

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

from Debden Parish Council

Further to the recent Public Consultation meetings and the 'alternative plan' presented in the Church room, the Parish Council has received feedback from residents that there may be some confusion on what you are 'voting for'.

In an effort to make it clear for everyone:

- The Parish Council Precept Survey is **not** a vote on which hall you prefer.
- It **is** asking whether you support the Parish Council (PC) in applying for a loan facility – not to draw down a loan or borrow now. The PC is just securing approval for a loan should it be required in the future.
- This is required in order for the village to retain the MoD grant of £236,400.

Very simply:

- If you vote **YES**, we will retain the MoD grant and a new Village Hall project can move forward.
- If you vote **NO**, at the end of March we will have to return the MoD grant of £236,400. Should this happen, **no hall project could move forward.**

These facts seem to have become distorted over the past couple of weeks.

If you have already responded to the Consultation and feel you have voted under a misapprehension (including 'voting' at the church), please contact one of the councillors below whilst the consultation is still open (deadline March 20th), and we can advise next steps.

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