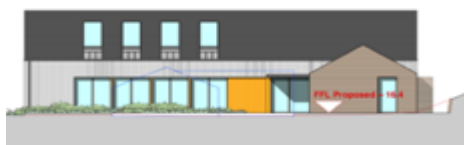


General Project Consultation & Precept Increase Survey



TO CONTRIBUTE FUNDS TO THE FIVE VILLAGES COMMUNITY HUB PROJECT

The Parish Councils of Backford, Lea and Mollington are polling your support to replace the ageing Village Hall improving the environment and facilities for our local communities.

Since 1950 the hall has been a venue for hiring and its existing activities include; a Lunch Club, Cinema Club, WI, Brownies, ballet, Mother & Toddler, Panto, French, U3A (geology, photography, science), gentle keep fit, Zumba, flower club and the hospice bereavement group. Social events include the Pop-Up Pub and themed dining events such as murder mystery plays and bistro nights.

The **Five Villages Community Hub Project** aims to continue to offer these activities whilst also meeting the stated local interest in having other new activities including sport (e.g. badminton). There would be something for everyone, providing social activity for all ages and promoting an inclusive community for all local residents.

In 2018 the Lottery granted a total of £840,000 to charitable projects in West Cheshire of which approximately £492,327 was allocated to the *Five Villages Community Hub* Project. Another £75,000 has just been offered by Sport England. Other local and national grant funders are also making significant contributions.

This investment is at risk if the project can't achieve budget.

The project outcome will contribute to the local environment and a less isolated, healthier, safer and more cohesive community. Although both personal donations and significant fundraising activities over many years have boosted the project fund, the total Capital Budget is projecting a shortfall.

This consultation is to seek your financial support to close the funding gap for this project. A consultation will be held at the Village Hall from 15.00pm to 17.30pm and in the evening from 19.30pm hrs on 8th March to discuss the Project and Loan proposal and to return voting forms in person.

Each of the Parish Councils of Backford, Lea and Mollington has voted to raise the annual precept to support this Project. The Parish precept is only a small element of the overall council tax bill. Each Parish Council will raise a low interest loan from the Government's Public Works Loan Board, the rise in precept will fund the repayments.

The actual **annual amount**, per household council tax band, is shown in the table below. The total amount raised from this process will be about £50,000. Approximately 7% of the total project costs. The loan will take around 15years to pay back.

This consultation is to verify that a majority of residents support this loan application.

The loans will only be applied for if the Parish consultations support the project.

Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Annual Cost Per house	£4.67	£5.44	£6.22	£7	£8.56	£10.11	£11.67	£14

NOTE: Those qualifying for council tax reductions will pay proportionally less in the precept

Please complete and return the form overleaf by 22nd March 2019

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Backford

Lea by Backford

Mollington

- **FIVE VILLAGES COMMUNITY HUB PROJECT (Village Hall rebuild)**

Are you in FAVOUR of your parish council supporting the FIVE VILLAGES COMMUNITY HUB PROJECT? Please circle your choice **YES / NO**

Are you in FAVOUR of your parish council contributing to the FIVE VILLAGES COMMUNITY HUB PROJECT if it includes a parish council tax precept increase of £7 (on a band D) for the purpose of the loan repayments? Please circle your choice **YES / NO**

Note; with £7 added before other new budget items:

Backford Precept Band D was £16.27 becomes £23.27 up 43%

Lea by Backford Precept Band D was £25.45 becomes £32.45 up 27.5%

Mollington Precept Band D was £3.00* becomes £10.00 up 233.3%

*the £3 was a nominal one off low precept due to the need to reduce the budget surplus.

Name			
Address			
Signed		Date	

RETURNING YOUR FORMS

We welcome you to an Open Afternoon/Evening on March 8th at the Village Hall from 3.00pm – 5.30pm and 7.30pm – 10.00pm to discuss the Project and Loan proposal. Forms can be returned on the evening or addressed to the Parish Council at the address below by:

22nd March 2019

Return completed forms to:- Parish Council Precept Survey,
Mollington, Backford & District Village Hall
Station Road, Backford, Chester. CH1 6NT

Any survey forms received after the deadline will be disregarded

Thank you