



*FOUR MARKS PARISH COUNCIL*

*COMMUNITY BUILDING AND RECREATIONAL HUB*

*CONSULTATION SURVEY APRIL 2021*

It is well known and discussed that the growth in population has not been matched by improvements to community infrastructure which impacts negatively on social cohesion, physical and mental health and building an integrated 'sense of community'. The retired community, hard-working families, the youth and the children of Four Marks, and surrounding villages, deserve better facilities, ensuring Four Marks is a great place to live now and in the future.

In 2018 a consultation was carried out to get your views. At that time, a Village Hall rebuild / extension was considered but it was concluded that this was not a realistic or achievable option. A second option, to sell the Village Hall and use the money to build a new hall at the Recreation Ground, was also proved to be logistically unworkable and unpopular with some residents.

Therefore, the Council has sought other grant and commercial funding sources and believe a workable and achievable concept has been identified, as follows:

- **Size.** *1,250 sqm to include full sized basketball/netball court (overall size may be subject to funding but can be reduced if required).*
- **Facilities.** *Three flexible halls, a pop-up business area with IT equipment including Wifi/printers/scanners, a 12 seats business board room, a further two smaller meeting rooms, plus a café and outdoor terrace area.*
- **Location.** *The North East corner of the Recreation Ground.*
- **Parking provision.** *Uplands Lane will be upgraded to provide allocated parking, and on the access road to the existing pavilion, and to the West of the building, including appropriate disabled parking provision.*
- **Sustainability.** *The building will be designed to be sustainable with renewable energy, with as many green credentials as possible and in line with local climate change policies. Additional sympathetic landscaping should offset any marginal loss of greenspace.*

To move forward the Council needs your input and ask you to complete the following questions and return to the Parish Council by no later than 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

## CONSULTATION SURVEY QUESTIONS

	Question	Yes	No
1	Are there enough existing community buildings and facilities in Four Marks?		
2	Do the facilities in the existing buildings meet you and your family's needs?		
3	Do you need more community meeting, cultural and recreational facilities in Four Marks?		
4	Do you have to travel outside Four Marks to attend local Four Marks group meetings/activities?		
5	Do you have, or are a member of, a group/club that cannot meet in Four Marks currently?		
6	Is the Recreation Ground a suitable location for a new Community Recreational building?		
7	Would you be prepared to pay a slightly higher contribution (no more than £1 per week) in the Parish Council portion of your Council Tax to secure Public Works Board commercial funding?		
8	Would you be able to pay a personal donation (however small) for either general or specific items in the building?		
9	Can you contribute as a Community Representative on the Project Committee?		
10.	Would you be prepared to contribute as a member of the building management group?		

A further survey of the community's detailed building facilities needs will be conducted as part of a wider consultation subject to this survey's responses.

As part of an outline planning application, further public consultation on planning related issues will be available, if the grant funding applications are successful and the project is able to progress.

To return your surveys, please either by post to the address below, by hand to the Parish Office at the Benians Pavilion, or scan and email a copy to the address below.

**Four Marks Parish Council, The Parish Office, Uplands Lane, Four Marks, Hampshire GU34 5AF**

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## THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION