

Community Benefits Fund – Opinion Poll Results

Following the recent installation of the Hadlow Solar Farm in the Parish British Solar Renewables (BSR) has established a Community Benefit Fund of £50,000 to be used at the discretion of local people to benefit the community in Capel Parish.

BSR see this sum of money being used to enable a lasting project that will still be valued by local people in 25 years' time, matching the period of the temporary planning permission granted for the Hadlow Solar Farm. BSR have asked that the Community Benefit Fund be administered by Capel Parish Council on their behalf.

A recent opinion poll of parishioners was conducted by means of a vote on which they were asked to vote on how they would like the funds to be spent in the parish. Voting sheets were available at the village fete in July 2015 and from our website. There was also an article published in the Courier Newspaper and the Parish Magazine giving details on how they could vote.

The results of the opinion poll are below. Given that the vast majority of votes were to provide an all-weather multisport facility, and to improve the existing play areas, Capel Parish Council are now looking into the cost of these projects and the possibility of match funding.