

## **Kingstone Parish Council Financial Support for the Kingstone Community Society**

As you will be aware, Kingstone Parish Council conducted a survey to gauge initial support on their supporting the KCS in their venture to purchase The Shrewsbury Arms. The Parish Council sought to ascertain initial support before conducting more in depth research into the broad options presented. This study would clarify areas including the legal position, costs and impact (potential or otherwise) to the parish, affordability both for the council and the KCS, etc. Were the parish council to deem there to be enough initial support, any selected option would be put to a full public consultation before proceeding.

The results of the votes cast are as below : -

|                 | Online | Paper | Total      |       |
|-----------------|--------|-------|------------|-------|
| yes / in favour | 89     | 25    | 114        | 51.6% |
| no / against    | 11     | 96    | 107        | 48.4% |
|                 |        |       | Total cast |       |
|                 |        |       | 221        |       |

Of those voting "yes", there was broadly even support between a shareholding and a Public Works Loan.

The Parish Council as newly elected in May will need to think about their next steps. The first will be have to be a discussion over what the result means, and whether they feel this is sufficient mandate from the Parish or not to further investigate the options.

Regards,

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Chairman  
Kingstone Parish Council