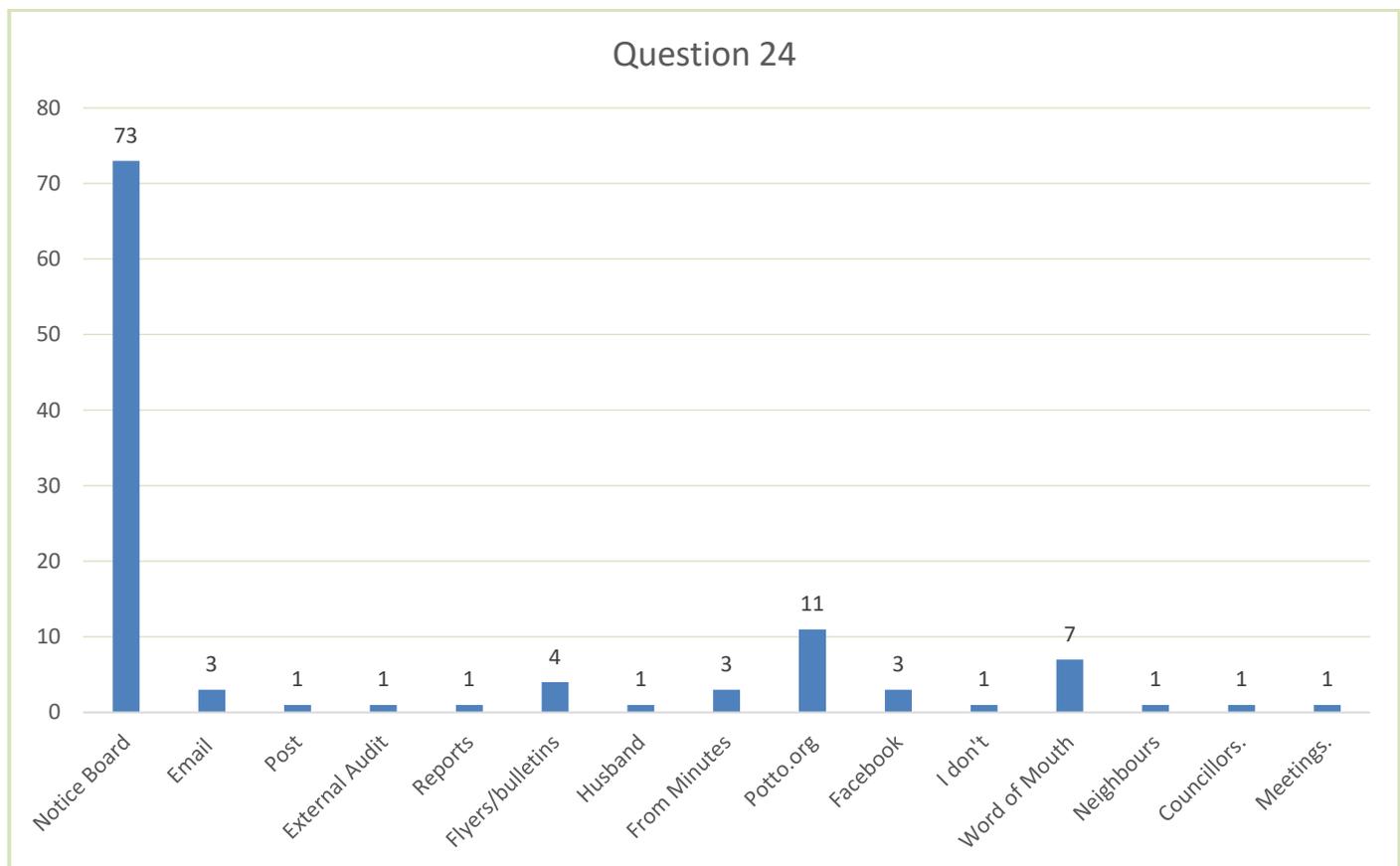
**SECTION 6: PARISH COUNCIL****Question 23**

Q23 Do you feel you understand the role of the parish council and its responsibilities?	
75	Yes
20	No
4	No reply



Question 24

<b>Q24</b>	<b>Where do you normally obtain information about parish council responsibilities, meetings and activities?</b>
	85 responses received



Comments for Question 24

- 1) Email
- 2) Email/post
- 3) External Audit reports, remedial Action Plans and the Information Commissioner
- 4) Flyers and bulletins delivered to door
- 5) From husband - Andy Wilde
- 6) From minutes
- 7) From minutes on noticeboard and online
- 8) From the minutes on the notice board
- 9) From the notice board
- 10) From the noticeboard
- 11) <http://www.potto.org.uk/>
- 12) I don't
- 13) I only seem to read the annual update that is delivered to each household
- 14) Internet, word of mouth
- 15) leaflets Facebook
- 16) Notice board
- 17) Notice Board
- 18) notice board
- 19) Notice board
- 20) Notice board
- 21) Notice board
- 22) Notice board

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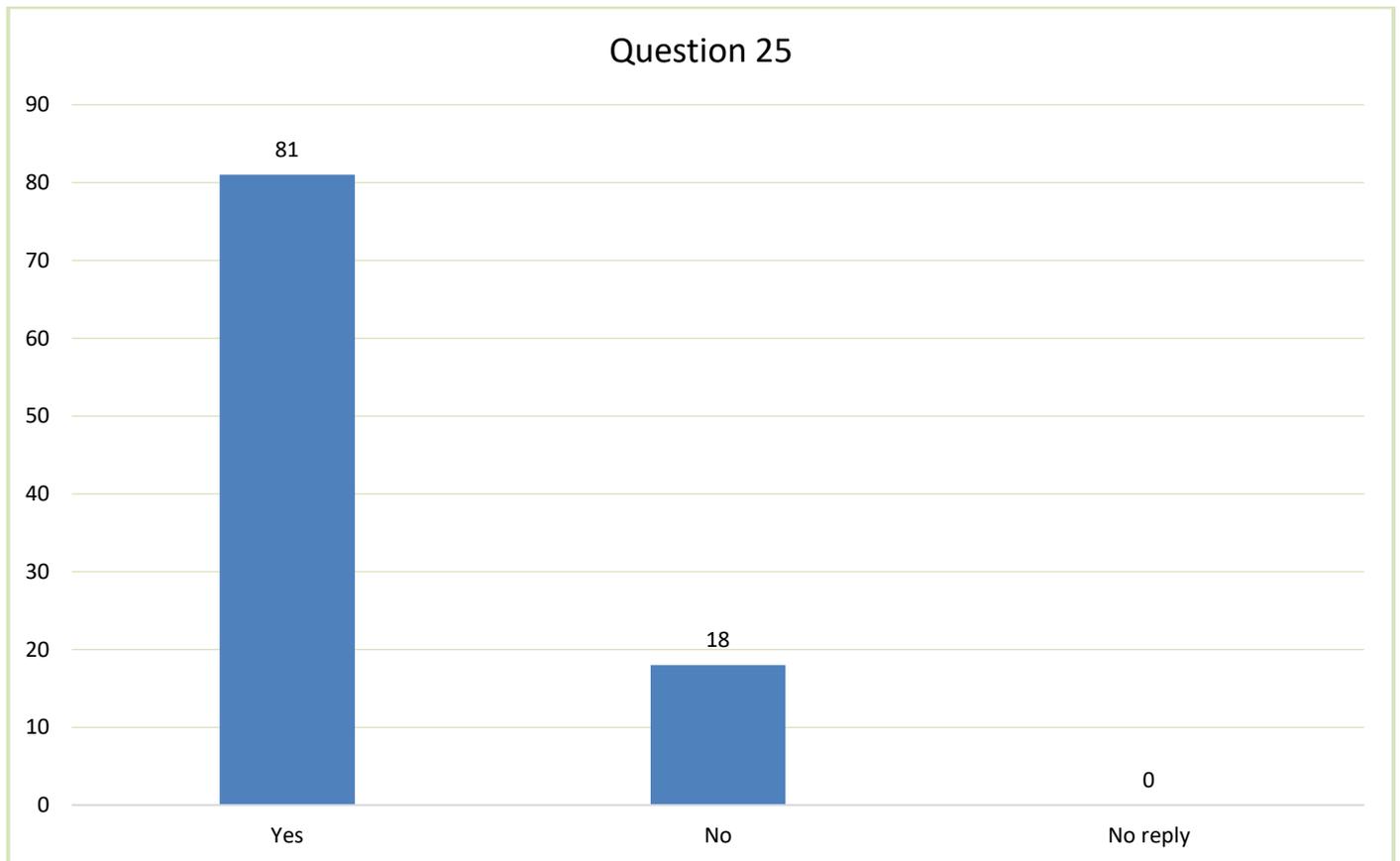
- 23) Notice board
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- 36) Notice board
- 37) Notice board
- 38) Notice board
- 39) Notice board
- 40) Notice board
- 41) Notice board
- 42) Notice board
- 43) Notice board
- 44) Notice board - very limited information
- 45) notice board / internet
- 46) Notice board and neighbours
- 47) Notice board and neighbours' word of mouth
- 48) Notice board and online
- 49) Notice board and word of mouth
- 50) Notice board I make a point of stopping and reading them
- 51) Notice board if passing
- 52) Notice board in village
- 53) notice board or website
- 54) Notice board when passing
- 55) Notice Board, web site, conversation with Councillors.
- 56) Notice boards and leaflets
- 57) Noticeboard
- 58) Noticeboard
- 59) Noticeboard
- 60) Noticeboard and website
- 61) Noticeboard, newsletter, Potto patter.
- 62) On the notice board
- 63) On village notice board
- 64) Online
- 65) Parish notice board
- 66) Parish website and noticeboard
- 67) Potto Facebook group
- 68) Potto Patter - Facebook
- 69) Public notice board
- 70) Public notice board. Potto.org website
- 71) Published minutes, on-line postings, potto.org website.
- 72) The noticeboard
- 73) Through discussions with other villagers
- 74) Village - noticeboard
- 75) Village notice board
- 76) Village notice board
- 77) Village noticeboard

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- 78) Village noticeboard
- 79) Village Notices Board
- 80) website
- 81) Website
- 82) Website
- 83) Website
- 84) Website and noticeboard
- 85) Website, noticeboard, approaching members, attending meetings.

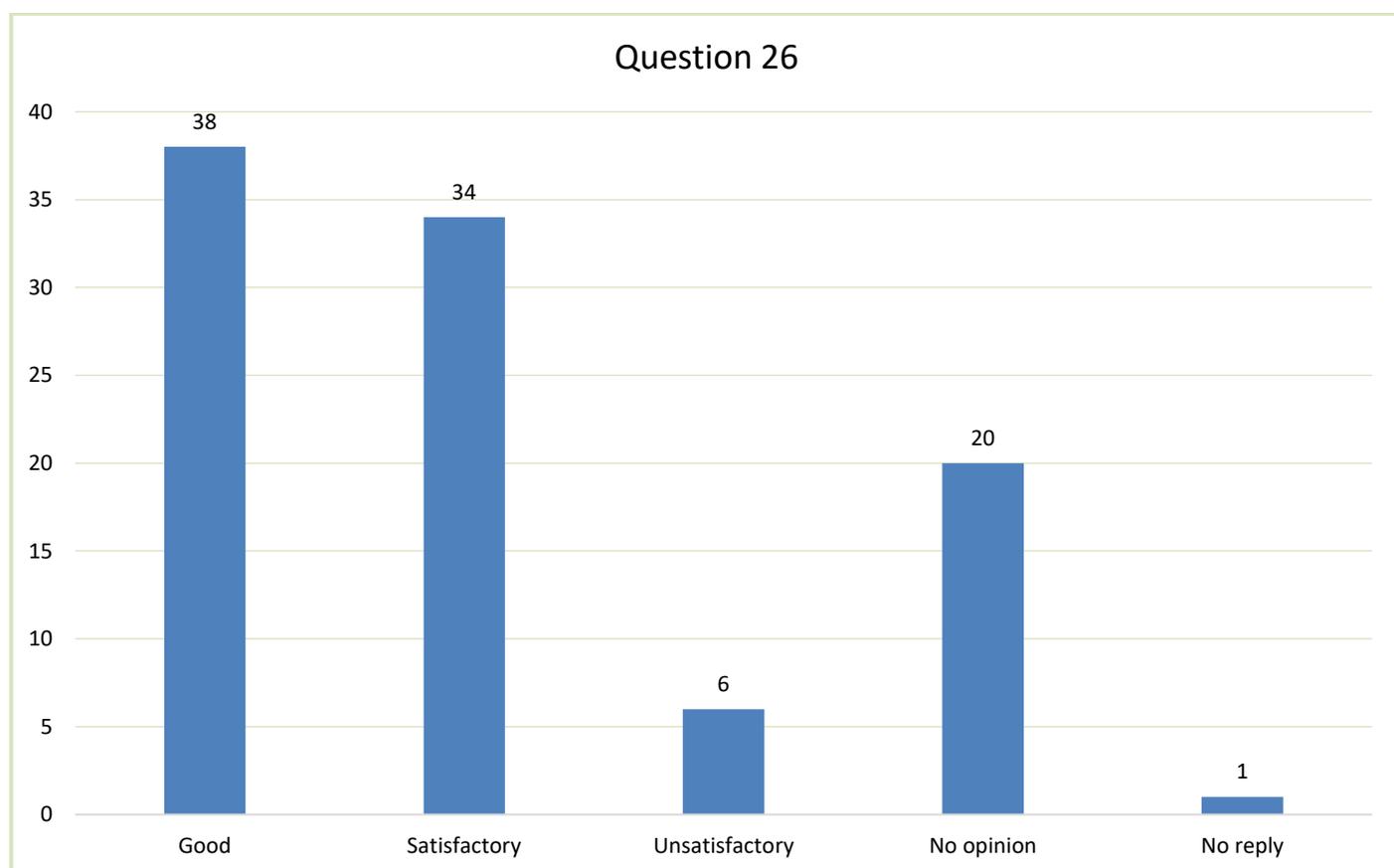
## Question 25

Q25	Are you aware that you can attend parish council meetings and that you can raise issues during the first 15 minutes of the meeting?	
	81	Yes
	18	No
	0	No reply



## Question 26

Q26 How would you rate Potto Parish Council?	
38	Good
34	Satisfactory
6	Unsatisfactory
20	No opinion
1	No reply
Any comments:	
21 responses received	



## Comments for Question 26

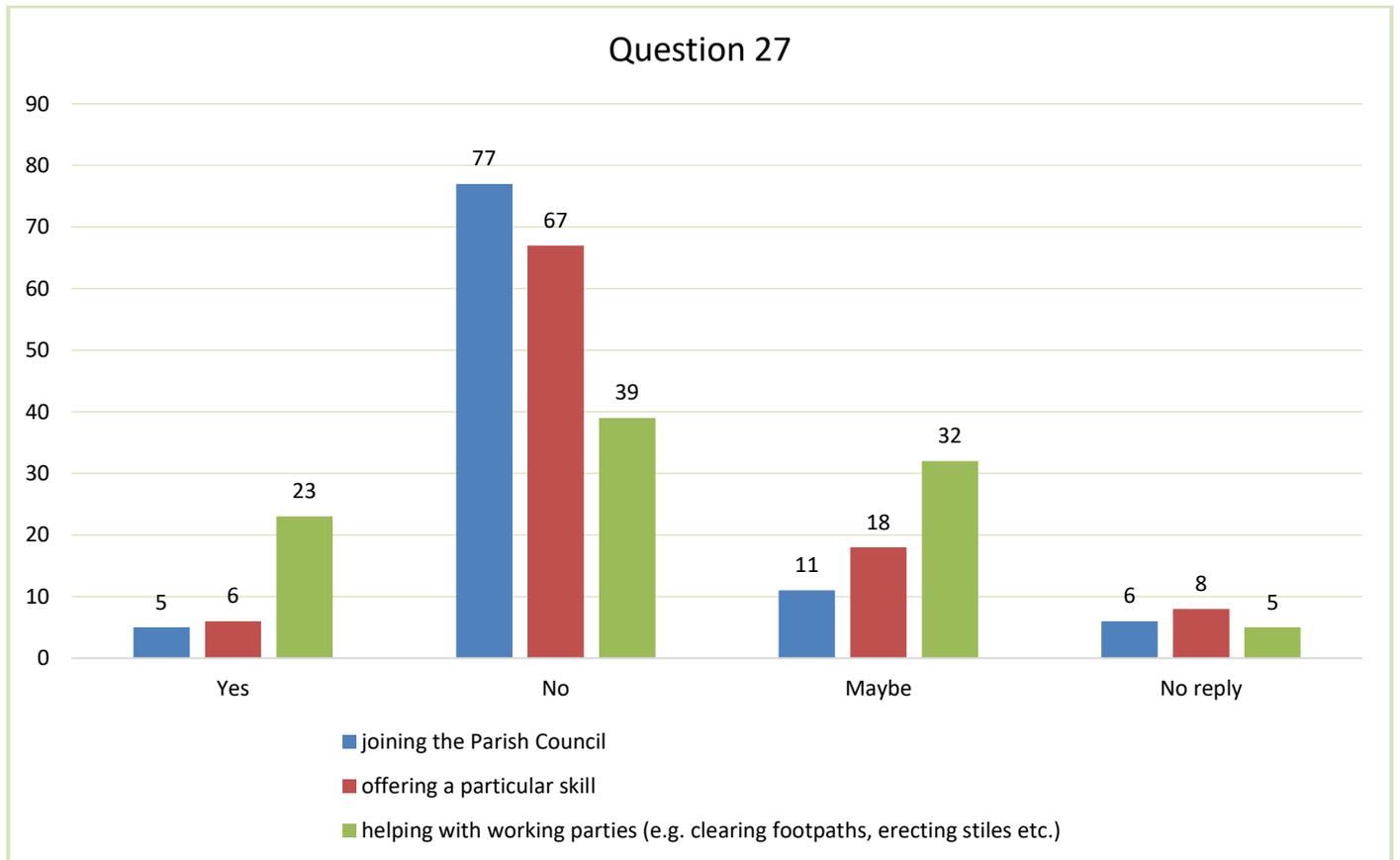
- 1) A lot of their precious time and MONEY is being taking up with one arsehole
- 2) Communications very poor. No direct response to issues raised except via minutes. Minutes published 2 months after the fact so cannot follow up on an issue
- 3) Conflicts of interest over planning applications.
- 4) Councillors should not have any pecuniary gain in any aspect of building / planning applications, therefore they should be banned from accepting such work in this village whilst a serving councillor.
- 5) Excellent example of Parish Council which is being besieged by an individual with a grudge not well handled by District Standards Committee
- 6) For such a small community we have a reliable, proactive and knowledgeable representation - well done all of you!
- 7) Have had no cause for concern about how things are going
- 8) Haven't attended

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- 9) I feel that the meeting minutes could be published quicker
- 10) It has become blatantly obvious that one parishioner is conducting a personal vendetta against a member of the Parish Council. Some action must be taken to stop this. Could the laws on harassment be used in this case?
- 11) It is unsatisfactory to fund an ongoing dispute between P.P.C. and a former Councillor with a solution.
- 12) It is, however, plagued by a vexatious objector whose activities are costing the Parish Council, and therefore, at the end of the day, me, money
- 13) It should be supported and made to feel so
- 14) Money has been wasted investigating malicious and unfounded accusations by one councillor
- 15) Potto parish council is crippled by maladministration. The council has refused, after 2011, to have anything whatsoever to do with residents' views in the first Parish Plan and ALL the actions in this Plan from 2011 onwards remain outstanding; the council's meeting agendas and minutes demonstrate this to be true. The council has no respect for any views that do not accord with their own and act as autocratic masters, rather than democratic public servants. The parish council is run as an unaccountable private members club for the 'select' few, but using public money taken from all of us. External Audit investigations into many complaints have been ongoing for several years and have now cost Potto residents well in excess of £10,000 and yet the council still refuse to acknowledge, or to address, any of the well documented and now proven acts of wrongdoing/corruption/incompetence. The council refuses to carry out the recommendations of audit reports and just blunders along. The remedial actions in the audit action plans are always ignored and never get addressed (the council even has the audacity to write 'no action required' against audit actions designed to hold the council to account). The council routinely refuse to provide even basic information, until the Information Commissioner instructs compliance with a steady stream of Decision Notices that confirm extensive and protracted breaches of the Freedom of Information Act. All of this unlawful activity is censored entirely from the parish council's agendas and minutes, so as to mislead and misdirect the public. Articles in the Northern Echo and the D&S Times newspapers have described the council's propaganda and incompetence in some detail, including an interview of the chairman. The parish council has been described by those in authority as acting to alienate electors by following unacceptable practices and covert policies, which are considered to be entirely unprofessional. The council has refused to hold a single meeting since 2011 (when the new clerk was installed) in compliance with the Local Government Act and this means that all 'council' activities, decisions and spending are unlawful. Misconduct and breaches of the code of conduct remain rife, although proven in 2018 by the Standards Committee at HDC. What a mess - it's a disaster for democracy and for the parish.
- 16) Some aspects good, others disappointing e.g. problem with cost increase of council tax because of 1 known incident. No grasp of the nettle!
- 17) The Parish Council does a very good job in 'difficult' circumstances.
- 18) The question should be whether there is a desire for a Parish Council in Potto. No election of officers has taken place in the last 16 years and relies on co-opting members by word of mouth. N.B cannot expand box for further comments
- 19) to many complaints and too much precept which seems to rise yearly with no visible results to be seen throughout the village.
- 20) Why as a ratepayer are, we funding via the precept a dispute between the PPC and a former councillor
- 21) Why do they have a " savings " account with thousands of pounds in it and yet they still precept for far too much, what do they spend it on? Normally a Parish council just has a current account as the objective is to stay just in the black with the accounts and not make a profit

Question 27

Q27	Would you be interested in helping the Parish Council by ...?				
		Yes	No	Maybe	No reply
	Joining the Parish Council	5	77	11	6
	Offering a particular skill	6	67	18	8
	Helping with working parties (e.g. clearing footpaths, erecting stiles etc.)	23	39	32	5



## Question 28

Q28	<b>Would you like to see any specific information included in the parish newsletter?</b>
	27 responses received

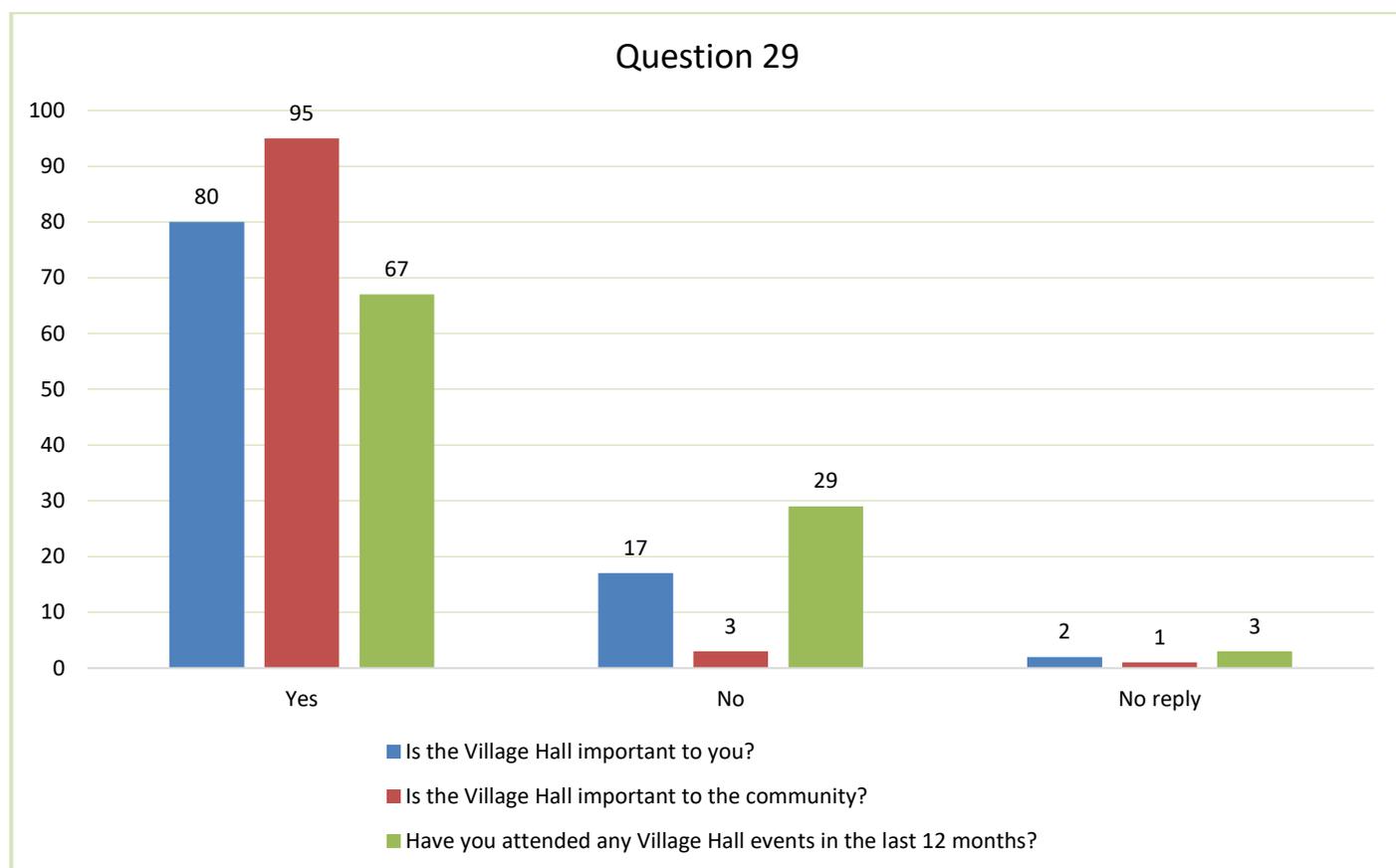
## Comments for Question 28

- 1) Adequate at the moment
- 2) Enjoy parish newsletter and think it covers everything very well.
- 3) Events at the village hall, planning applications, crime news?
- 4) Heavily involved for many years. 100% involvement in parishes Swainby/Potto Church wise/outreach etc.
- 5) Info about church services and activities - changes ahead re links with our parish and Hutton Rudby
- 6) New neighbours moving in, neighbours in need of any help
- 7) New residents moving into the village with a welcome message also residents who have recently moved on.
- 8) No
- 9) No
- 10) No
- 11) No
- 12) No
- 13) No
- 14) No
- 15) No, currently doing a good job.
- 16) None
- 17) Notice of church services and links with Hutton Rudby
- 18) Planning
- 19) Promote a Trusted Neighbour scheme; a list of people who will act as a trusted neighbour to call upon, e.g. help with a cold caller or suspicious stranger or domestic emergency. Publish the access code for the community defibrillator and remind everyone, especially newcomers that it's there.
- 20) Raise profile of dog fouling
- 21) that the Stells should remain clear of weeds and vegetation
- 22) The name and cost of the person making vexatious complaints
- 23) We have a portable defibrillator in the village hall and every resident should be informed of the code.
- 24) Well done at present
- 25) When a scheme has finished, how much it has roughly cost.
- 26) Why isn't the parish newsletter distributed by email to all parishioners
- 27) Yes, what they are spending the precept on

## SECTION 7: VILLAGE HALL

### Question 29

Q29	Yes	No	No reply
Is the Village Hall important to you?	80	17	2
Is the Village Hall important to the community?	95	3	1
Have you attended any Village Hall events in the last 12 months?	67	29	3
Can you suggest anything that would encourage you to use the Village Hall more often?			
24 responses received			



### Comments for Question 29

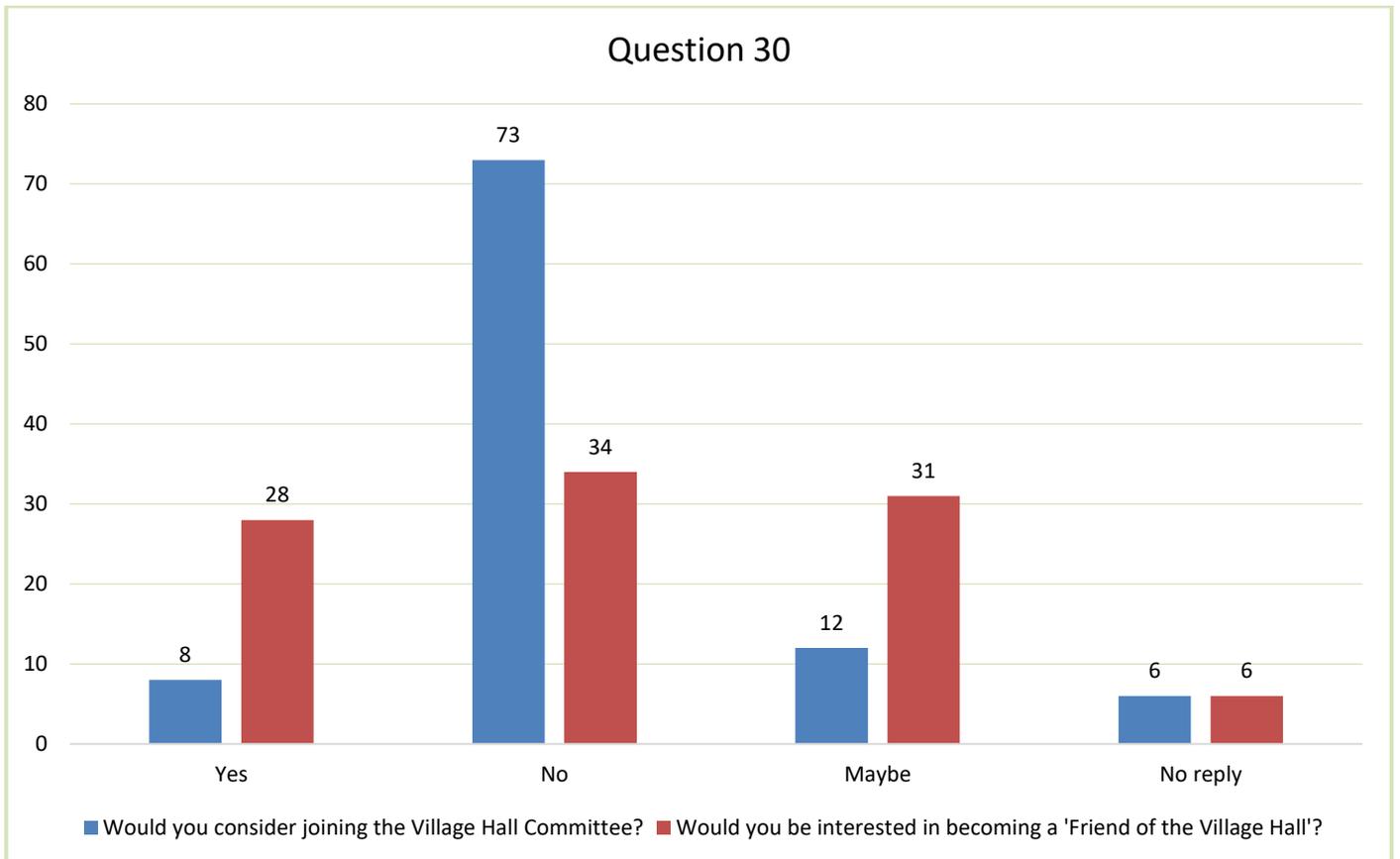
- 1) A good variety of events is already provided at the Hall, to appeal to a cross section of residents, and all are advertised well around surrounding communities
- 2) Easier quizzes! More winter events. Exercise classes.
- 3) Game evenings perhaps? Morning or afternoon coffee or teas?
- 4) History Club/Walking Group, Crafts
- 5) I attend events as often as I can. Always good to meet villagers and catch up.
- 6) I'm Chairman!!
- 7) More activities for children and families
- 8) More children's activities.
- 9) More events
- 10) More events e.g. regular coffee morning
- 11) More live musicians please
- 12) More parking, attractive outdoor sitting area, gates to enclose/prevent wandering children/animals.

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- 13) More theatre, more quizzes, more wine tasting.
- 14) N/A as I've just moved in.
- 15) Names of committee members, current projects, activities, meeting times/dates, agendas and minutes should all be published on the parish website - it looks too much like a secret society
- 16) Not for me personally! But many people restricted because of access/approach area
- 17) Only ever been to village hall to vote
- 18) Professional theatre performances, please. Can we have some consultation about whether to continue the village BBQ in its current form?
- 19) Some sort of exercise class/Pilates/yoga on an evening
- 20) The final section of the road to the Hall is a disgrace
- 21) Toilets are in urgent need of improvement, including disabled facility.
- 22) We try to get to as many events in the Hall as possible. Well done V.H. committee
- 23) Whatever is suggested will require people to run and manage it? Social club.
- 24) WIFI would be an asset

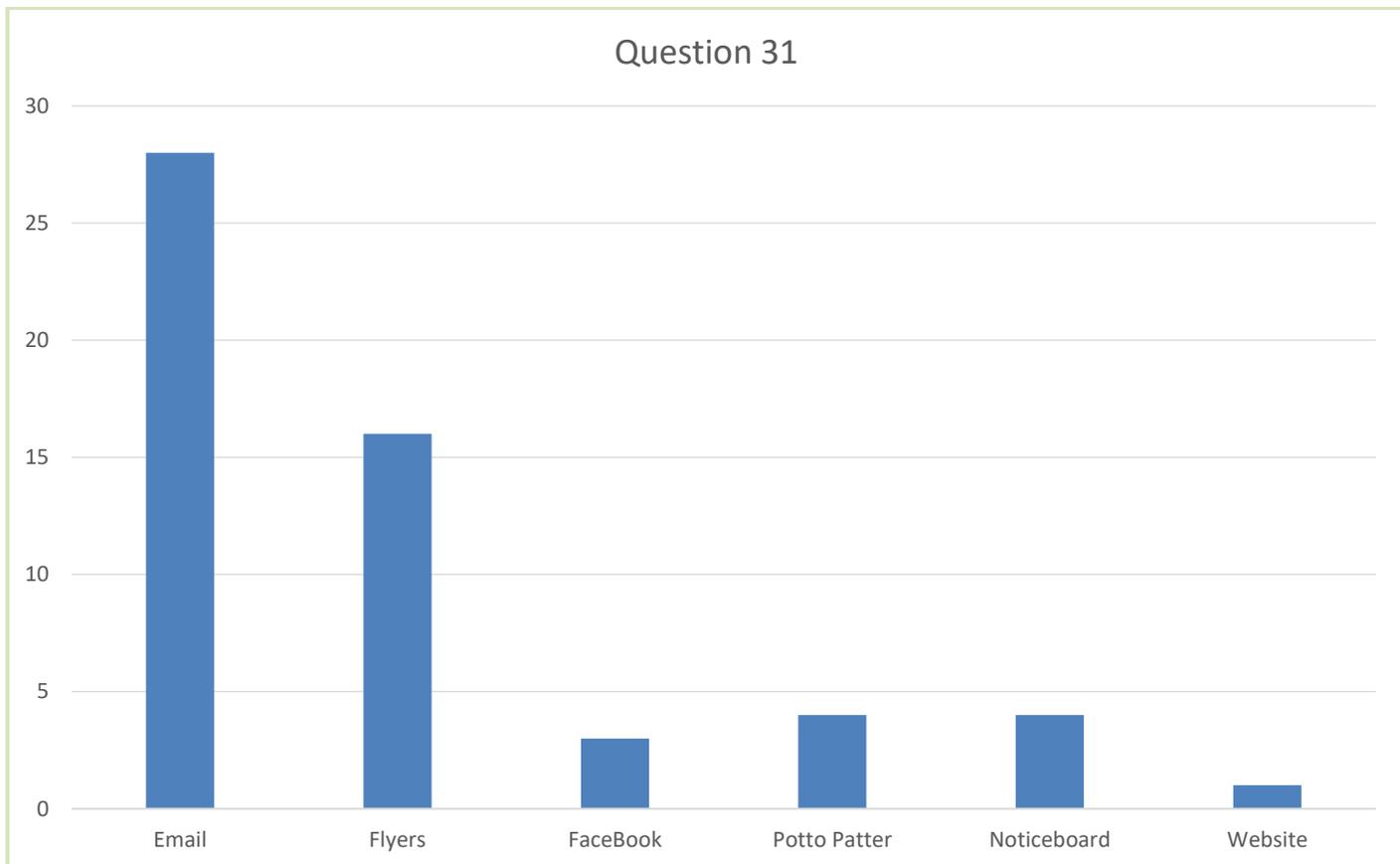
Question 30

Q30	Yes	No	Maybe	No reply
Would you consider joining the Village Hall Committee?	8	73	12	6
Would you be interested in becoming a 'Friend of the Village Hall'?	28	34	31	6



Question 31

<b>Q31</b>	<b>If you would like to receive information on Village Hall events, please tell us how:</b>
	42 responses received



Comments for Question 31

- 1) Already receive info
- 2) As now
- 3) Bulletins via email
- 4) By email
- 5) By email
- 6) By email
- 7) E. mail and flyer
- 8) Email flyer
- 9) Email
- 10) Email
- 11) Email
- 12) Email
- 13) Email
- 14) Email
- 15) e-mail
- 16) E-mail
- 17) email mailing list
- 18) Email, Facebook
- 19) Email, flyer
- 20) email, flyers, Potto Patter, Noticeboard
- 21) Email/Potto Patter

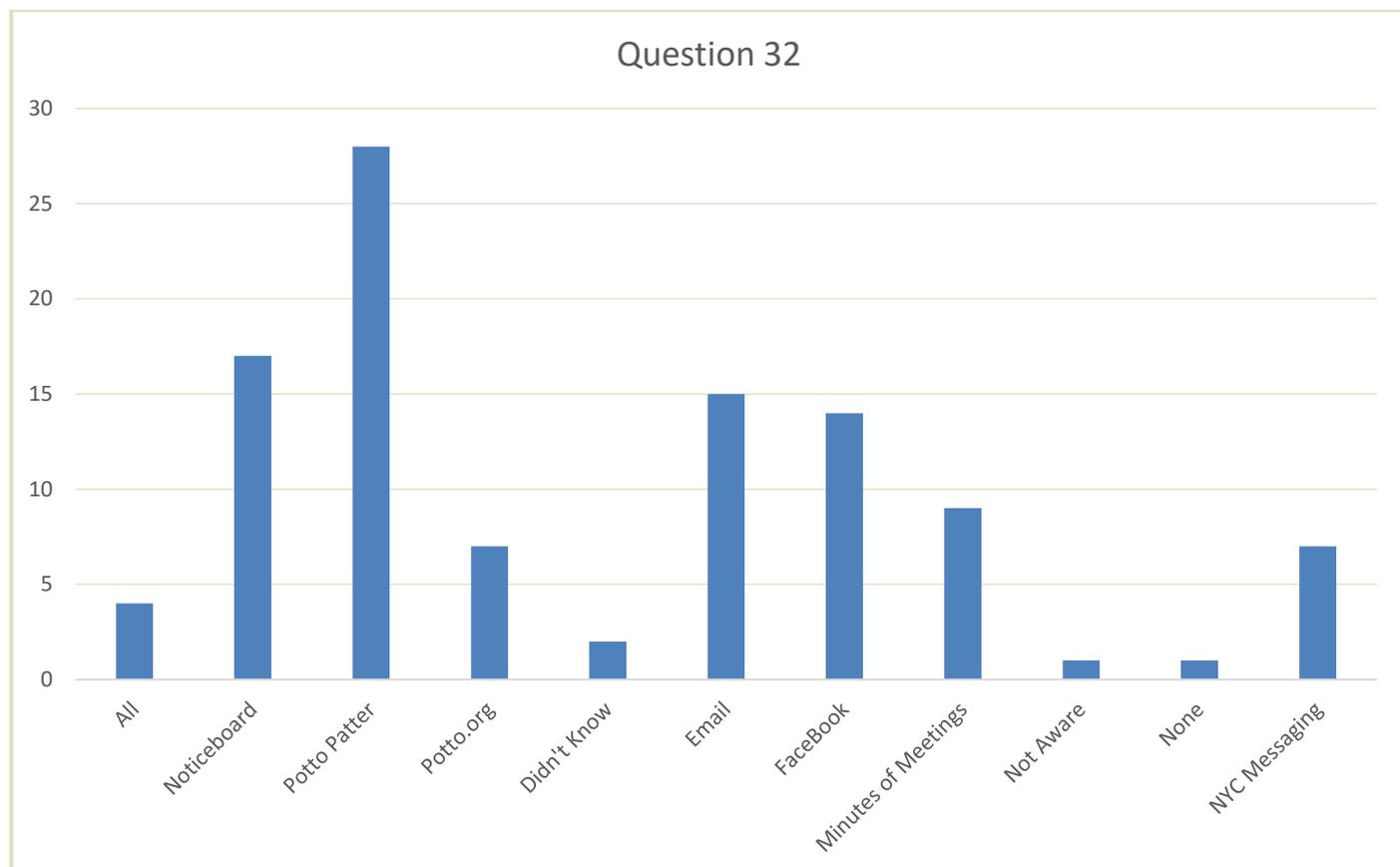
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- 22) Emails
- 23) Facebook
- 24) Facebook and email
- 25) Fliers and notices - emails are adequate
- 26) Flyer
- 27) Flyer
- 28) Flyer or email
- 29) Flyers and Email
- 30) I already receive e-mails from the excellent committee chairman
- 31) I already receive written information.
- 32) I am already a Friend of the village hall
- 33) Information satisfactorily delivered
- 34) Leaflet
- 35) Letterbox as currently.
- 36) My name is already on the mailing list of Friends.
- 37) Noticeboard, flyers, Potto Patter, the usual.
- 38) parish website
- 39) Postal flyers work well
- 40) Potto Patter
- 41) We are already well served by email and leaflets through the door
- 42) What does a 'Friend of the Village Hall' mean? Phil and Elain keep us well informed and thank you for that.

## SECTION 8: NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

## Question 32

<b>Q32</b>	<b>Which of the sources of information listed above are most useful to you?</b>
	75 responses received



## Comments for Question 32

- 1) All
- 2) All
- 3) All (local notices Potto Patter potto.org.uk)
- 4) All the above
- 5) Didn't know about most of these and I can't remember the last time the neighbourhood watch was active
- 6) Do not know about most of the above
- 7) Email
- 8) Email
- 9) Email
- 10) Email
- 11) e-mail
- 12) E-mail
- 13) email alert
- 14) email alert
- 15) Email alert
- 16) Email alert and Potto Patter
- 17) email alerts
- 18) Email alerts
- 19) email alerts and Potto Patter
- 20) Email and noticeboard

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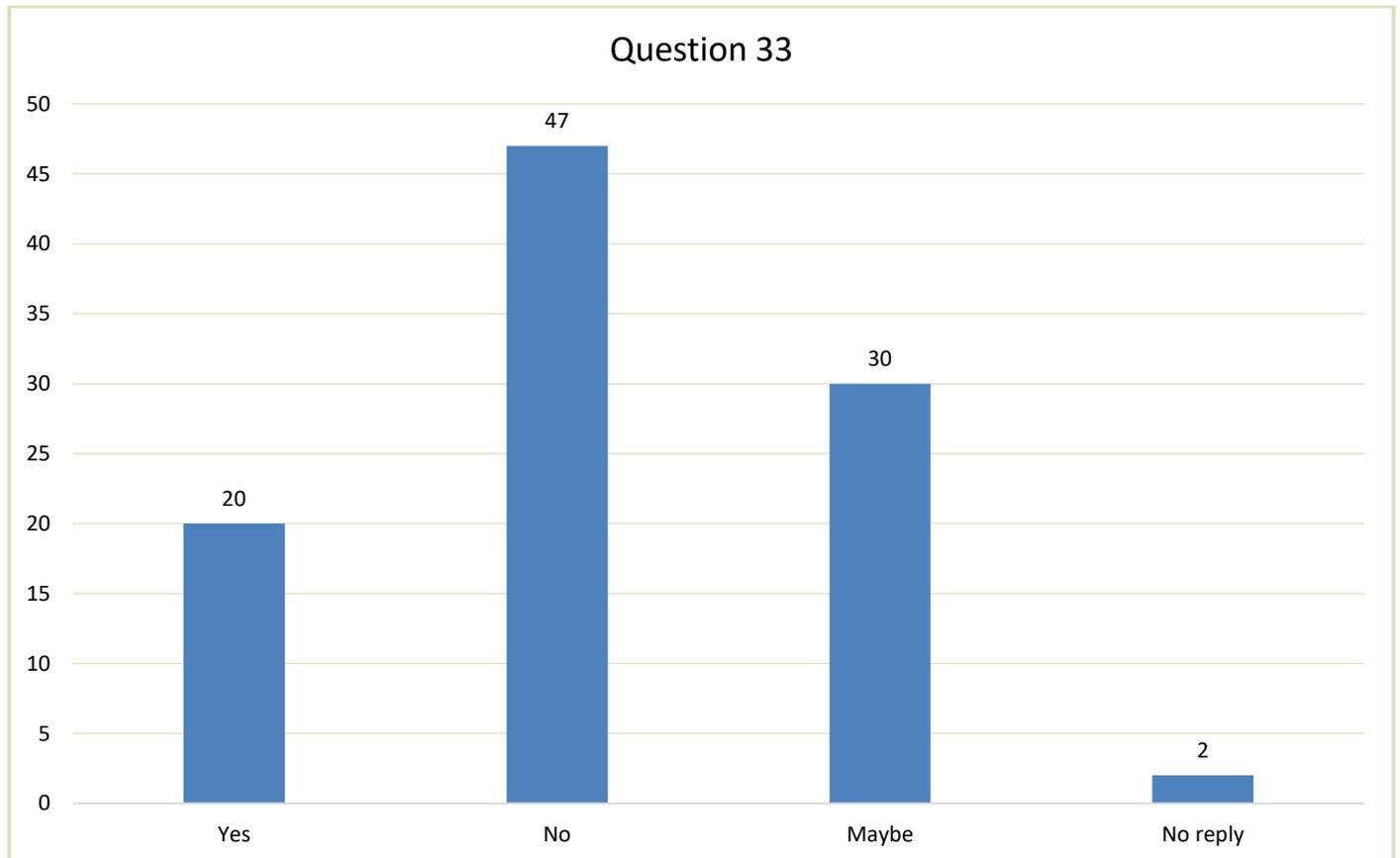
- 21) Facebook
- 22) Facebook
- 23) Facebook
- 24) Facebook
- 25) Facebook - Potto Patter
- 26) Facebook emails
- 27) Facebook Potto
- 28) Facebook Potto Patter
- 29) Facebook Potto Patter
- 30) Facebook Potto Patter
- 31) Facebook Potto Patter
- 32) Facebook Potto Patter - Karen Foster must be commended for keeping that up to date, although the local fracas should be kept off an information sharing medium.
- 33) Facebook. Potto Patter.
- 34) For the first time ever, I received minutes of the Neighbourhood Watch recently for me this is the most efficient and acceptable way to receive info
- 35) I wasn't aware of the Facebook or NY community messaging. The other methods are of limited use to me. I used to receive emails about local crime but these seemed to stop some years ago
- 36) Local notices
- 37) Local notices
- 38) Local notices
- 39) Local notices
- 40) Local notices
- 41) Local notices
- 42) Local notices and council minutes
- 43) Local notices and parish council minutes
- 44) Local notices, Facebook
- 45) Local notices, Potto Parish Council minutes
- 46) Minutes of the neighbourhood watch meetings
- 47) None really
- 48) North Yorkshire Community Messaging
- 49) Notice board
- 50) NY community messaging; Potto patter
- 51) NYCM
- 52) NYCM
- 53) NYCM & Potto Patter
- 54) NY community messaging but not on Facebook, use website for more frequent news
- 55) Potto P.C. minutes. Local notices.
- 56) Potto Parish Council minutes
- 57) Potto Parish Council Minutes
- 58) Potto Parish Council/Potto Patter
- 59) Potto patter
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- 67) Potto Patter
- 68) Potto Patter
- 69) Potto Patter and Noticeboard
- 70) Potto Patter and NY Community Messaging
- 71) Potto patter,
- 72) Potto Patter/potto.org

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- 73) Potto.org.uk
- 74) Web site
- 75) Website

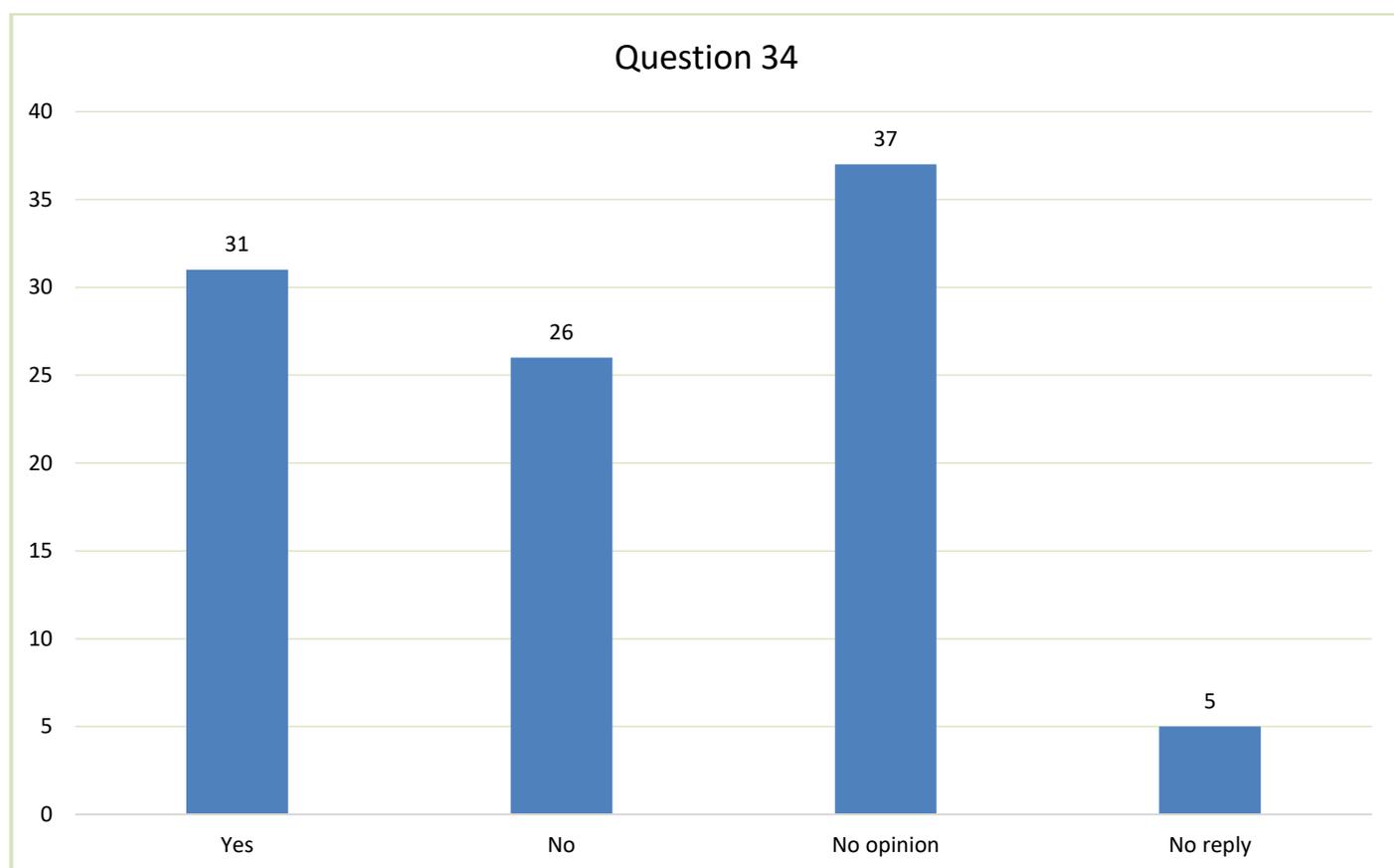
## Question 33

Q33	Are you interested in being a part of Potto Neighbourhood Watch?	
	20	Yes
	47	No
	30	Maybe
	2	No reply



## Question 34

Q34 Do you think local information sharing on crime and crime prevention could be improved?	
31	Yes
26	No
37	No opinion
5	No reply
If you ticked 'Yes', please explain how:	
19 responses received	



## Responses Received for Question 34

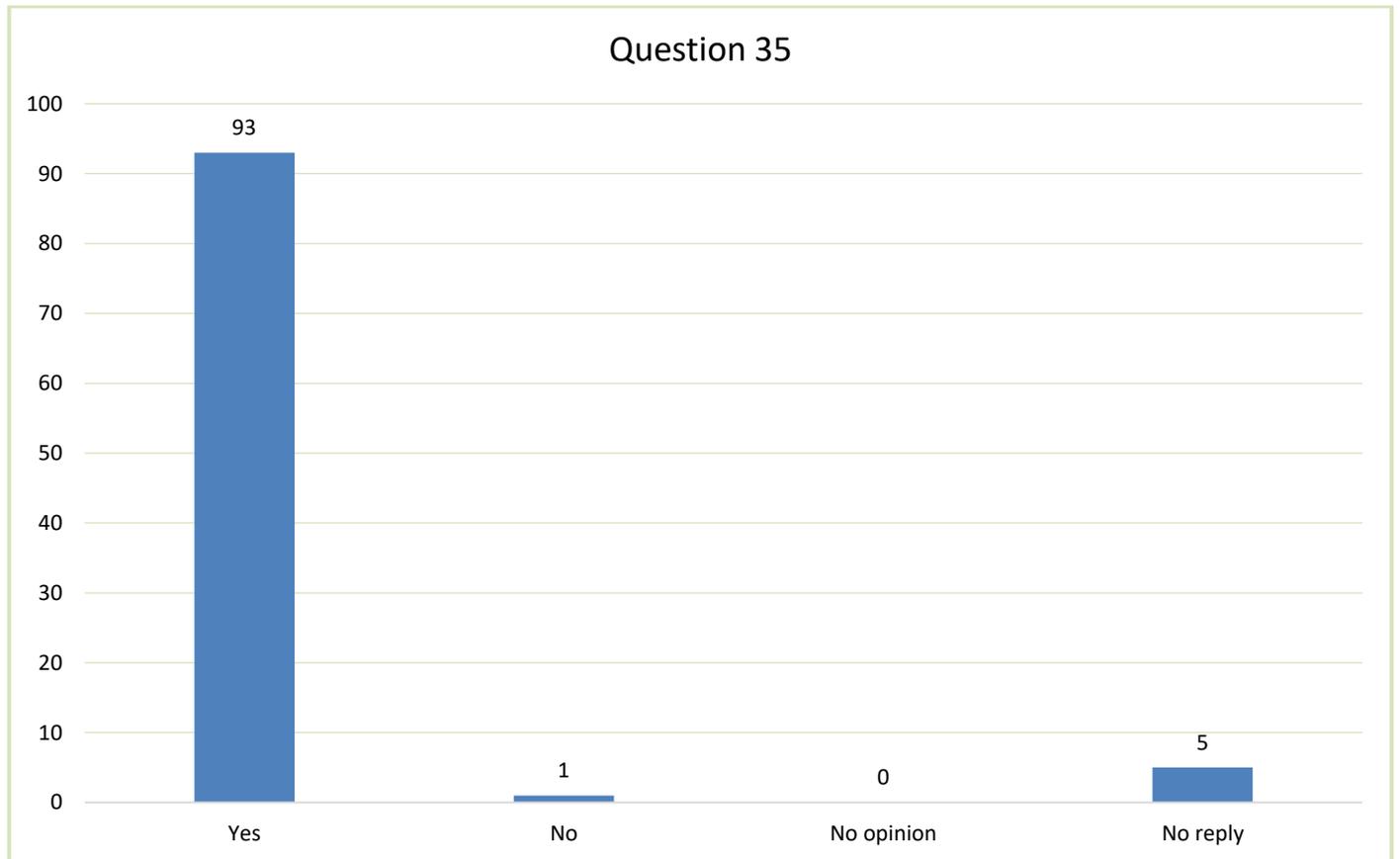
- 1) As explained in Q32 (Didn't know about most of these and I can't remember the last time the neighbourhood watch was active)
- 2) Ask residents for email address to receive information.
- 3) Better communication from Neighbourhood Watch
- 4) Communication between neighbours to be much better
- 5) Co-operation between individuals in passing on information. Recording of registration of vehicles encouraged. Despite cold calling restriction some residents encourage e.g. donations/purchase of goods by individuals. Cold calling block not 100% effective!
- 6) Encourage residents to check availability of email alert and submit email address.
- 7) I am not currently aware of any information regarding local crime.
- 8) I hear there have been some "incidents" in the past, but we have not heard anything official, or what the outcome was.
- 9) Include it in the Village News Letter.
- 10) Maybe I need to join Facebook to see this source, but the old method of occasional emails was useful

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- 11) More info on relevant social media closed groups
- 12) Not everyone is on Facebook. Emails for important messages.
- 13) NYCM is getting better, but rapid circulation of problems is critical to it being useful. The Police are aware and are working to speed things up.
- 14) Organisation undermined by being represented by the person making vexatious complaints to the Council (I'm not a council member!)
- 15) Probably good old word of mouth and notice board.
- 16) Publish the website
- 17) Put all the Potto Neighbourhood Watch in a closed user group such as 'What's App'. Or publish the website.
- 18) To include residents outside the actual village
- 19) Use email more

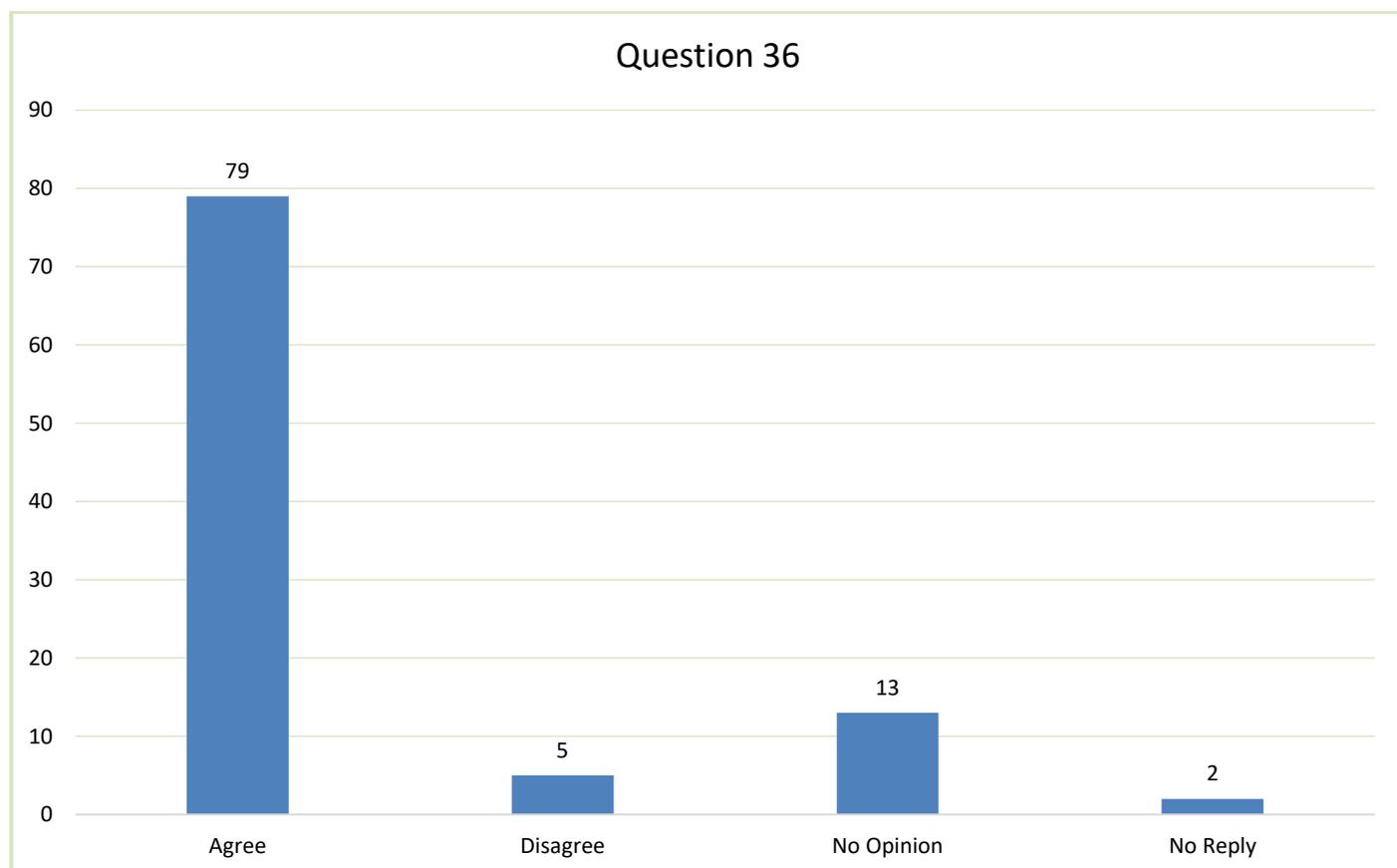
Question 35

<b>Q35</b>	<b>Do you generally feel safe in Potto?</b>	
	93	Yes
	1	No
	0	No opinion
	5	No reply



## Question 36

Q36	'There is a sense of community in Potto and people here look out for each other'	
	79	I agree with the above statement
	5	I disagree with the above statement
	13	I have no opinion on the above statement
	2	No reply
Any comments:		
13 responses received		



## Responses Received for Question 36

- 1) A welcome package for new residents
- 2) As residents we need to be aware of changes that take place in the village and be more observant of our surroundings.
- 3) Because we live outside the actual village
- 4) Potto is a lovely place to live
- 5) There are certainly groups of people who look out for each other. Whether Potto can be described as VERY close community is open to debate
- 6) There are lots of people I can ask for help and I will get it. That's a nice feeling.
- 7) There are several members of cliques in Potto (especially of those who are self-appointed to positions of authority), but most people are decent and sensible and work quietly to better the community and try to ignore the silly views of the cliques.
- 8) This is a leading statement

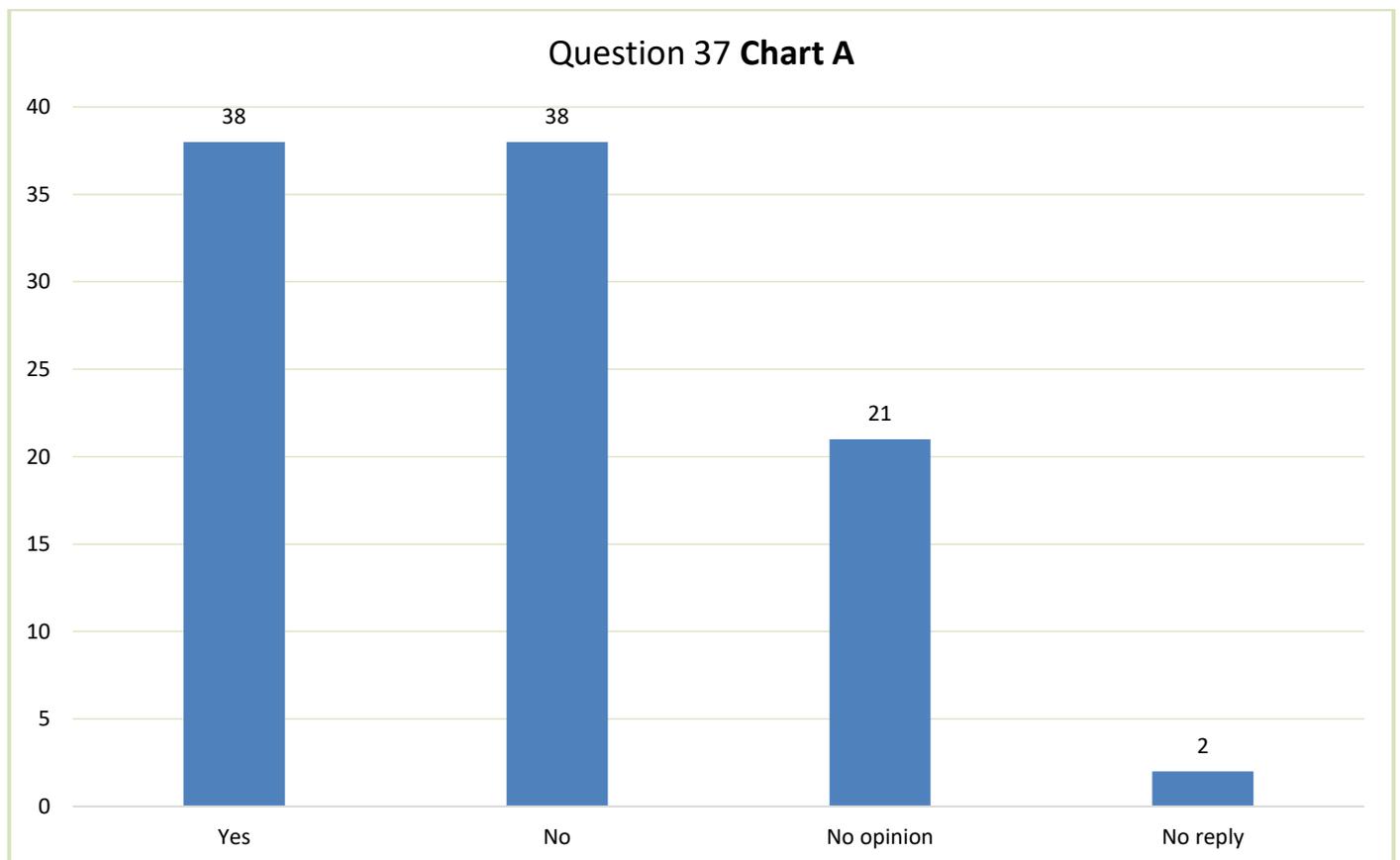
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- 9) Those attending Potto church keep a close eye on one another and are very supportive. Would appreciate more of commitment from village to church maintenance, flower arranging and church cleaning, etc.
- 10) To a degree - on the whole but some residents do not come into this category.
- 11) We all need to be proactive about crime prevention and share information wherever possible. Neighbourhood Watch does a good job of trying to share information although some residents express unrealistic demands.
- 12) We and our 'neighbourhood watch' group keep an eye on each other's property already and look out for suspicious behaviour
- 13) Yes, but think there is a divide between top of the village and bottom half

## SECTION 9: COMMUNICATIONS

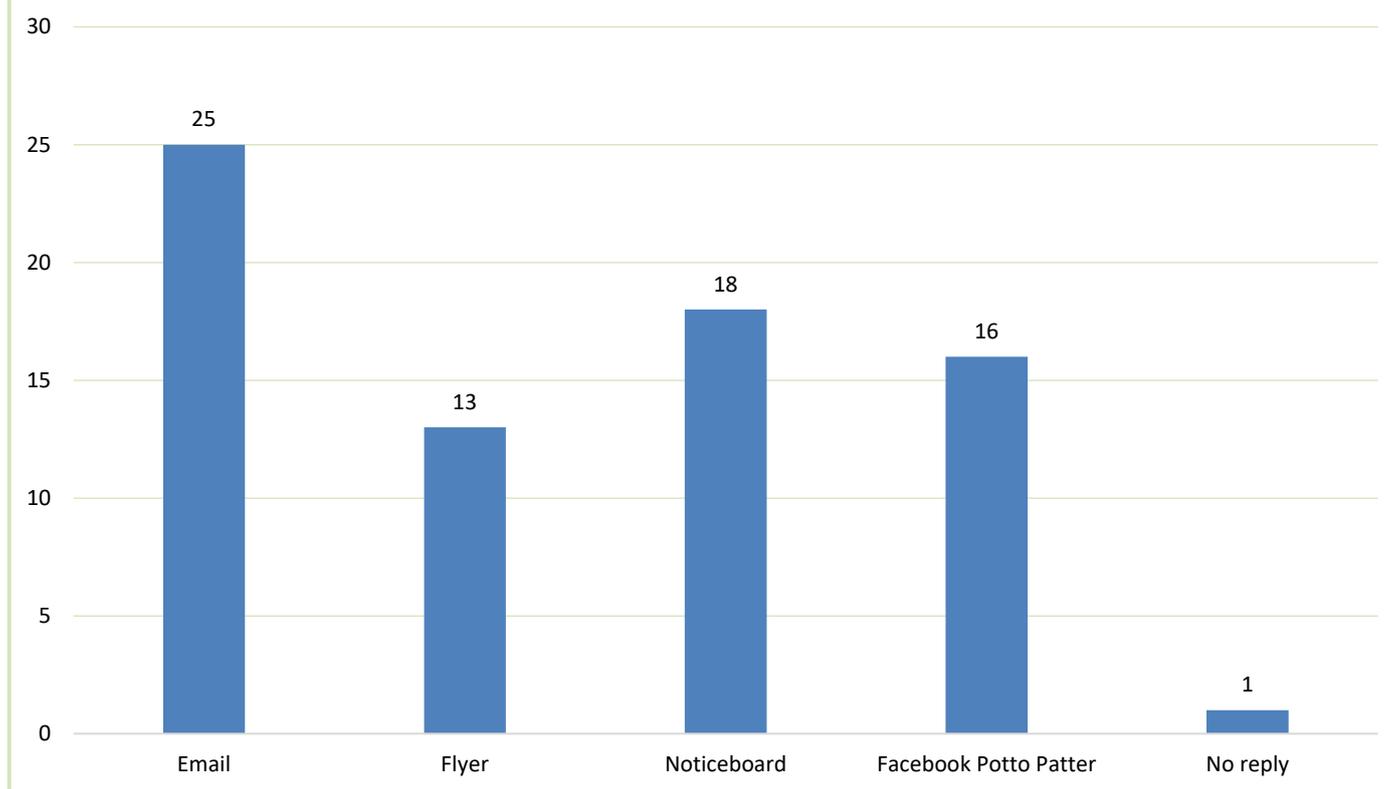
## Question 37

Q37 Do you think there should be more publicity about events, incidents and activities in Potto?	
Chart A	38 Yes
	38 No
	21 No opinion
	2 No reply
If you ticked 'Yes', which types of publicity should be used? (tick all relevant boxes)	
Chart B	25 Email
	13 Flyer
	18 Noticeboard
	16 Facebook Potto Patter
	1 No reply
Any other ideas:	
15 responses received	



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Question 37 Chart B



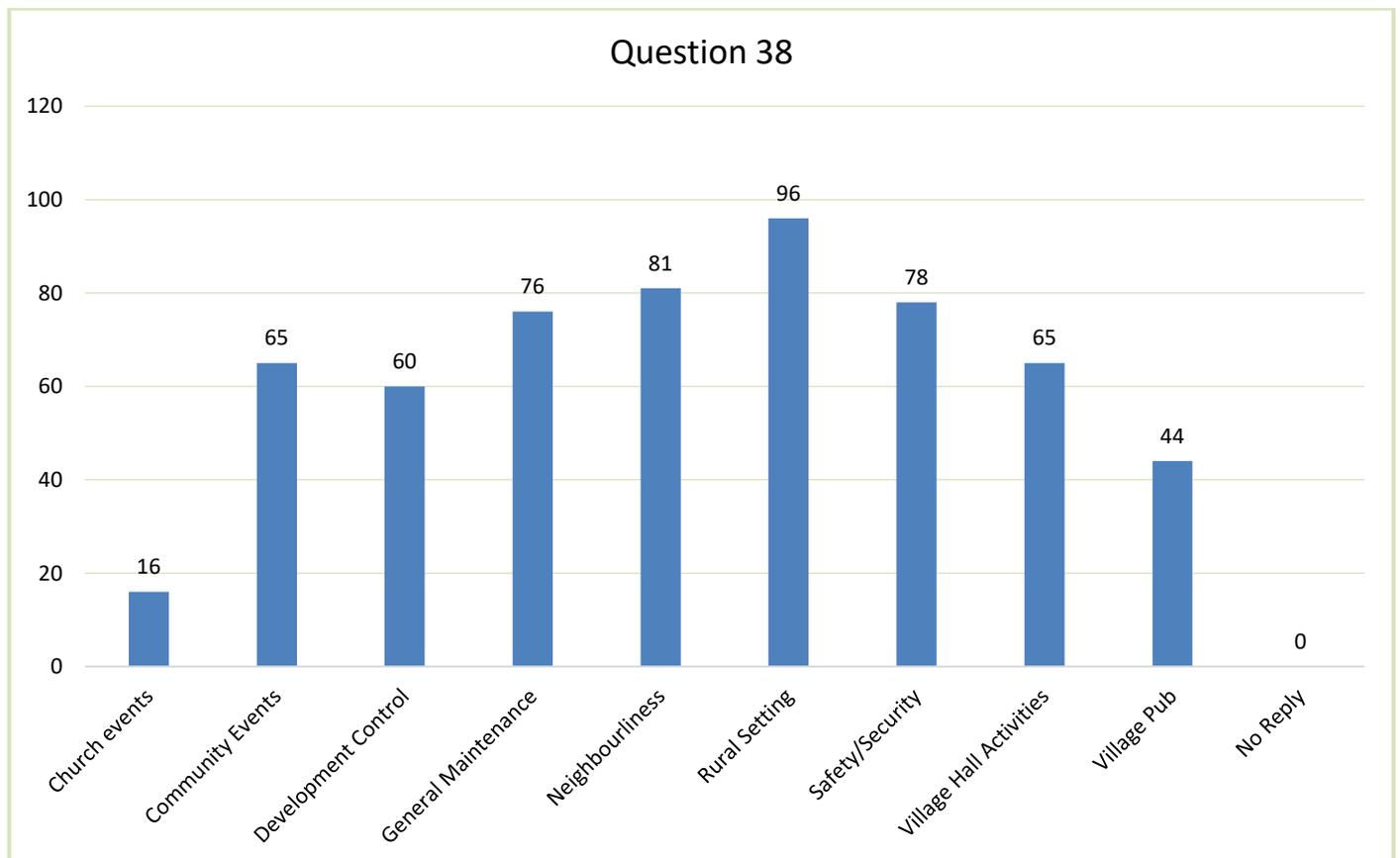
## Responses Received for Question 37

- 1) Community WhatsApp group
- 2) Create email database to send out flyers electronically
- 3) Develop Potto Patter we should be on it?
- 4) Direct contact. All the others are already used. Most residents drive past noticeboard, still think it should be used.
- 5) Don't use social media
- 6) Good at the moment
- 7) Happy with emails received
- 8) More information on planning applications.
- 9) None
- 10) 'Potto Patter' has grown to become the 'go to' source of information but it must avoid becoming a 'soap box' for a few whingers. Its content needs a little more control.
- 11) Sufficient information is currently given, via email, flyers, Potto Patter and Noticeboard
- 12) The present committee do a good job already
- 13) The present committee do a good job already
- 14) The present communications appear to adequate
- 15) Younger people would probably appreciate email and Facebook contacts.

## SECTION 10: COMMUNITY

### Question 38

Q38 Which of the following are important to you about living in Potto? (tick all appropriate)	
16	Church events
65	Community events
60	Development Control
76	General maintenance and upkeep of public spaces
81	Neighbourliness
96	Rural setting
78	Safety/security
65	Village hall activities
44	Village pub
0	No reply
Anything else and comments:	
13 responses received	



#### Responses Received for Question 38

- 1) All rights of way should be kept and open. Signed and available for use.

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- 2) As a small community we seem to 'pull together' and when it comes to village events and improvement projects there is always a small group of people that can be relied upon, though we could always do with more.
- 3) Development control has been poor to date and can be better
- 4) Don't class Tomahawk Steakhouse a village pub!!
- 5) Enjoy Potto Barbecue and Sports Day. How about Potto Village Run?!
- 6) I think that the vast majority of people who move into and stay long term in Potto, do so because of its rural setting, its current size and for its peace and tranquillity. Future planning should maintain these qualities.
- 7) Peaceful, orderly residents. Village life generally. Easy access to A19 etc.
- 8) The view! Might get more involved when I retire, possibly.
- 9) The 'village pub' is a misnomer. Unfortunately, it's just an expensive eatery and because of the extra traffic and road-side parking it is more of a problem than a benefit to the community.
- 10) There is no "village pub" any more - I suspect that one is unsustainable. In terms of "safety & security" the police have a less than 5% success rate in catching burglars and thieves - robbery is now a viable career opportunity
- 11) Village pub now a restaurant
- 12) Walking in the surrounding countryside with free access to Public Rights of Way
- 13) We are members of Middlesbrough Baptist Church, Cambridge Road

## Question 39

<b>Q39</b>	<b>In your opinion, how could the relationship with the Gypsy and Traveller community within the parish be enhanced?</b>
	52 responses received

## Responses Received for Question 39

- 1) !!
- 2) ?
- 3) ?
- 4) ??? where are they?
- 5) ? odd question?
- 6) Apply the law of the land equally and fairly
- 7) Best not comment
- 8) Close the loophole that enables them to buy land, put a caravan on it, which then miraculously turns in to a bungalow
- 9) Communicate with them and let them become part of the community
- 10) Communication and understanding of each other's cultures to create acceptance from both communities
- 11) DK
- 12) do not see the need to
- 13) Do not upset them and keep everything under lock and key.
- 14) Do 'we' have a relationship with the Gypsy and Traveller community?
- 15) Ensure it isn't expanded
- 16) Everyone should be held to the same rules and not receive preferential treatment due to perceived bias. For example, some groups appear to receive preferential/positive treatment about planning applications due to their status.
- 17) Gypsies and Travellers appear to be a law unto themselves - Flouting planning restrictions and the police dare not get involved
- 18) Hambleton DC must have a community officer who works with the gypsy and traveller community and they could give a presentation on how they liaise with these communities.
- 19) Hambleton DC planning department needs to ensure compliance with planning conditions. This would alleviate the resentment which exists because gypsies do not adhere to the conditions which other have to follow.
- 20) Have no problem with current relationship, no issues. If gypsy community want to be involved presumably, they have same access as everybody else.
- 21) Have them object to same rules as rest of population. They should not have a privileged status over rest of village
- 22) Haven't noticed any problems
- 23) How did we end up with a gypsy/traveller site in the parish - was there any public debate/consultation to permit this?
- 24) I am not aware of any need.
- 25) I do not feel that this relationship needs to be specifically enhanced. Any planning considerations should be enforced under the same rules as apply to other residents, and checked by the Local Authority to ensure compliance
- 26) I feel we don't have a relationship with these communities
- 27) If they adhere to the agreements controlling use of their site instead of consistently flouting them.
- 28) If they stuck to the rules the rest of us live by.
- 29) I'm not sure why the 'relationship' needs enhancing. Any activity by anybody has to be lawful and comply with a local, council and criminal laws. Anybody not acting within the law needs to be dealt with in the appropriate way with no exceptions.
- 30) Invite their representatives to speak to us
- 31) Live and let live!

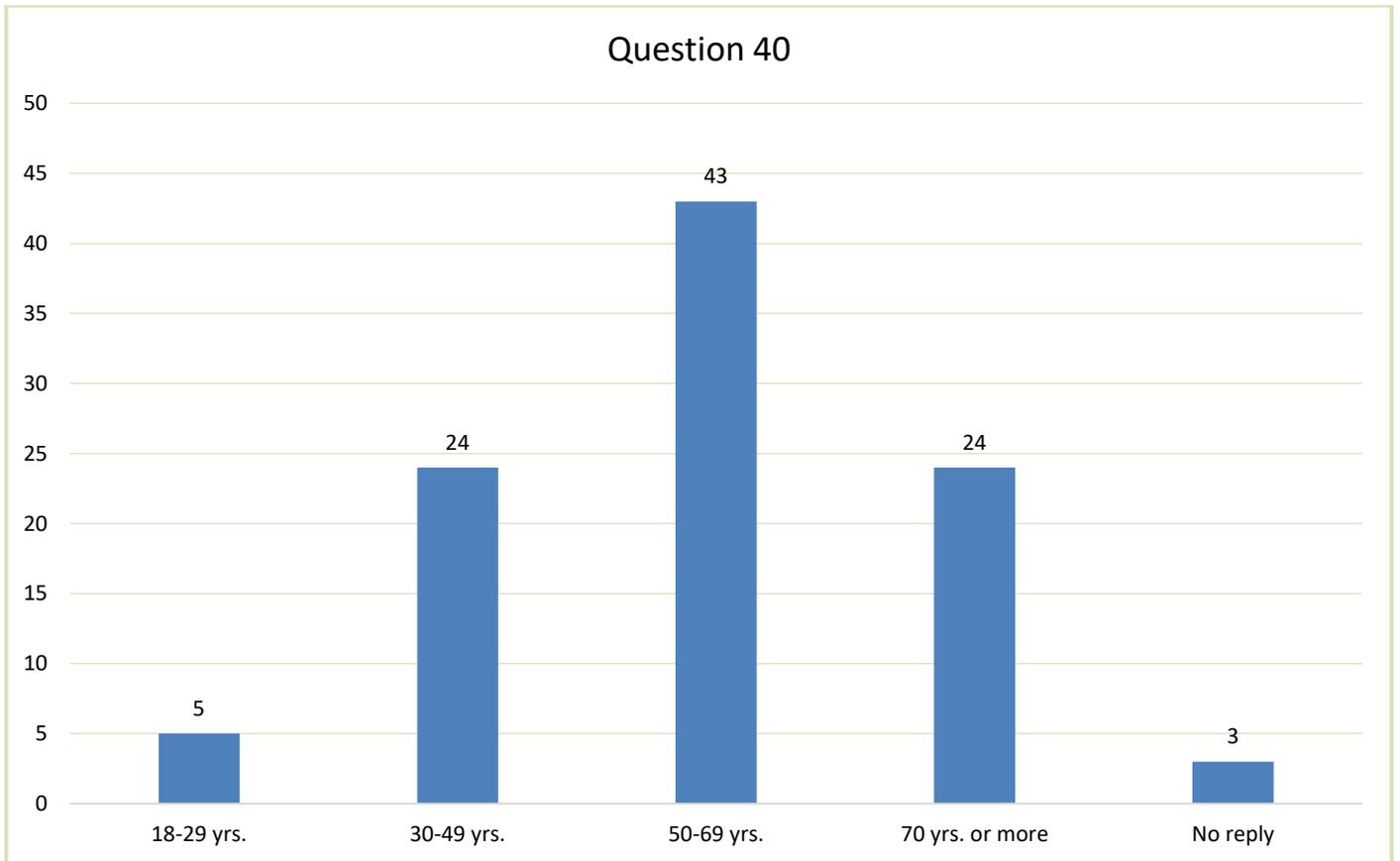
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- 32) Make some effort to stop them running rings round the planning system that ordinary residents have to abide by, and, I am afraid to say, stop them nicking things!
- 33) Maybe worth trying but not sure that any progress would be made - as they usually don't want co-operation.
- 34) Move them on - to sites allocated. Do they pay council tax/income tax??
- 35) No comment
- 36) No opinion
- 37) No opinion
- 38) No opinion
- 39) Not aware of any problems
- 40) Not possible
- 41) Present location - causes problems for Potto P. Council. Do not think it should be encouraged.
- 42) Shut it
- 43) The traveller family that this question reference is a part of our community, like it or not and should be treated equally, without discrimination or preconceptions. As a community we should embrace diversity.
- 44) There appears to be two sets of rates and one for ratepayers and one for gypsy/travellers if we understand their rules, we may have a better understanding of their lifestyle.
- 45) Travellers receive the same information about village events as everyone else but never seem to make any effort to join the community. I also expect travellers to live by the same planning rules as everyone else and do not abuse the system by attrition.
- 46) Unknown
- 47) Welcome cooperation and control abuse
- 48) What relationship? This question is clearly mandatory PC nonsense! Why not ask about improving the relationship with asthmatics? I'm insulted by the question as it implies a bias where none exists (for me).
- 49) Why should it be enhanced?
- 50) Why should it be enhanced? Why are they selected as a special case?
- 51) Why should they be enhanced? Why are they selected as a special category?
- 52) Would have been good to be contacted about having a Gypsy / Traveller community within the Parish in the first instance

## DEMOGRAPHIC QUESTIONS

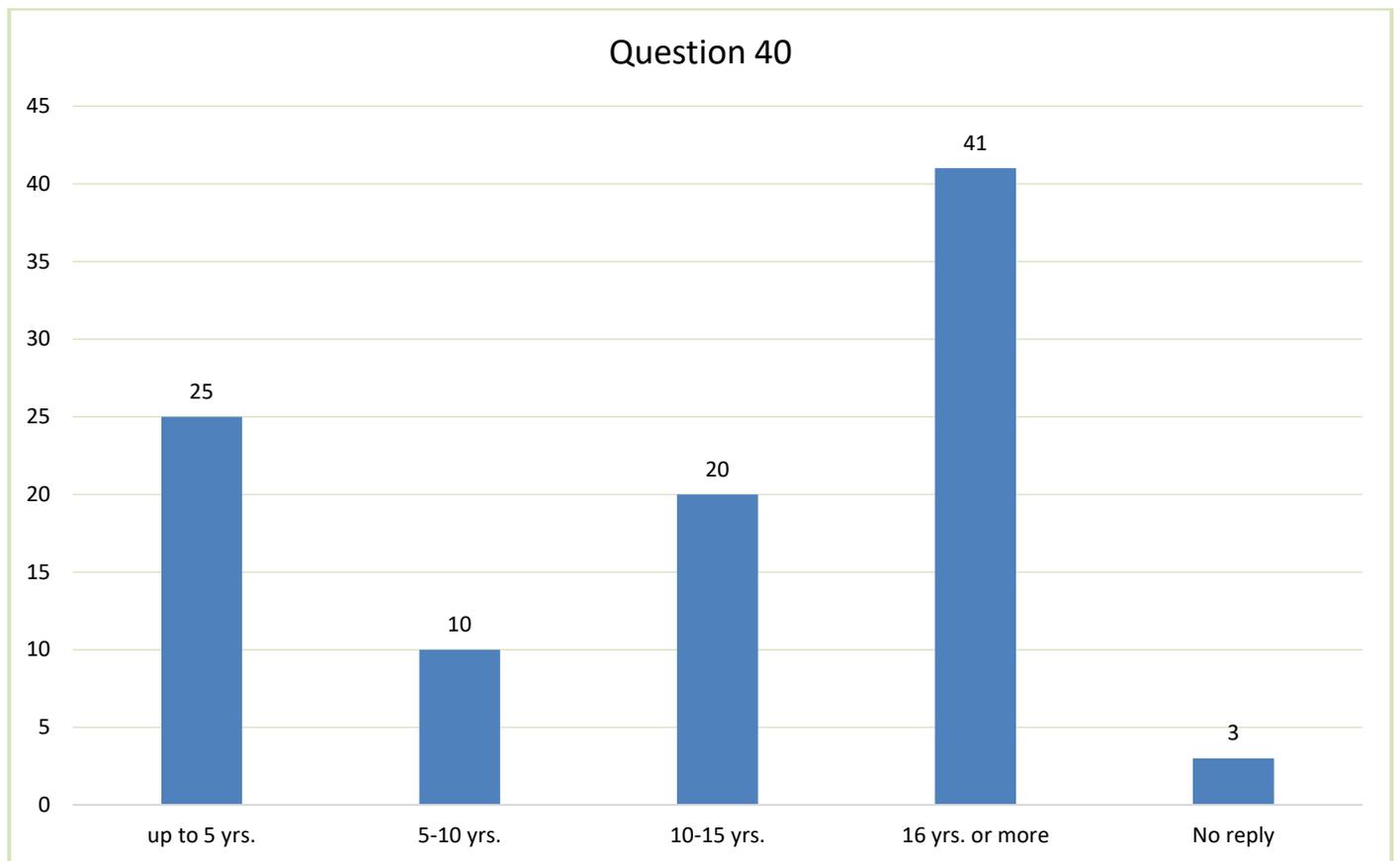
### Question 40

Q40 Which age group do you belong to?	
5	18-29 yrs.
24	30-49 yrs.
43	50-69 yrs.
24	70 yrs. or more
3	No reply



Question 41

Q41 How long have you lived in the parish?	
25	up to 5 yrs.
10	5-10 yrs.
20	10-15 yrs.
41	16 yrs. or more
3	No reply



## Under 18 years age group only

**July/August 2018****3 paper and 4 online responses received = 7 total**

## Question 1, How Old Are You?

- 1) 2
- 2) 3
- 3) 5
- 4) 11
- 5) 12
- 6) 14
- 7) 17

## Question 2, What do you like about living in Potto?

- 1) Countryside
- 2) everyone knows who I am
- 3) it's quiet
- 4) It's quiet
- 5) The quiet atmosphere and peaceful demeanour
- 6) The scenery and the village
- 7) The views and how peaceful it is

Question 3, Is there anything you do NOT like about living in Potto?

- 1) I think there should be a shop
- 2) No
- 3) No, I love it
- 4) No play area
- 5) Nope
- 6) There are a few pot holes in the roads
- 7) There isn't much to do

## Question 4, Where do you usually play or meet up with your friends in Potto?

- 1) At our houses
- 2) In the garden or at small park
- 3) Our houses or we meet at the Tomahawk
- 4) Our neighbours
- 5) The park
- 6) We go to Swainby, Hutton Rudby or Stokesley as there isn't anywhere to meet in Potto

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Question 5, Where do you usually play or meet up with your friends in Potto?

<b>Q5</b>	<b>Are there any activities for young people you would like to have in the village hall?</b>	
	3	Yes
	4	No
	<b>Which activities would you like?</b>	
1) Halloween party 2) music/singing 3) Playgroup, messy play, bouncy castle etc - anything for children and families		

Question 6, How do you usually travel to get to ...?

<b>Q6</b>	<b>How do you usually travel to get to ...?</b>				
	School	Bus	Car	Car & Bike	Car or Minibus
		1	3	1	1
	College	Car	N.A.		
		1	1		
	Other journeys	Car	Car & Bike	Car or Walk	
		2	2	1	

Question 7, How often do you use public transport?

- 1) never
- 2) never
- 3) never
- 4) Never
- 5) Not very often
- 6) Not very often
- 7) Very rarely

Question 8, If you use the bus, what do you think of the bus service?

- 1) I only use the school bus which is different to the public bus
- 2) n/a
- 3) We have never used the bus in Potto

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Question 9, Is there anything else you would like to tell us about living in Potto?

- 1) I love it just the way it is
- 2) I love playing out and it being quiet
- 3) It's a beautiful place to be, a perfect home.
- 4) No
- 5) There are nice people in the area. And it has very good views.
- 6) There isn't enough for children in the way of activities and play spaces

## Business and Employment only

### Question 1, Do You...?

<b>Q1</b>	<b>Do you ...?</b>	
	3	Run a business from home
	2	Run a locally-based business
	1	Work from home
	0	Own, manage or work on a farm

### Question 2, What type of business do you run or work in?

- 1) Building Engineering Services
- 2) Construction
- 3) Highways Consulting
- 4) Home Automation & IT

### Question 3, How many people do you employ ...?

<b>Q3</b>	<b>How many people do you employ ...?</b>	
	Part-Time:	1) 0
		2) 1
	Full-Time:	1) 1
		2) 1
		3) 8
		4) 90

### Question 4, In your opinion, are there any advantages or disadvantages of being located in Potto?

<b>Q4</b>	<b>In your opinion, are there any advantages or disadvantages of being located in Potto? e.g. roads, transport, broadband, internet, crime, etc.</b>	
	Advantages:	1) Good access to the A19 2) We live here already.
	Disadvantages:	1) Broadband can be patchy, especially when there is high usage (after school, bad weather) also the mobile signal south of Butcher Lane can be iffy/non-existent. 2) Yes, broadband is appalling

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Question 5, Would it be useful to your business to advertise your services in a Potto business directory?

<b>Q5</b>	<b>Would it be useful to your business to advertise your services in a Potto business directory?</b>	
	0	Yes
	4	No

Question 6, Any other comments:

<b>Q6</b>	<b>Any other comments:</b>	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Keep business on the established Industrial Estates</li> <li>2) Recently upgraded broadband package. It's better but still problems with high usage. Working over internet with off-site servers needs really good connectivity.</li> </ol>	