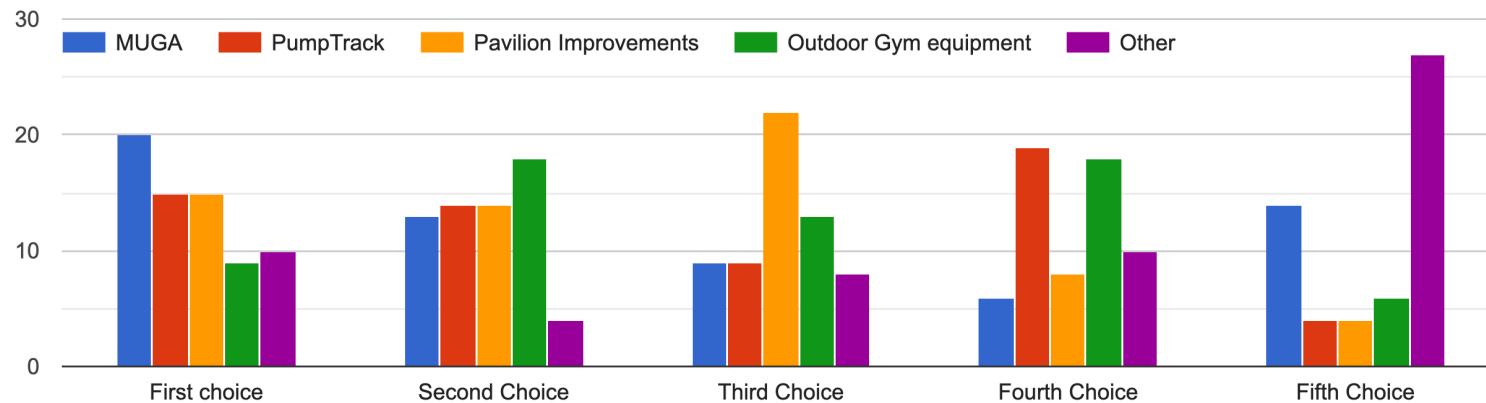


Playing Field Opinion Survey Results

- All paper surveys transferred to online Google Forms
- 71 responses in total; 16% response rate
- Quality of response was at best variable; some incomplete, some comments incomprehensible and some based on fundamental misunderstandings
- Some respondents used the opportunity to voice views on related matters (see verbatims)

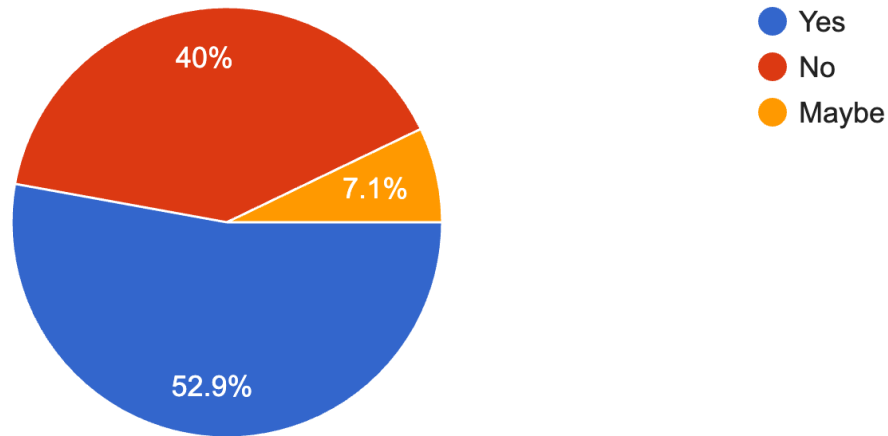
What developments would you like to see at the Playing Field?



• 20 people (28%) put MUGA 1st

Do you agree in principle to the Parish Council borrowing from the PWLB?

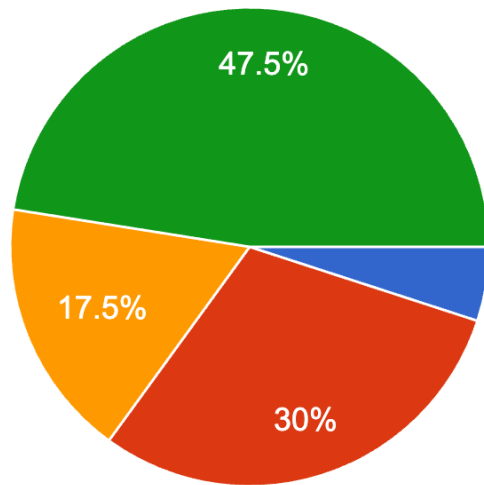
70 responses



53% (37 people) in favour

If yes, what should the maximum loan be?

40 responses

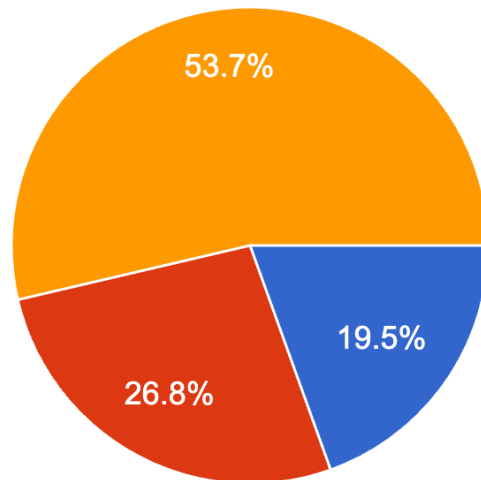


- £20,000
- £50,000
- £75,000
- £100,000

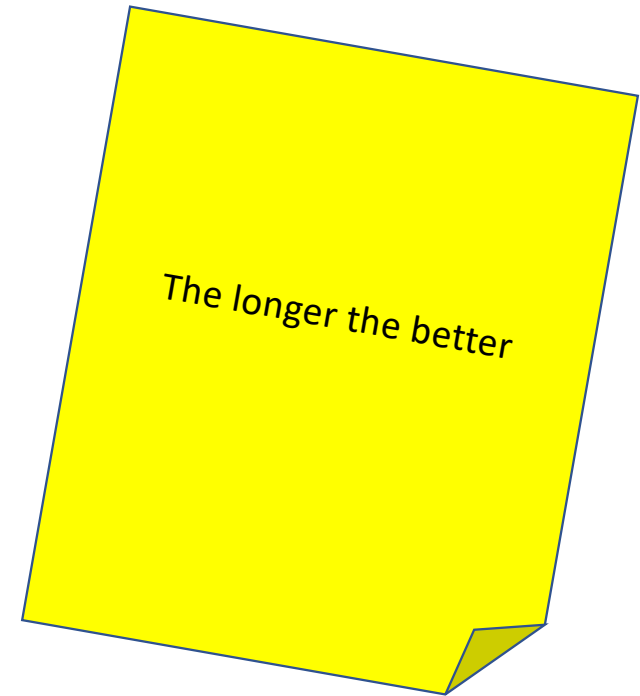


What period should it be borrowed over?

41 responses

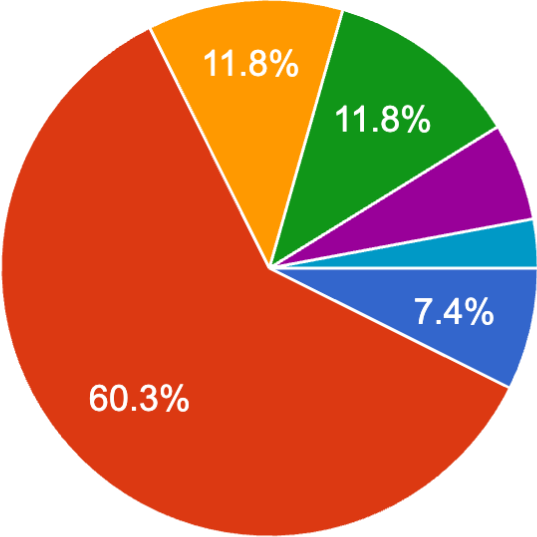


- 10 years
- 15 years
- 20 years



How many people live at your address?

68 responses

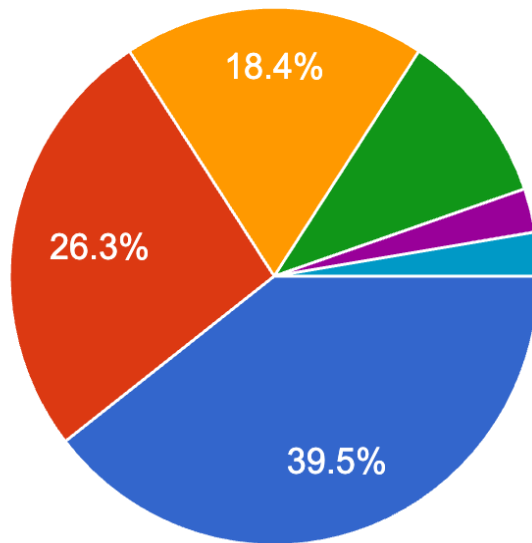


- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6+

Two thirds single or 2 person households

How many children under the age of 16 live at your address?

38 responses



- None
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4 or more
- 0

60% of those who responded to this question, i.e. 23 households, only 32% of the total, have 1 or more children

What if any alternative funding options do you prefer? Please write ideas below: 39 responses

- Grants
- Grant funding
- Grant - donations
- Grants and donations
- Grants, Legacies, fund raising events
- Grants. Crowd funding
- As a parish council they should not be borrowing any funds
- Not sure
- National lottery 'Bringing people together' grant?
- None that involve borrowing money by the Parish Council in any form whatsoever
- Grants or donations
- None
- Village fetes Sponsored sports Car boot
- Sponsorship donations
- Donation from Public , lottery funding, grants, fund raising events held at playing field
- Anything but a loan , all Ave uses should be explored grants etc
- Grant Funding
- Local fundraising
- Use of village tradesman to volunteer
- Landfill taxes. Sports England.
- Not familiar with pwlb loans and it's impact it would have but I would be willing to pay more in council tax as think the playing field does make the village a more attractive plays to live
- Go fund
- No Borrowing should be done
- Fund raising events as well as loan
- Local Govt -Amenity support Community support payments from businesses in mitigation of their disruptive operations (CIPS cars etc)
- No further funding
- How about PC running some fundraising
- Continue to apply for grants Ask residents for funds
- Collection Box-I mean donation box-perhaps left at the post office
- Fundraising for a goal to purchase a community asset
- Any REASONABLE options, not a 20 year loan
- Sponsorship
- Bring in teams/sports/organisations who can bring funding

What other improvements would you like to see at the playing field? Please write below
(46 responses)

- Car park
- Car Park improvement. Woodland area made more nature friendly
- Road resurfacing leading to park, with speed bumps or slalom to prevent speeding vehicles
- More equipment for toddler age 1-5
- The MUGA should include tennis
- None, unless you're maintaining the bridleway and ceasing use as a road. It is illegal to drive on the bridleway
- Bigger slide/large climbing wall (one that goes across for the kids a climb)/obstacle course
- The pavilion being open much more, bbqs, fun for the kids and adults! Kids fun cricket or football fun, weldon cricket club do this and its brilliant (every friday, and a small fee is charged) followed by bbq and a bar (extra cost obviously) helps get the village kids interacting together
- None until the long term use of the currently improved facilities is shown to be beneficial and long term supportable / sustainable
- Increased security to reduce/ prevent damage to equipment Additional seating
- Once the playing equipment is complete, improvements to the wildlife and plants/trees.
- Toilet facilities
- Tennis Court
- Football to not be an issue- the bridle way is allowed for cars so this should never be an issue
- I think the pump track would be amazing This would be great for all ages A Skate park would be great as this can be used for inline , quad, scooter, BMX and skateboard More Play equipment for the younger children would be great maybe a seesaw or jump cushions that play music like the ones at belton house I think the improvements have been brilliant so far
- Presumably Augean have been approached and mick george
- Single tennis court
- More benches and little goals back
- None there is insufficient evidence that the current equipment/ facilities are adequately used to justify further cost . I visited the playingfields six times during the recent half term break and on all occasions there were no people using the playing field fitness equipment or jogging track . On most days the play equipment was also unused
- Electric car charging point
- Tennis court(s)
- More benches around the field

What other improvements would you like to see at the playing field? Please write below
(46 responses) (Contd)

- All weather cricket pitch
- More family days
- Drift bridleway resurfaced to make it smooth. Currently unsafe for bicycles, pedestrians, pushchairs etc. having to weave across track in order to avoid the potholes.
- The seating area under the pavilion is not very fit for purpose, I use it for picnics as part of visits but it is a bit awkward for toddlers to sit at safely.
- Picnic tables in & around play area, and replace swings. Not necessarily pump track but bike/skateboard ramps for all levels of ability from beginner. Do something about the use of the wooded fire pit area by people inhaling deodorant - there are often cans left discarded there.
- More play equipment
- None at this time. There are more appropriate things to be undertaken. When most people are finding it hard to manage it if not a time for committing the residents to find more money to fund this project at this time.
- The parking area
- maintaining the hedge behind the football goal manage the nets in the goals
- Dog water points
- Dog running free area, fenced as in country file. Car Boot events or Glamping Camping using pavilion for services
- CCTV. Power to the Pavilion Football and cricket coaching -5+ (to pay for this) Improve Car park (have we already paid for it?)
- Recent improvements have completely transformed the space- continuous maintenance now key!
- No further improvement, just maintain the existing provision well
- None- I do not wish for further improvement. Whats there is not used,
- Skate park. Tarmac or pave the car park
- Visit playing field regularly. It is never that busy to warrant anything else-lovely as it is
- Improvement to access- car park
- Car park issues completed first
- Improve running track. Get rid of stinging nettles and rewinding of some of the area. Ornamental tree. Maybe a beautiful Acer Tree.
- Benches for picnics?
- Access along the Drift and even an alternative entry point from the A43

Any other comments? (30 responses)

- Keep it simple
- The road (Bridleway) leading to the playing field must be sorted in some way. Any improvement to the field will make it more attractive to use and will generate more traffic which will make the road surface worse and will eventually make vehicular access impossible.
- n/a
- Great to see the site being developed. As much as I'd like to see a Muga it would need managing and maintaining. Kingscliffe Active could be worth speaking to. They now employ a team to run the site. They are also getting a pump track.
- The mowing of the verge on the bridleway is outrageous, there are glow worm lava there and you've destroyed their habitat
- I would like to see the pavilion used more however I believe the only way to do this is to encourage teams to the village. Maybe children's cricket on a Friday evening where the parents can have a drink outside the pavilion and watch the kids. This will encourage the community to get involved.
- I don't think money raised from PWLB should be used to renovate the pavilion. There are grants available to facilitate this. Given the pavilion is primarily used by Wittering football team I don't think the village precept should be used to substitute them.
- I object strongly to having my council tax increased to pay for borrowing. Pavilions have been erected before and destroyed. There is no longer a school in the village and the building of affordable housing to enable resident's offspring to stay in the village has not been forthcoming so who are these improvements meant to benefit. Our children did not have these facilities and I would not have expected retired or people without children to pay for them.
- All construction associated with the Pavilion should be entirely non-combustible and inorganic. No potential for arson.
- I feel that as the houses have increased, and the children, more areas needed instead of playing in streets
- Football is a great way of allowing the community to come together- charity events for example are always welcomed! This could be used a lot more- cricket also should be played on the field!
- Muga pitch would be fantastic again for all ages
- Muga at Collyweston not used, this will prove a liability for the village
- If the sports club who use the pavilion want it refurbed. Then they should pay, it always seems to get broken into
- Can anything be done to the road up to the playing field
- Collyweston has a muga which is rarely used
- Totally against raising money from plan, this has nothing to do whatsoever with our household having no children or teenagers
- Love the playing fields and use it very frequently

Any other comments? (30 responses) (Contd- 1 single response...)

It is disgusting to even think about having a loan added to the parish precept and have properties on band D and over pay for it . A lot of the children this work is designed for live in the council properties which are in the lower bands mainly B so totally unfair if anything everyone should pay in every band not the privately owned homes you are starting at by doing it from band D . Everyone is struggling with council tax already at £2000 for band D so it shouldn't even be considered taking out a loan of this amount and then burdening properties band D upwards with this huge extra hike on their council tax bill when they are struggling a lot of pensioners live along porters lane close the retreat etc which are in band D yet they won't use the facilities up the playing field yet council properties have the children which would use it aren't down to pay it l'd completely discriminative and unfair to burden the villagers with such a debt for 19/15/20 years of higher than need be council tax bills to please a few who want these facilities and a posher cricket club pravillion which very few use except the cricketers - they should fund it themselves alot of them are very rich in the village . It should not even be considered when people are struggling to saddle future villagers with higher bills unnecessarily. Raise the money through go fund or council grants or from Aegean landfill but not through the already High parish precept and council tax which no one has a choice once you have forced it on the villagers .pensioners cannot afford higher bills or want to pay extra to fund these extra non essential things uo the playing field if the parish council want the and the cricket club then they should apply for grants or sponsorship or go fund not saddle the village council tax payers and people on benefits won't pay anything as they get it all free it will be the hardworkers and pensioners in the village who can least afford it be forced to pay it if out on council tax bill and go to prison if they can't afford it . So no under any circumstances should you add it to council tax via parish precept and certainly not from band D onwards as doubt that is even legal to prejudice and discrimination against private properties band D when council properties are band A/B C and shame on the parish council for even thinking of making villagers pay for years abs years this debt if money is borrowed . If you haven't got the money or funding dint do it dint expect the working and pensioners ti pay for these th8ngs at the playing field when most dint even use or won't get the cricket club ti fund there own pavilion improvements most are rich anyway not get the pensioners and working class who never use it pay for it ir the playing field equipment do what Kingscliffe did apply for grants , win competitions and get fund7ng from north ants county council and Aegean . If you go ahead with this madness people will go to prison as they won't pay this forced upon extra charge to their council tax bill which could give them criminal record etc if can't or win today out if principle and lumber for decades unnecessary extra charge on already High council tax if you take out huge loan to pay for it . If you haven't got the money don't do it do not saddle extra debt on every house in your village fir decades to come

Any other comments? (30 responses) (Contd)

- I think it is irresponsible to borrow for this project at this time.
- You're doing a great job - all time and energy is much appreciated!
- Improve pavilion to attract people for events.
- This excellent facility is somewhat let down by the state of the access road-really need to put some energy into this!
- While what you have done is excellent I see no need for further development. If you did a survey on how much the facilities are used you would see that they are not.
- Why is our council tax higher than 5% recommended. Previous overspending by Govt, PC?
- Strongly against taking out long term loans via a PC. The loan could easily outlive whatever is bought/built with the loan
- My concerns re borrowing are related to debt being passed on to future residents for equipment that may not be used /last or remain interest over period on loan
- This is a VILLAGE playing field
- Access
- Just keep going!

Conclusions (TN draft)

- Disappointingly low response is insufficient to justify fundamental decisions with major financial implications
- Clear positive feedback on the work done so far
- No overwhelming demand for any further new, significant facilities
- A low interest in the survey indicates a low interest in using any further development
- General desire to fix pavilion, car park, and the Drift
 - Some negativity towards “out of Easton” use