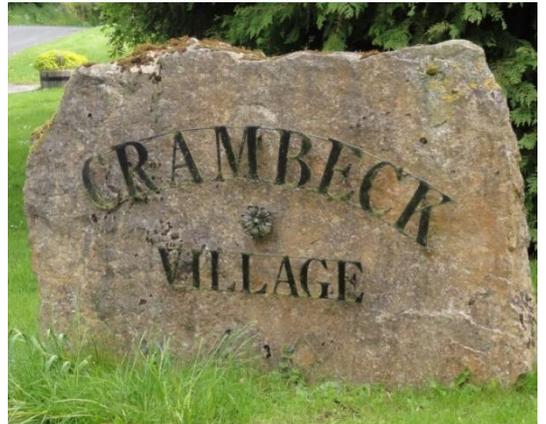


## CMCL Bulletin No 5

### Voting Proposals

You might remember in my first communication I talked about using email as a way of voting. We are working on this, because we think it will allow everyone to have their say on all matters concerning the village land – your land. We are sending this now to set out the general proposal, and to explain why we think it is the best way forward for the village. We would appreciate your comments on the proposals to (hopefully) take it onwards to the next stage.



Traditionally, voting has taken place at meetings, such as the AGM or other general meetings, generally by a “show of hands”. We think there are several problems with this method. Firstly, there is usually only a small turnout at meetings like these – perhaps 20 – 30 of the 63 shareholders would be represented, if we were lucky. Secondly, there are always other people at these meetings, such as joint shareholders, partners, “associate” shareholders etc, and this makes it difficult to properly judge a show of hands. Effectively, some of the people are not actually entitled to vote. We think it is important that every shareholder is able to express their opinion on a matter, whether or not they can attend a meeting.

You will perhaps have come across proxy votes. This is where you effectively give your vote to someone else, who then uses it at a meeting, to vote in the way you wish. We think this too has its problems. We want to change the system, so that everyone can vote exactly as they wish, and there can be no possibility of errors.

We expect there will be many occasions when we will ask you for your opinion on a matter concerning the village land or the company itself. The voting system we develop will allow us to ask, and for you to give your opinion, at any time during the year, as voting will not be restricted to AGMs or other general meetings.

The voting system will therefore have to be as simple as possible, and easy to use. Ideally, an email would come with a proposal, and you would just click a button for “yes” or “no”. We are aware of systems like this in companies, but do not yet know if one can be organised for us, which would comply with the Companies Act. We are investigating the options, but please get in touch if you can help us set up a simple system like this. Of course, a few property owners do not have email, so the system we develop will include a paper method, which would involve a “ballot paper” with the question, and the owner would simply have to tick (or cross) a yes or no box, sign it, and post into an appropriate letter box. An example is attached.

To make sure everyone will believe the result of a vote, we propose using someone independent of CMCL to count the votes. We have asked Becky Charlton, Chairperson of the Crambeck Village Sports and Social Club (CSSC), if she would be willing to do this, and she said she would be happy to do it. But if any of you have any other suggestions for an independent party, please let us know.

So those are our outline proposals for a voting system for the village, which will allow us to get your feedback relatively quickly and easily on any matter needing your input.

We obviously cannot do an official vote about anything until the system has been set up and agreed, but it would be a great help at this stage (and an interesting experiment) if you would indicate whether you are generally in favour of these proposals by hitting “reply” , simply typing YES or NO, and sending it. You can obviously say more than this, if you want to, and we would welcome any feedback.

For those without email, it would help us if you would complete the attached provisional “ballot paper”, write any comments you wish to make, and drop it in at any of our addresses below, or at Becky Charlton’s (50).

We plan to let you know about the specific options for a voting system in one of the next bulletins.

Best wishes

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