

# MEOPHAM PARISH POLL

Thursday June 20th from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

[meophamvillage.org.uk/poll/](http://meophamvillage.org.uk/poll/)

**‘Meopham Parish Council should reopen  
the public toilets on Pitfield Green’**

**Vote YES to REOPEN an important public facility  
and save a valuable community asset**

## THE USERS

- Bus, delivery, postal and passing drivers.
- Walking groups, pedestrians.
- Disabled people (a RADAR key also gives 24/7 access to a ‘disabled’ facility to e.g. parents with babies or small children).
- Users of Meopham Green for social purposes (such as watching cricket) and - soon - visitors to the newly refurbished windmill.
- Even if you don’t use the toilets, your delivery driver or taxi driver may rely on them to carry out their job!

## THE COSTS

- The current cost is around £10,000 a year which is about **one penny a day per household**. The council has diverted this money into adding to its ‘Council Administration’ budget, which went up by no less than £46,000 this year. **Which is the better use of a penny a day?**
- Were any options to reduce costs or obtain grants or sponsorship explored before closure, or just commercial opportunities?

## THE ALTERNATIVE: THE COUNCIL’S ‘COMMUNITY TOILET SCHEME’

- The scheme is based mainly on Minel’s restaurant, which does not open until noon. Even if The Cricketers decides to join in, it does not open until 10 a.m. What are those driving past at 8 a.m. meant to do?
- How long will either place welcome walking groups with muddy boots or small children visiting the windmill? Will either of them offer 24/7 access with a RADAR key, which many people find invaluable?
- Signing up Costa may be useful for those shopping on Camer Parade but it is an extra, not a substitute for the Pitfield Green toilets.

**Budget setting is about choosing priorities. Vote YES on June 20th to tell the Council that it needs to reconsider.**

*See reverse of flyer for details of polling stations etc.*