



Working for the Community in Rotherfield, Mark Cross,
Eridge Green, Boarshead and surrounding areas

Rotherfield Parish Council

Survey Regarding Purchase of the Rotherfield Doctor's Surgery Building Q & A (update)

It was agreed at a special Parish Council Meeting held on 13th February 2018 to increase the precept to purchase the freehold of the doctor's surgery building in Rotherfield to ensure the ongoing provision of a GP service in Rotherfield. The Parish Council proposed to fund the purchase of the surgery using a loan from the Public Works Loan Board and the precept was raised by £20,000 for this purpose. This equated to a 19.8% increase (equivalent to £12.64 a year on a Band D property) and has been effective since April 2018.

The Public Works Loan Board is a body that provides public money to fund projects by local councils. Although the meeting to raise the precept was widely advertised and attended by several parishioners, the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has requested that we conduct a consultation to confirm public support for the project and the associated precept increase.

This Q & A has been prepared in response to questions asked by parishioners:

Question	Answer
Who has received a survey?	The survey is intended for all parishioners living in Rotherfield Parish – this includes Mark Cross, Eridge Green and Boarshead. One survey has been delivered to the majority of households in the parish. Not all surveys have been delivered yet 1100 out of 1450 (so far 29 th October). We are hand delivering them to minimise costs to the parish. There are some extra surveys available at the Courtyard, the Cuckoo Line Stores and RSM or you can respond by email.

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<p>How do I submit my response?</p>	<p>Responses can be by return of the paper survey to the boxes placed in the Courtyard, the Cuckoo Line Stores and at Rotherfield St Martin at the Memorial Institute or by email to clerk@rotherfieldparishcouncil.co.uk.</p>
<p>Can I submit more than one response?</p>	<p>Each parishioner can submit a response.</p>
<p>What further information is available about the proposed purchase?</p>	<p>The feasibility study prepared by the parish council as a basis for its proposal can be found under the 'Council Documents' tab in the Rotherfield Surgery Project section of the website www.rotherfieldparishcouncil.co.uk.</p> <p>Parish Council meetings are held every month, are widely advertised and are open to all. Since the public meeting held on 4 November 2017, there have been regular updates and discussions at all monthly parish council meetings and at a specially advertised meeting in February 2018 to approve the proposal; these have been attended by some members of the public.</p>
<p>What will be done with the data you collect?</p>	<p>The parish clerk will be collecting and collating responses. Councillors will not have access to responses that have not been directly shared with them. When the response deadline of November 15th is reached, the parish clerk will sort responses according to the answers and count them. The number of responses and the number of yes/no answers will be presented by the parish clerk to the November parish council meeting. These totals will be shared with councillors and the Ministry of Housing and Local Communities when the survey is</p>

	complete. All returned forms and emails will be under the control of the parish clerk. A parishioner may request to see that their response has been received and to check that their response has been properly allocated. If a parishioner is not known to the clerk, they will need to provide personal identification to do this. Once the counting process has been completed and the results are established all responses will be destroyed.
What is the commitment of the surgery?	This is available in the feasibility study referred to above.

The questions asked in the survey are:

- Are you in **FAVOUR** of the parish council going ahead with the purchase of the Rotherfield Doctor's Surgery building to maintain a GP service in the village? **YES / NO**
- Are you in **FAVOUR** of the parish council going ahead with the purchase of the Rotherfield Doctor's Surgery building including the precept increase of 19.8% (equivalent to £12.64 a year on a Band D property) to pay off the purchase loan? **YES / NO**

Name	
Address	
Signed	
Date	