

## **ABBOTS MORTON PARISH.**

### **Notes of the Public Meeting held in Abbots Morton Village Hall, Thursday 20th October, 8.00 p.m.**

**Present:** Meeting chaired by Nick Humphries, Chairman Parish Council, Nicky Holland, Clerk and 29 parishioners.

**Apologies:** Tim & Roma Jones, Karen Brighton, Bullock family, Jodie & Nick Spencer, Nicky Massey, Jim & Lesley Driver and Julie & Nigel Cadbury.

Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. He explained that some responses to the flyer had been received by email. The flyer invitation to the community was to attend the meeting in order for a decision to be taken. He asked if those present would be happy to whittle down the proposals to 2 projects and then survey the community for an answer. It was felt by those present that the whole point of tonight's meeting was made clear in the flyer with specific criteria requested that bids had to be submitted with quotes.

It was agreed by a majority show of hands that a decision on the project/s to be submitted to Solarig is taken tonight.

Five projects were presented (Full project details and costings can be obtained from the Clerk):

**Acorns Hospice** – Purchase "Accessible Ability Whirl", a piece of play equipment, to allow 2 children to ride on the roundabout in wheelchairs. No quote received. Residents explained that this charity is already supported by a resident in the Village who raises money through an annual event.

**Village Hall project 1** – Purchase of 80 banqueting chairs plus new range cooker with chimney hood. Complete cost to 31.10.16 £7026, from 01.11.16 £7551.

**Village Hall project 2** – Renovation of floor in the main hall £1,450 inc VAT and lifting and relaying of paving slabs at the side and rear of the Village Hall £850 inc VAT.

**History of Abbots Morton** - Applicant withdrew application.

**Kissing gates improvement programme** – converting existing stiles into kissing gates to provide easier access to the community. Farmer raised concerns that these gates are not always stock proof and as far as aware no landowners had agreed to this. Applicant withdrew application.

**Trees** – Purchase of 210 sapling trees for £2033. Each resident to be offered 1-2 trees, surplus to be planted on request on footpaths, bridleways and communal areas in the Parish. It was said that to plant trees in the Conservation Area would require consent from the District Council and that in the last few years 30 trees were given free to the Parish by the Woodland Trust.

After a lengthy discussion slips were handed out to all present inviting them to put in order their preference for a project.

**Total:** 29 votes received. (1 parishioner had left prior to the vote).

**Result:** 23 votes in favour of the Village Hall project with Acorns Hospice in second place with 6 votes.

The two Village Hall projects to be put to the Parish Council in order to notify Solarig that these projects are to be put forward for the Community Fund.

**Meeting closed at 9.15pm.**