


HDVH funding - email responses for public consultation. Emails with a **RED** border are not in favour.

In Favour: 13  
Not in Favour: 07


To clerk@holford-pc.gov.uk <clerk@holford-pc.gov.uk>   
Date 14/01/2018 12:07 PM

Thank you for delivering such a clear and informative paper about the proposed works and funding for the village hall. It appears on first reading to be perfectly straight forward and feasible.


There are, however a couple of queries...or points to consider :

- a. Data protection... you ask that names and addresses be given but there is no mention of this information not being passed on to a third party.
- b. There may be an issue around conflict of interest with members of the council who are also members ie trustees of the village hall.

If these queries are satisfactorily resolved we support raising funds in the way described .

To Holford Parish Council <clerk@holford-pc.gov.uk>   
Date 13/01/2018 11:13 AM

**I support raising funds in the way outlined in your letter 10th January**

To clerk@holford-pc.gov.uk   
Date 14/01/2018 12:44 PM

**I support raising the funds to assist with the refurbishment project.**

Date 16/01/2018 08:35 AM  
Priority Normal

Dear Clerk

Re. the proposal for an increase in the Holford Council Precept to fund a loan for the Village Hall. I support the proposal.

Date 16/01/2018 05:35 PM

We support raising the funds for the village hall by taking out a Public Works Loan over 10yrs, increasing the Parish Precept by £7.50 a year.

Date 17/01/2018 08:08 AM

**We SUPPORT raising funds in this way.**

Date 17/01/2018 11:52 AM

I object for the raising for the funds of the refurbishment of the village hall. It shouldn't be down to the public to fund this it should come out of the hall funds as only certain people in the village want this

Date 17/01/2018 02:21 PM

We object to raising funds in this way. We feel we are being blackmailed into this and villagers will pay for the loan whether they agree to the refurbishment and whether they use the village hall or not. Undoubtedly the Council tax will be increased this year anyway and this extra amount just makes life more difficult.

Date 17/01/2018 08:45 PM

We support raising funds for the Village Hall via the Parish Council precept.

Date 16/01/2018 10:04 PM

Dear Sir,

I would strongly support the Parish Council taking out a public Works loan to secure the Viridor grant towards the village hall improvements.

Date 18/01/2018 01:11 AM

Dear Hema,

With regard to your letter received yesterday(17th January) for funding of the proposed new village hall, we would like to make the following comments.

1. We object to Holford Parish Council raising funds for the village hall by increasing the Parish Council precept. This would follow rises in the precept in the last 2 years of 18.9% in 2016/17 and 26% in 2017/18 +26% a total of 45.5%. If only our income had risen by such a percentage in 2 years. What would my customers think if I raised my bills by this amount!
2. Receiving a letter on the 17th when you expect a reply by the 19th gives us just 1 day to put our thoughts together, hence this very late email, we spend a lot of time away from the village at the moment so we do not have much time to consider the request, we will unfortunately be away on the 22nd January so unable to attend the extraordinary meeting at such short notice. The Parish Council were approached in October about this matter, you had 3 months to decide, we have been given 2 days. Is this not something a public meeting should be called for before any decision is made by Parish Councillors?
3. The full name of the village hall is Holford *and District* Village Hall, I assume the district i.e. Stringston is also being approached for funding by Holford Parish Council or is just Holford alone expected to pay the bill?

We do want to see improvements to the village hall even though it will have a big impact on us during development and with the extension we will overlook, but feel we are already being asked to pay more by the Parish Council and seeing very little benefit.

Date 18/01/2018 12:37 PM

I am happy to declare support for the proposal by HOLFORD PARISH COUNCIL to raise £10 000 - 00 by taking out a Public Works Loan over 10 years to be used by the Trustees of the Holford & District Village Hall as a Third party Contribution of 10% of a £100 000 - 00 loan from Viridor Credits.

Date 18/01/2018 10:27 AM

I have sent back the form about the village hall at Holford supporting raising the funds. I do however want to make a few comments. I think this whole scheme is over ambitious and an unnecessary waste of money. A few much cheaper alterations would be perfectly adequate. I do not think that the council should take out a loan, goodness knows what the future will hold for paying it off. At a time when council funds are so dire that they require the shutting of public toilets I think this is an extravagance. There are numerous village halls all over the area hopefully all will not require such expensive refurbishments.

Date 18/01/2018 05:22 PM

Ref flyer on village hall refurbishment

I object to the proposed increase in parish council precept for the village hall refurbishment. The costs and scope of the hall refurbishment as proposed are out of proportion to the benefits gained and the usage by the community. The money would be better spent pooled with other villages and parishes to create a larger centre which would have greater use. To spend more than half a million pounds on this to achieve the stated outcomes ( including sockets with usb points - which cost £20 from b and q) is preposterous.

The committee and the pc should look to propose a more scaled back alternative with a more modest budget. The refurbishment of the kitchen ( which would be wasted if this went ahead) shows what can be done with modest means.

This should be prioritised as

Refurbishment of toilets  
New roof  
New condensing boiler and heating system ( not air sourced)

If we had half a million to be spent we should build two family homes for young families to rent and bring some younger people to the village. Or more practically improve broadband. This proposal reminds me of the government spending billions on HS2 to get to Birmingham 20 mins quicker from London when you can't even get reliable internet on the trains.

Date Fri 08:00 AM

Good morning hema,

support raising funds in the proposed way for the village hall works

Date Sat 11:28 AM

I support the proposed method of Fund Raising.

I would prefer Viridor to spend their money, investigating methods of better plastic recycling in this area of Somerset, I have been asking them to do this for years!

Date Mon 10:45 AM

Dear Hema,

Thank you for the additional information and for being so transparent.  
I told you so! In fact we shall be paying twice the figure originally supplied.  
We do not object to the proposal.

However, I remain deeply disappointed that the repayment shows such a significant democratic deficit. The improved facilities will be available for all and I do think it is a community responsibility to share the burden equally.

Perhaps you could take some money out of the generous lengthsman budget and use it to equalise loan repayments at £7.50!

Ah, I think I can hear the flapping wings of pigs flying by.

Date Tue 08:09 AM

I agree with the proposal for HPC to obtain a PW loan by means of Parish Precept increase but are appalled by the poor communication and delivery of the facts; the process was, initially, hurried and amateurish.

Date Today 09:05 PM

Thank you for your letter.

. I have also investigated the way the Council Tax is organised, and am not very keen on increasing my present bill, being in group G.

Also I have now read Peter Grandfield's article about the uniting of WSCC and Taunton Dean.

I have been aware that WSCC has been inefficiently run for many years but am not impressed by the proposed building plans Taunton Dean may have for the area beyond Kingston St Mary, towards Taunton, which is rather close to the Quantocks.

Would a poll tax for all adults and owners of houses in Holford be a fairer way of raising money? These are the people who will use the Hall most often.

I would like to cancel my vote to increase my council tax.

There is also the local problem of maintaining St Mary's Church in Holford.

Life is becoming increasingly difficult for those of us with a limited income, and become less active as we get older.

## HOLFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Date Wed 01:11 PM

Dear all

I am writing this to you as I am annoyed that today which is weds we received the letter of which told us the meeting was postponed. which was 2 days later then other people.

I went up to the hall on Mon eve to find out that it was all darkness. Later that eve I found out that there was a letter sent out Mon morn to the houses on the other side of the main road. And not to us down in Portway side !!!!

As I think this is a important meeting to attend as i strongly disagree by what H.v.H are asking the people of Holford to do with there council tax. I don't want to miss it