

Collated Questionnaire Results - July 2025

Have Your Say

35 completed forms were returned either by email, whats app or in the council postbox.

Of these responses 31 households had lived in the village more than 10 years; 3 between 6 and 10 and only 1 for 1 to 5 years

Question 1: a. 19 wanted to see the funds used for discounted electricity.
b. 3 wanted to see funds used for existing community projects/groups.
c. 5 wanted to see funds used for new community projects/groups.

1 ticked both a and b.

2 ticked both a and c.

1 ticked both b and c

1 ticked all three.

1 made no comment.

1 suggested funds be used to provide charging points for electric vehicles.

1 added that funds could be used for 2 PCSOs for added security and for traffic calming chicanes at western end of high street.

1 suggested an alternative - namely use funds for village upkeep, improved cycle path and clearing thereof after hedge cutting.

1 added - a grant towards a weekly lunch club in the village hall - food prepared by a paid chef.

Comment: If funds are available at any time for improvements to the village I would suggest improvements to the existing footpaths making them usable and passable for 12 months of the year. They are wet,muddy and slippery during the winter and overgrown in the summer. This I'm sure would be a real asset to the village and much appreciated by the residents.

Comment: Grants for new or existing projects seem fairest for Carlby as everyone will be indirectly affected during construction etc. but presumably not all the village would receive discounted electricity.

Comment: I believe the money should be used to fund projects that directly benefit those most impacted by the scheme in the long term. Therefore I would suggest discounted electricity - with value determined by how impacted households are across the scheme. A principle has been set by the government with their proposal for payment to those who have pylons constructed near their home. This precedent could be used to justify a similar payment in thi scheme and may be worthy of consideration.

I do not support the use of this fund for any project that should either be paid for through the public sector funding (that is why we pay tax) or a project where alternative grant funding is available.

Question 2: 26 thought any funds should be administered by the parish council.

(1 added that the PC were best placed to represent our interests locally)

7 thought any funds should be administered by an independent grant process.

(1 added it should be via a voting system)

1 was undecided.

1 alternative suggestion was arrangements should be with energy suppliers and Quinbrook from start of income to end.

Comment: I think this very much depends on what the fund is to support. The decision should be determined by the costs of the delivery with every effort made to ensure that administration costs are minimised - so maximising the funds available to residents.

Additional Comments

- We were initially against the solar farm project but with the concern regarding global warming and the rapid rise of new buildings in the area we are now in full support.
- It would be better if no units were put here!
- It is individuals that will suffer and with continually rising electric prices they should be compensated from the profits the company will gain.
- We are totally against this vast development and the adverse effect it will have on all the village communities. Compensation cannot be enough!
- We thought the PVS had gone away!
- A youth club!
- We really should be consulting the experts on this - the most knowledgeable and specialist being the Mallard Pass Action Group who are involved in the whole picture and are consulting nationwide. It is naive to jump to spend money offered, nice as it may be, without using local strength of feeling to assess the impact on land use, construction impacts, road use, pedestrian dangers from construction HGVs, battery storage dangers, flood impact, biodiversity destruction, loss of crop production. This incomplete list is far more important than a simple financial payment - to do what? A new bus shelter? A village hall grant? New tennis court? Any bribe is going to be inadequate, short-lived and regrettable

Other observations:

Whilst the calculations presented in the flyer give an indication of how land is split by parish this is very much a 'back of fag packet' calculation and does not give a robust

indication of impact to residents of each parish and therefore would benefit from further discussion before any decision is made on how allocation of any funds should be made. In particular this doesn't adequately consider the impact on sensitive receptors of which there are many across the area used by the scheme and within many of the parishes.

Whilst the Community Benefit Fund will be important after the scheme is built, I think the priority and focus of parish councils at the moment should be working with the construction and design teams to make sure the final detailed design of the scheme and its construction give the best outcome for all residents and ask that the Parish Councils representing us fully engage in the process.