

409 – Outcome of Memorial Park Loan Consultation

24 February 2021

Enclosed is the anonymised analysis of the responses to the Memorial Park Loan Consultation. 103 responses were received through the website portal by the deadline date of 17 February. All who asked for an acknowledgement (which was most of them) have received one. This had to be done one at a time – a time consuming occupation. For future consultations automatic acknowledgements will need to be set up.

Responses were dropped off at all three collection points. By far the largest number were posted at Shevington Library. Most of those posted at Lester Petcare were from the vet’s clients, who live in other parts of the Parish. Similarly for Costcutter, where those leaving replies were often shoppers from other areas, not Appley Bridge or Shevington Vale

The table below, which provides an overall summary analysis, is not confidential. It is self-explanatory.

WARD	NUMBER	VILLAGE	NUMBER	Q1	Q2	Q3
West	29	Appley Bridge	9	Y = 143	Y = 134	Y = 132
South	79	Shevington Vale	13	N = 22	N = 26	N = 28
North	59	Gathurst	4	DKN = 2	DKN = 7	DKN = 7
		Crooke Village	13			
		Shevington	118			
		Shevington Moor	10			
TOTAL:	167		167	167	167	167

KEY:

Y = Yes

N = No

DKN = Don’t Know

Q1 = Are you in FAVOUR of the Parish Council going ahead with the improvements?

Q2 = Do you SUPPORT the proposal that the Parish Council should take out a low interest loan from the Government to pay for them?

Q3 = Do you support the idea of taking out a loan to pay for improvements if it means a possible Parish Council Tax precept increase of 10% (equivalent to £1.57 a year for a Band A and £2.35 a year for a Band D property_ for the purpose of the loan repayments in future years?

The large summary document has been anonymised, but contains residents’ comments. In view of this, for reasons of GDPR, it is available to parish councillors only, as specific individuals can often be identified from the comments they have made. Some

residents took the opportunity to comment on other matters besides those associated with Memorial Park improvements.

In terms of electors the rate of return Parish-wide was approximately 2%. All replies appeared to come from adults. Most replies came from Shevington village, where the vast majority approve of the project and agreed to both taking out a loan and raising the precept to pay for it. A similar pattern emerged in Appley Bridge, Shevington Vale and Gathurst.

In Shevington Moor 50% of the responders support the project. Three approve of a loan being taken out, but only two of those agree to a precept increase. The remaining 50% either do not know whether they approve or are opposed to the project.

In Crooke the opposition to the project is unanimous, although some comments make it clear that this largely due to fears that the outflow of surface water from the park will have an impact on Crooke by increasing flood risk for the village.