

Northlew Parish Council



Northlew Parish Assembly

Monday 26th April 2021

at 7.30pm via Zoom

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Agenda

- Apologies for absence
- Minutes of the last Parish Assembly, 16th March 2020
- Matters Arising
- Chair's Report
- Finance
- Results of Public Lavatory Survey
- Future Activities planned
- Questions/Any Other Matters

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Chair's Report

- *An unprecedented time of change*
- *Community events*
- *Responsibilities and achievements of Northlew Parish Council*
- *Matters reported by parishioners*



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An unprecedented time of change

- Impact of Covid on the community
- Impact of Covid on the Parish Council
- Stability
- Changes to the Parish Council including three chairs in one year and 5 new parish councillors since 2020



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Community Events

- The Square Shop Northlew
- Northlew Market – celebrating local produce
- Easter Bunny
- Scarecrows
- Produce Show
- Green Dragon events and takeaways
- Positive presence in the local press



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Responsibilities of the Parish Council

- **What is the Parish Council?**

A Parish Council is a statutory local authority established under the Local Government Act 1972. It operates in the area of a defined civil parish or group of parishes

- **Who is on the Council?**

The council is made up of councillors elected by the electors of the parish. Every year the council elects one councillor to be the Chairman of the council. The council has a paid officer who organises meetings and helps to carry out the council's decisions – this officer is known as the Clerk

- **What powers do Parish Councils have?**

Parish Councils have a wide range of powers. These essentially relate to local matters, such as looking after community buildings, open space, play areas, bus shelters and more. They also have the power to raise money through the council tax (precept)



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Responsibilities of the Parish Council

- **To Whom are they accountable?**

A Parish Council is a statutory local authority established under the Local Government Act 1972. It operates in the area of a defined civil parish or group of parishes

- **What are the responsibilities of the Parish Council?**

Town and Parish Councils are an essential part of the structure of local democracy and have a vital role in acting on behalf of the communities they represent.

They:

- give views, on behalf of the community, on planning applications and other proposals that affect the parish
- undertake projects and schemes that benefit local residents
- work in partnership with other bodies to achieve benefits for the parish
- alert relevant authorities to problems that arise or work that needs to be undertaken
- help the other tiers of local government keep in touch with their local communities.



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Responsibilities of the Parish Council

In practice, what does this mean?

We have a small budget and we need to plan to maintain:

- *Playing fields and playground*
- *The trees in the square*
- *The pump*
- *The public toilets*
- *Dog poo bins*

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Finance – Expenditure and Income Breakdown 2020/2021*

Expenditure		Income	
	£		£
Employment and Training	£4,349	Precept	£10,632
Public Lavatories	£1,810	VAT reimbursement	£1,042
Playing Fields	£4,292	Advertising Northlew News	£280
Dog Control Programme	£158	Seamoor Lotto	£429
Community Engagement	£1,516	Donations	£50
Rents Paid	£0	Ad Hoc	£681
Grants and Loans	£470	Covid Grant/Business Rate Rebate	£14,648
Total Expenditure	£12,596	Total Income	£27,762

* figures are draft and for illustrative purposes

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Finance – Financial Forecast 2021/2022 (figures are draft for illustrative purposes)

Opening Bank Balance as at 1/04/21		£26,483	*
Precept		£10,945	**
Other Income i.e. newsletter adverts, lotto, VAT reclaim		£1,260	
Total Income 2021/2022		£12,205	
Total money available 2021/2022		£38,688	
Forecast expenditure 2021/2022		£15,585	
Forecast bank balance 31 March 2022		£23,103	***
Forecast cash balance after 'reserve' deductions		£662.00	

* £14,646 received in 2020 (Covid Grant and Business Rate Rebate) is a reserve for Public Lavatory/Community project

** Precept for 2021/22 (from the overall Council Tax amount) is calculated according to Council Tax band as follows:-

Precept	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
£10,945.00	£26.13	£30.48	£34.84	£39.19	£47.90	£56.61	£65.62	£78.38

*** DALC recommend maintaining a reserve of 3-6 months' expenditure based on 2021/2022 figures = £3,896-£7,793



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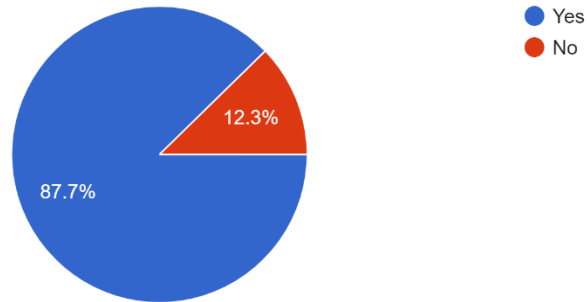
Future Plans

- Consider the responses to the consultation around the public toilets and possible development of the Community Shop in more details, likely formation of a Shop Community Group
- Development of the Playground Working Party led by by Cllr Mai Cudmore
- Renovation of the pump area, lead by Cllr Shaun Millership

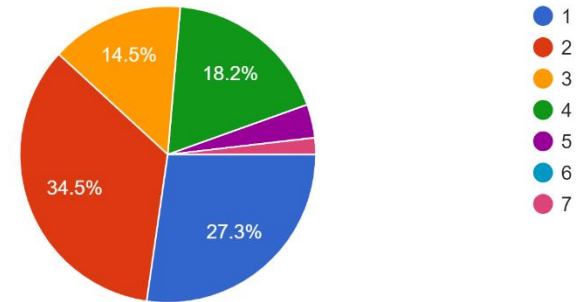
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Summary of Results of Public Lavatory Survey – 65 responses representing c8% of village population

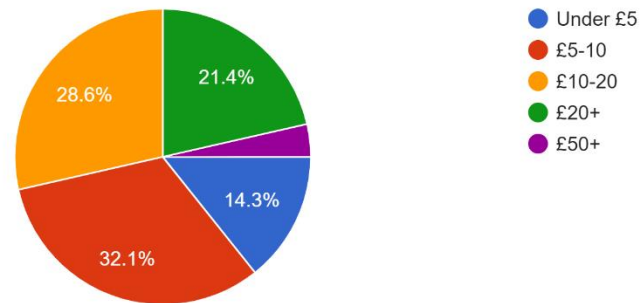
Q1 Do you currently use the Square Shop, Northlew?
65 responses



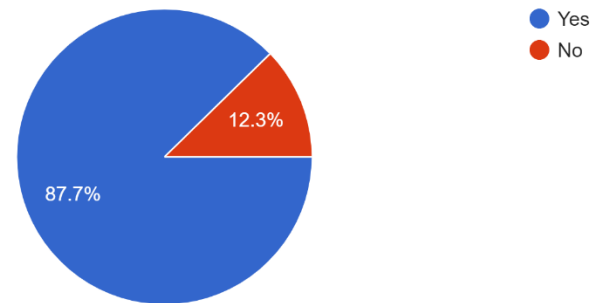
Q2 If yes, how many times a week?
55 responses



Q3 If yes, what is your household average weekly spend at the shop?
56 responses



Q5 Do you think the public toilets in Northlew should remain open?
65 responses

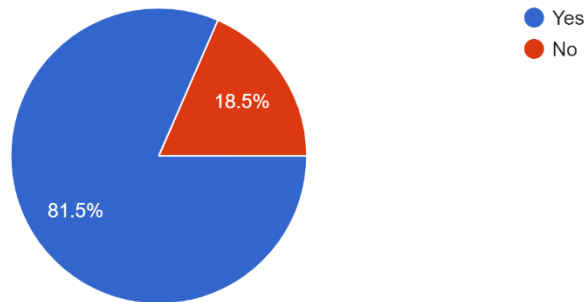


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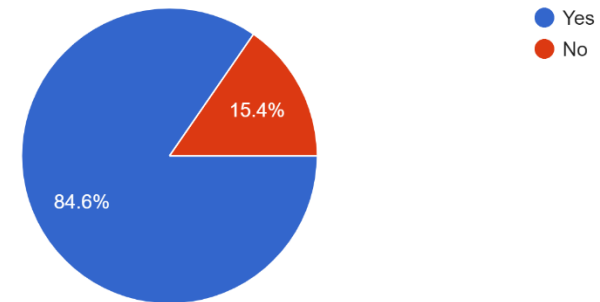
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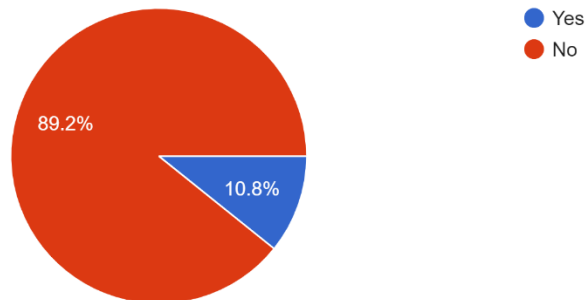
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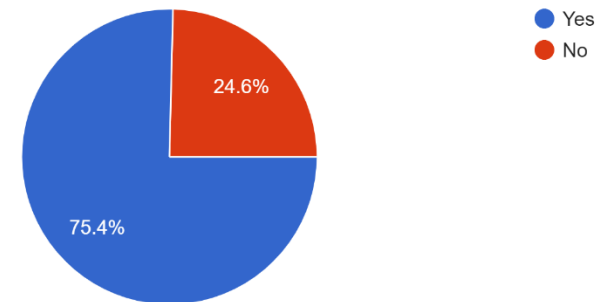
Q8 Would you be willing to contribute financially to the cost of developing/building a small community shop, in the form of a significant one off donation /sponsorship i.e in excess of £1,000

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Q9 Would you be willing to help fund raise to pay for the development?

65 responses

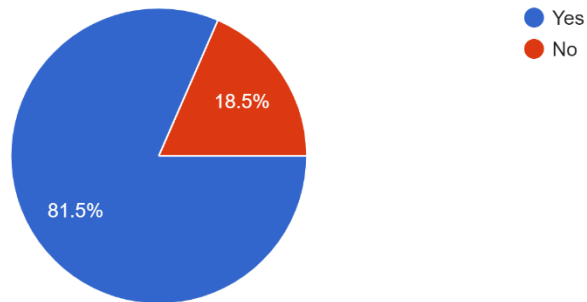


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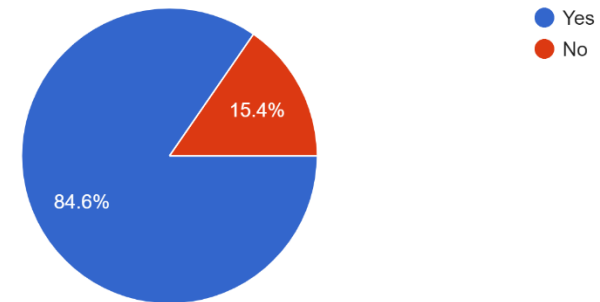
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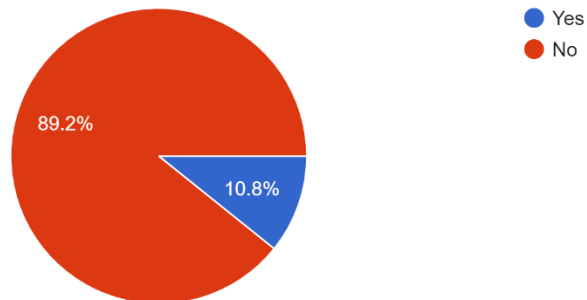
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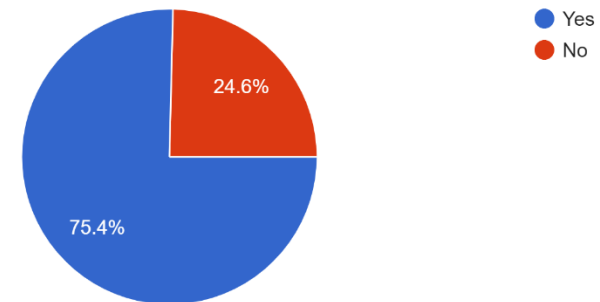
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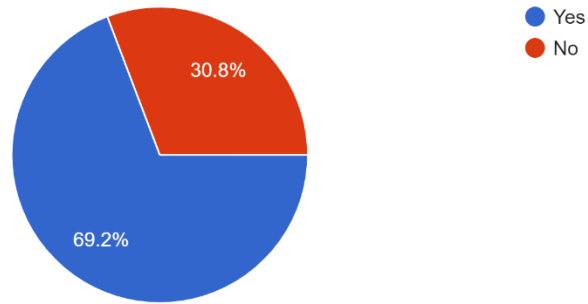
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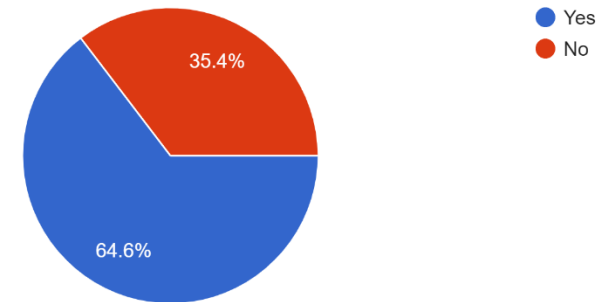
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Results of Public Lavatory Survey

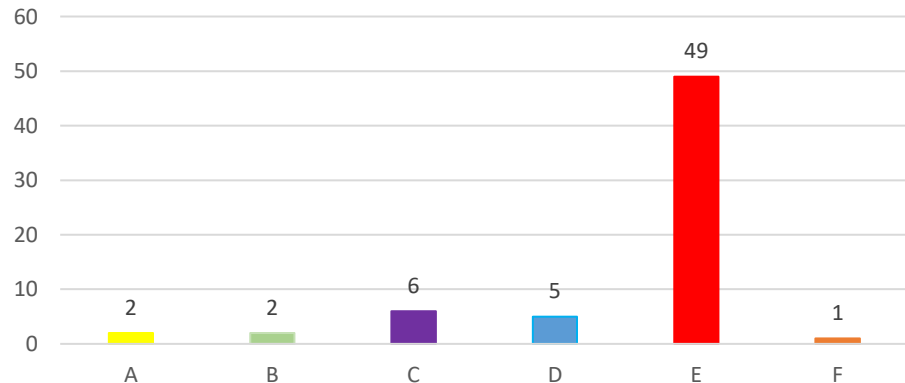
Q10 Would you be willing to pay a rise in the annual local parish precept (as part of the council tax), 65 responses



Q11 Would you be willing to support the development of the shop in other ways, other than financially? 65 responses



Q13 Summarise Your Overall Thoughts

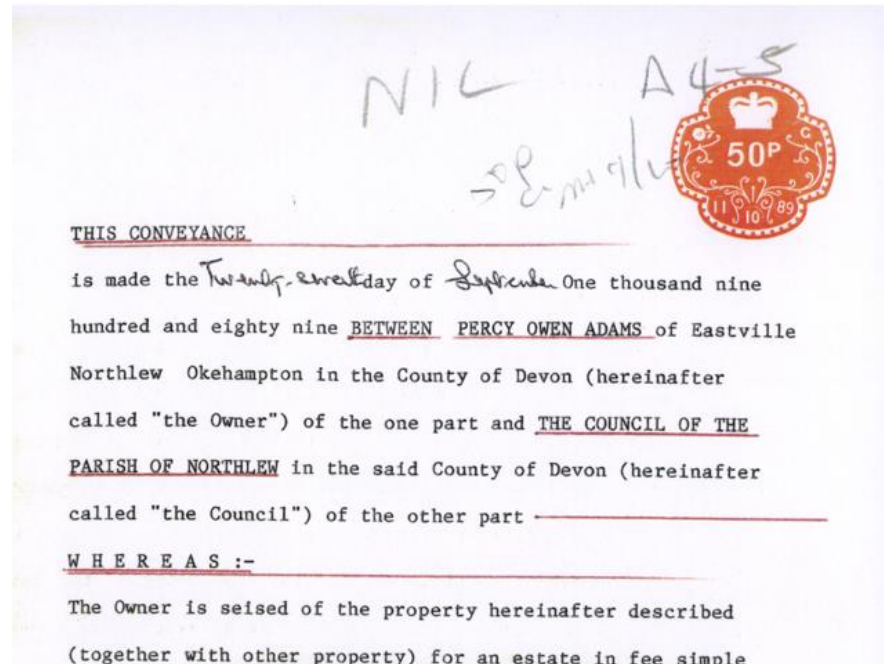


A	I see no need for public toilets in the village and think they should be closed
B	The public toilets should be closed and just a shop developed on the site
C	I think the current toilet block with one female and one male toilet should be refurbished and kept open
D	I think a single toilet for use by all, with a small shop extension would be a good option
E	I think a single toilet for use by all, with a larger shop extension and facilities for sitting to drink <u>non alcoholic</u> beverages and eat snacks would be a good option
F	I think it would be better to refurbish the toilets and identify another building in the village to be developed as a shop

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Any other business or questions?

Clarification that the playing fields are owned by Northlew Parish Council



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Thank you