The background image shows a wooden signpost in Parracombe, Devon. The signpost has several directional signs. One sign at the top is partially visible with the text 'Parracombe'. Another sign below it says 'CHURCH' and 'OLD CHURCH'. A blue sign below that says 'Unsuitable for over 6'. At the bottom, a wooden sign points to 'Village Hall'. The signpost also features a crest with a bird and the word 'Devon'.

# Parracombe Parish Plan

Community Questionnaire Results

## Community Questionnaire Purpose

Parracombe Parish Council are working with Exmoor National Park to deliver a parish plan to address issues and manage key initiatives within the village.

Questionnaires were sent to the 350 households of Parracombe, Martinhoe and Trentishoe to seek residents views regarding the village hall, a village shop, the recreation ground and parking.

In total there were 63 questionnaire responses. It should be noted that while the survey asked each adult in the household to complete a questionnaire, a number were completed on behalf of the household. Where individuals are identified (i.e. individual responses on the same questionnaire), a response for each has been recorded.

## Summary and use

The following data are a summary of the questionnaire responses. The results of this survey will be used by Parracombe Parish Council and Exmoor National Park Authority in the creation of a parish plan.

## Village Stores and Post Office

With the closure of the shop, the Parish Council is very keen to ensure that a Post Office and store remains in Parracombe. A Parish Council Sub-committee are assessing the possibility of setting up a Community Shop and Post Office.

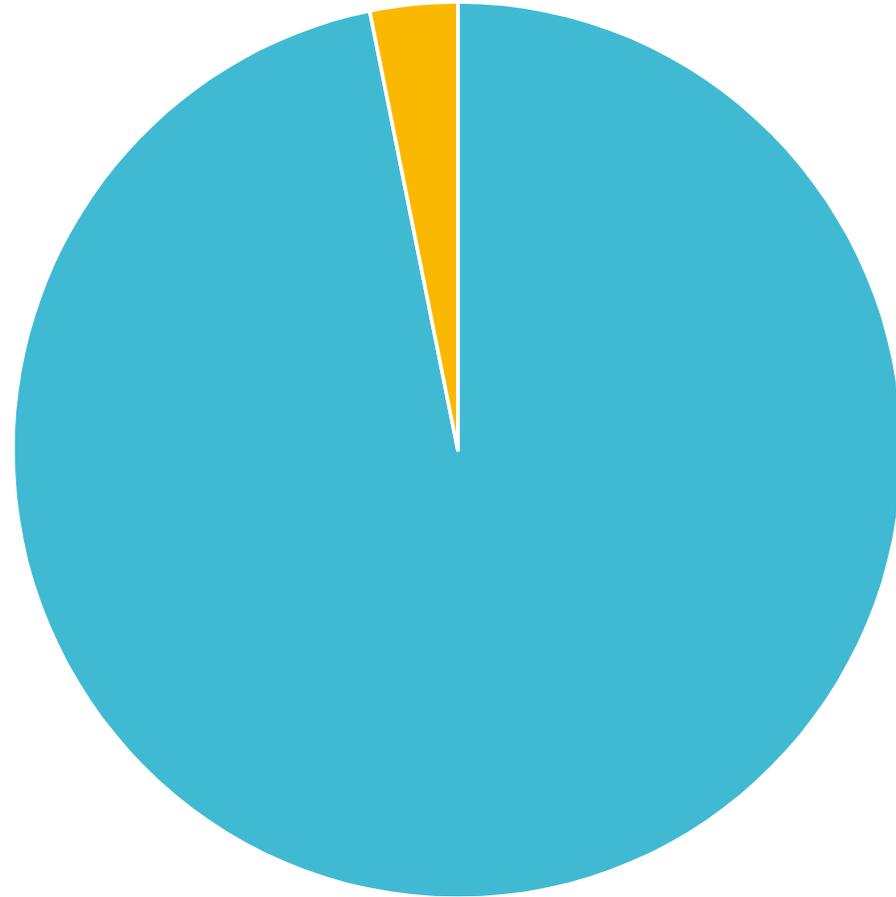
The shop questionnaire section is to assess the level of voluntary and financial support available within the community to establish the potential for a community run store and post office.



## Question 1

Would you support the setting up of a replacement store and post office?

- Yes (61)
- No (2)



## Question 1a

**If you don't support a replacement store, why not?**

It would not be viable

How will it be funded?

Do you have a business plan?

Almost everyone shops in Barnstaple or has online delivery.

## Supporting comments

A village shop and post office provides a vital and valuable service to the whole community.

Sooner things happen the better.

New shop before everyone gets so used to a village without one.

I think this should be an ambitious project. There are no alternatives.

I would support a shop even more if it had Post Office services.

## Community shop concerns

We question whether the potential footfall is sufficient to support the venture

Would prefer to see it privately / individually run.

Concerns that there would not be sufficient community support

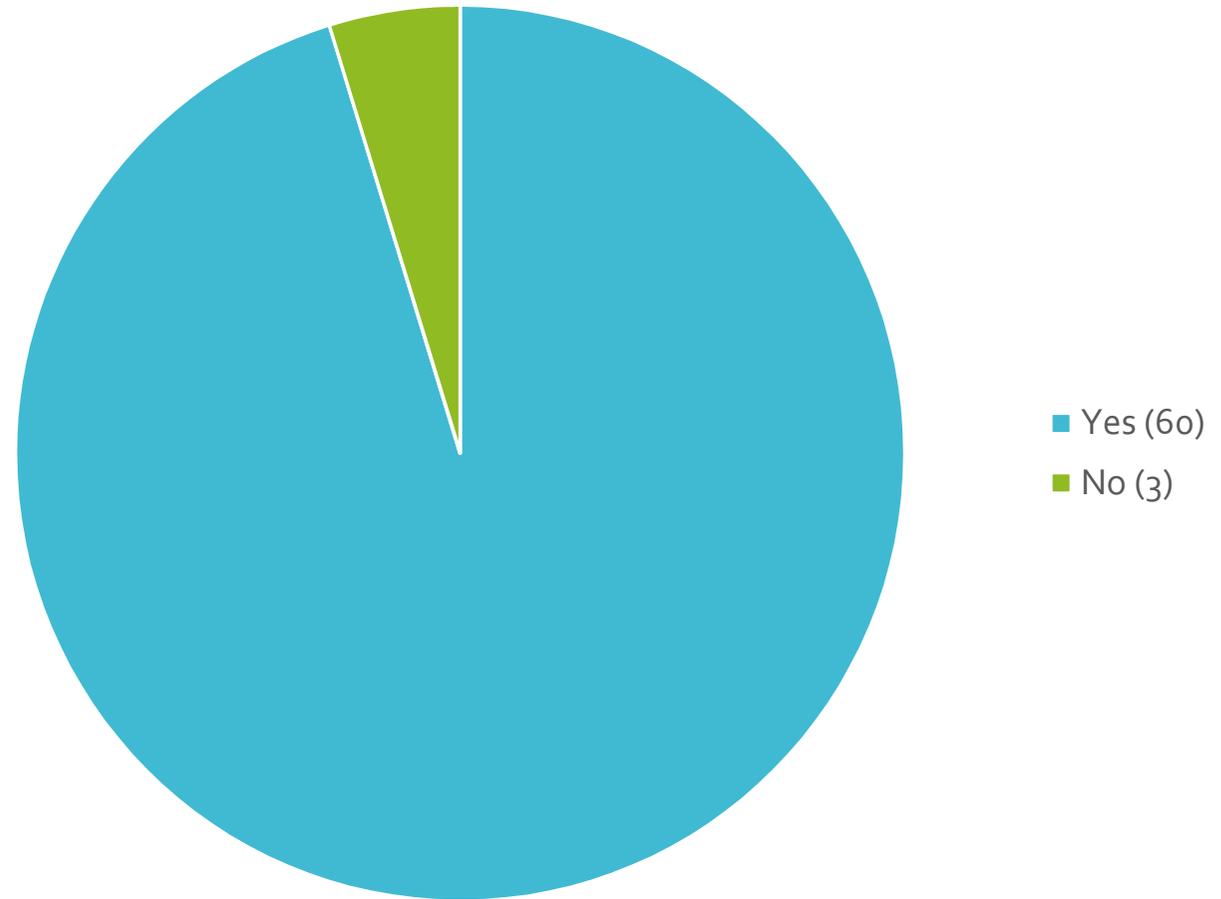
So long as a small kitchen area was still made available as it could be used for multiple purposes and functions still

Being so far off the centre may be a disadvantage

Running a post office function may be difficult in terms of extra bureaucracy and staff training

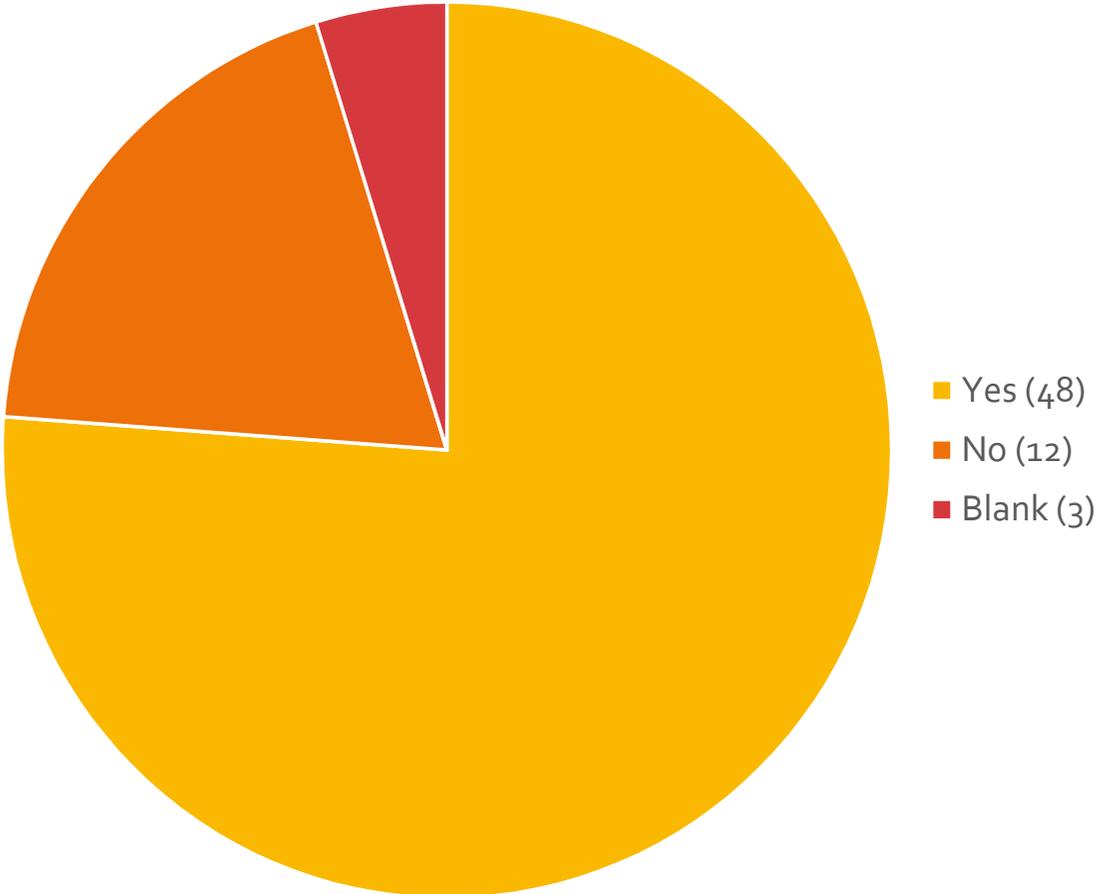
## Question 2

Would you support a Post Office/store that is run through a community trust?



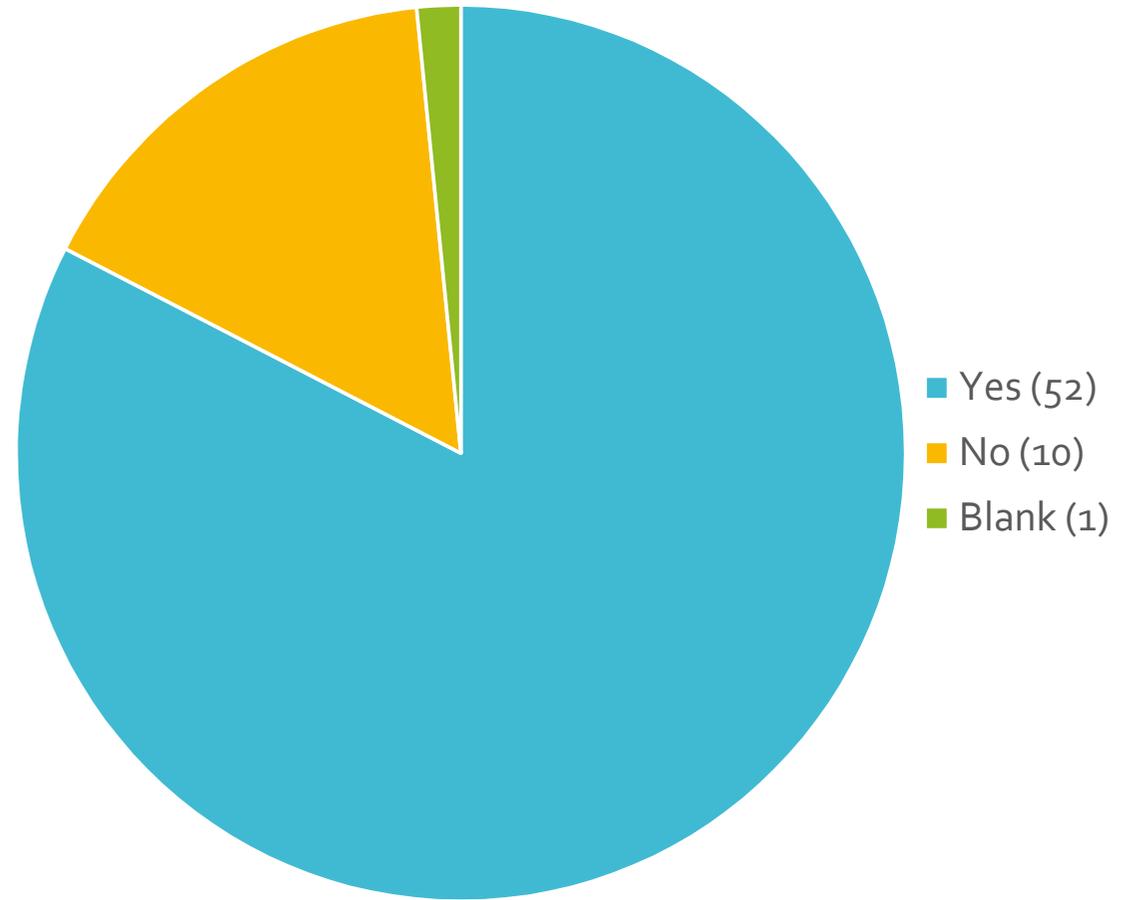
### Question 3

Are you interested in, or willing to be a member of a community trust?



## Question 4

Would you consider making a share investment in a new shop?



## Question 4a

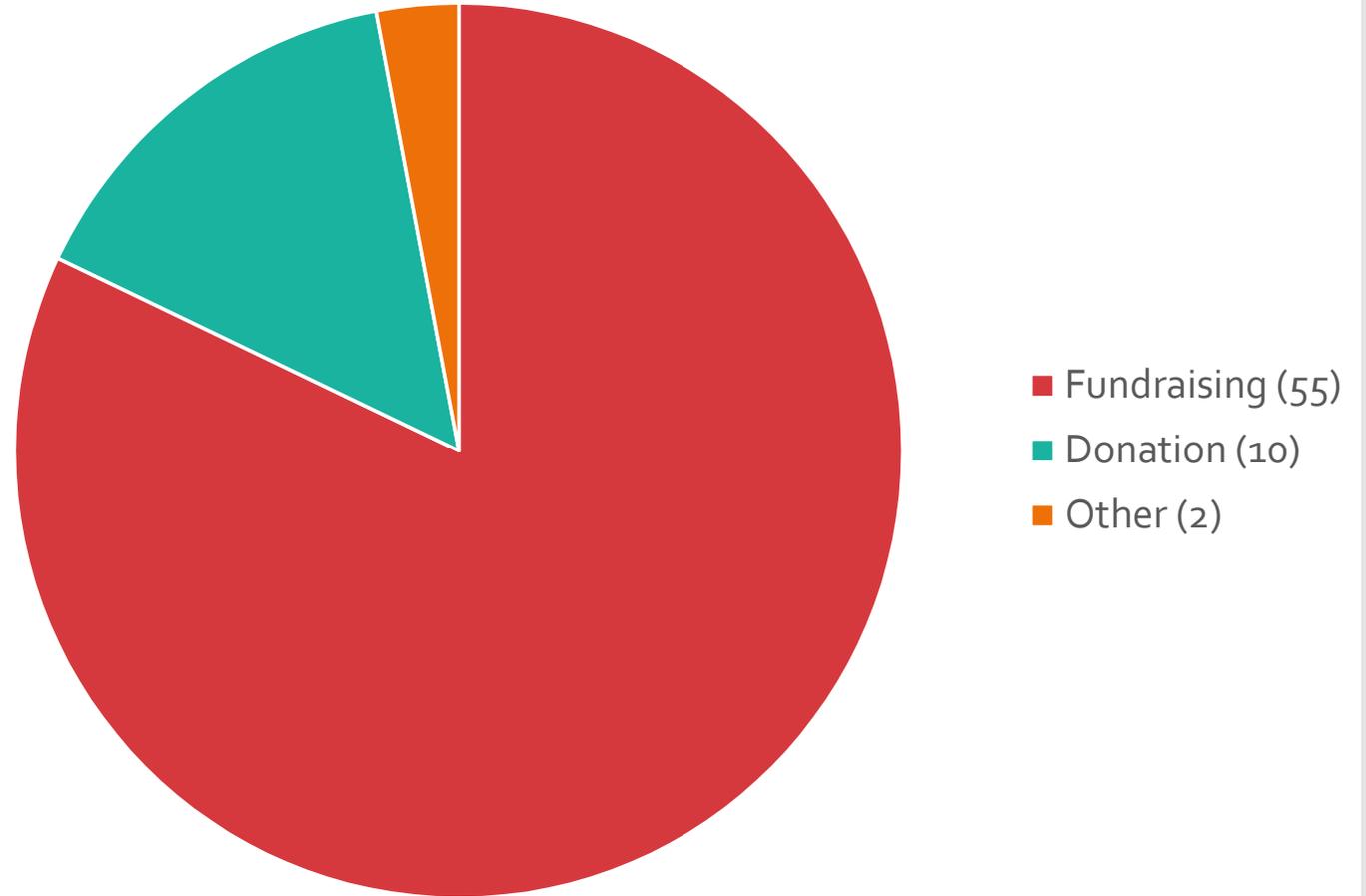
How many shares might you be willing to purchase?

52 people willing to purchase **298** shares

Value of total share purchase indicated **£7450**

## Question 5

Are there other ways (than share purchase) you could help with raising funds?



## Question 6 - 9

Would you be actively involved in setting up / running a new store?

**27** people **volunteered their time** to help **set up** a new store

**40** **volunteered to help** with its **running**

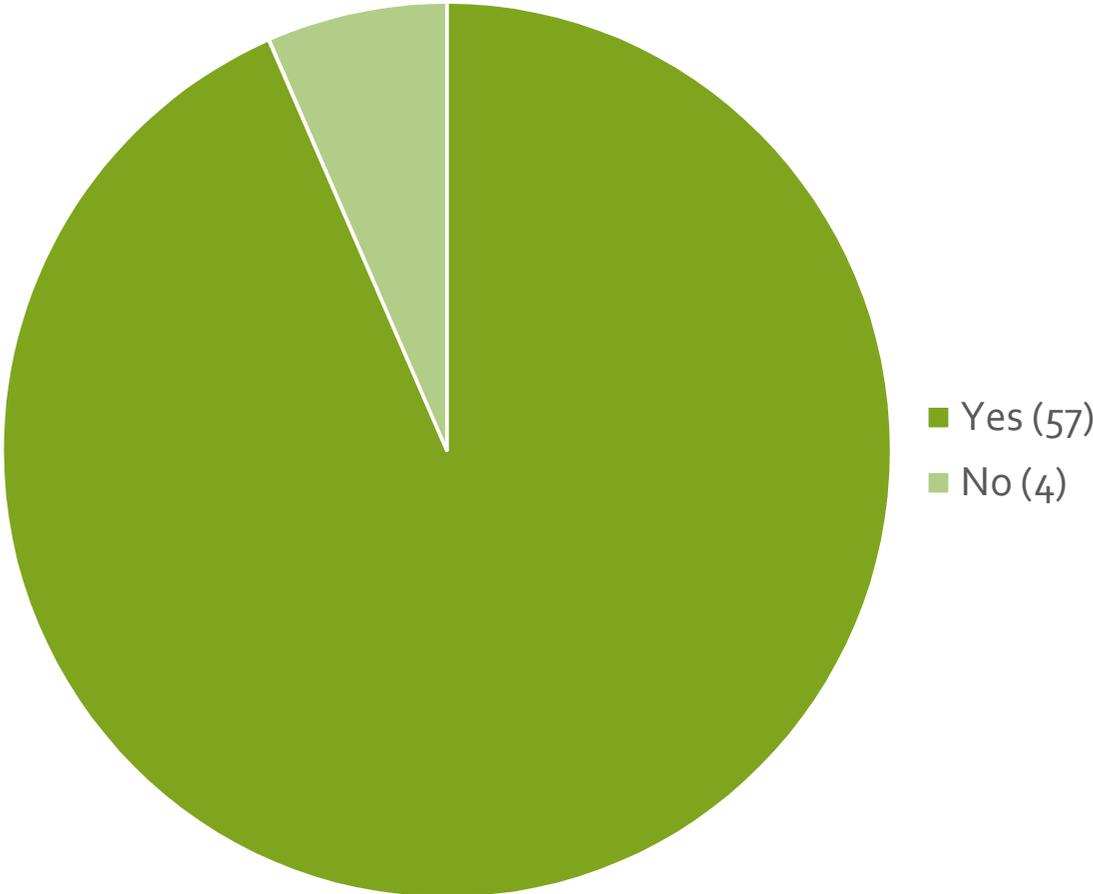
**15** indicated they **would commit** time **weekly** totalling 51 hours

**12** indicated they **would commit occasional** totalling 23 hours / week

**4** indicated an interest in a **part time paid role**

Question 10

Do you agree with providing a café area?



## Café comments

Serving of tea and coffee: as long as it doesn't conflict with Fox & Goose

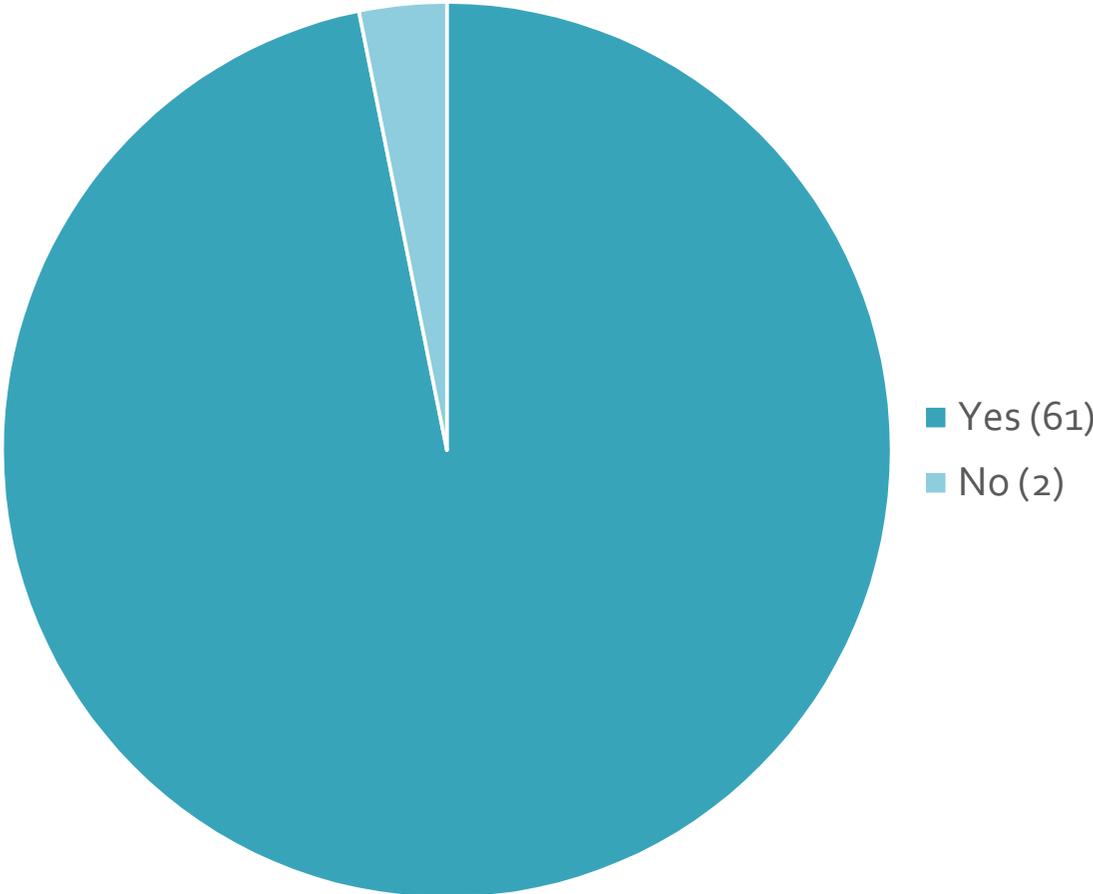
Serving coffees could be expensive

Take out teas and coffees

I'd want to see the shop viable first before a café was introduced

### Question 11

Do you agree with reusing the pavilion on Coronation Playing Field?



## Question 11a

(Those who answered no)  
Why do you disagree with repurposing the pavilion?

Existing purpose is fine

Don't need a shop in the park

## Village Hall

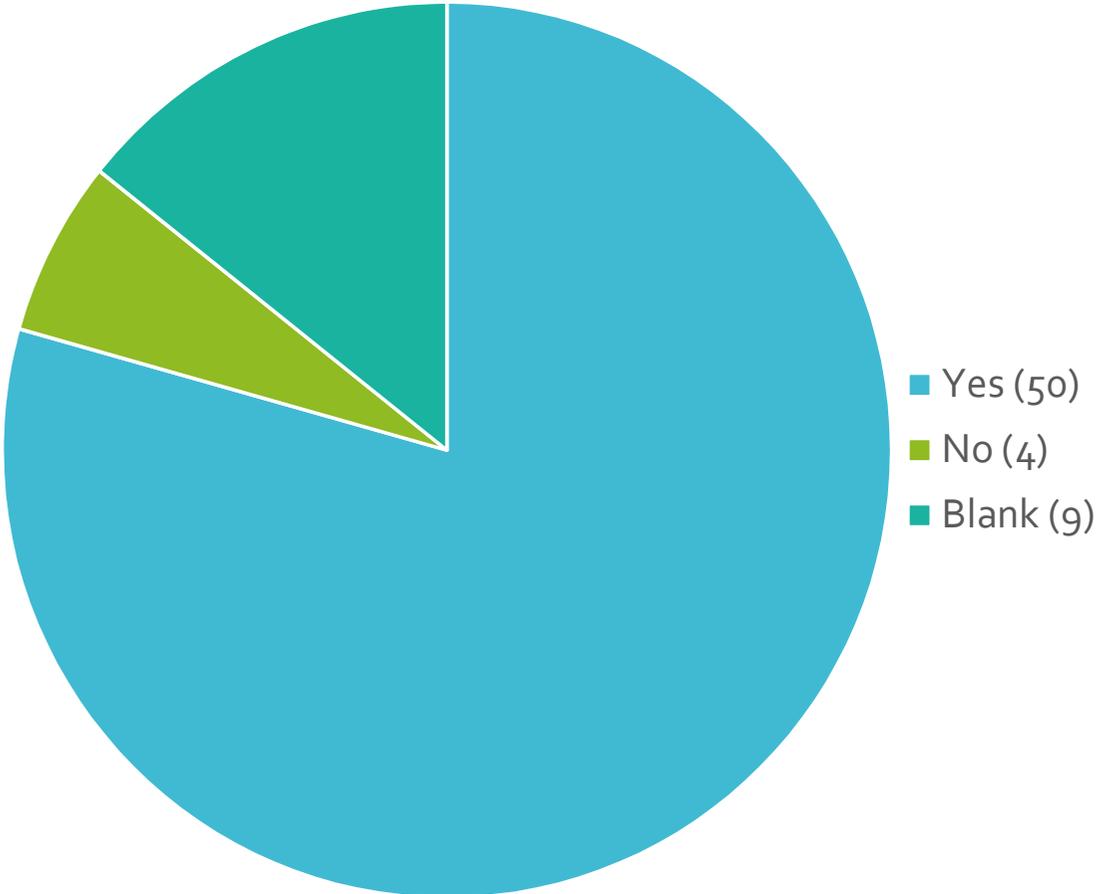
The Village Hall is currently leased from the RAOB by a Village Hall Charitable Trust with the Parish Council assisting them as a Custodian Trustee.

In August 2017 the RAOB decided to sell their freehold interest and as an asset of community value we have exercised our right to bid. The village hall section of the survey was to find out whether residents endorse purchase by the parish council and their views on whether the current hall meets the needs of the community.



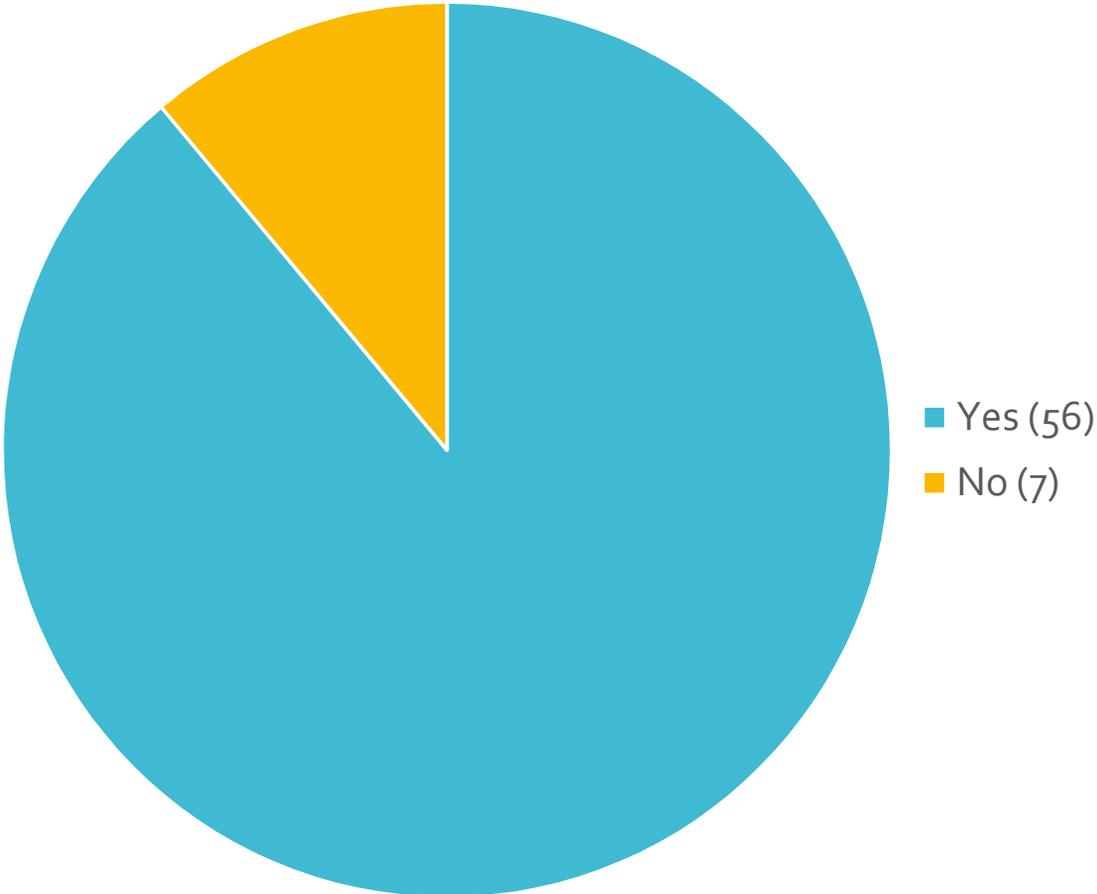
### Question 13

Do you agree with purchase of the RAOB Hall?



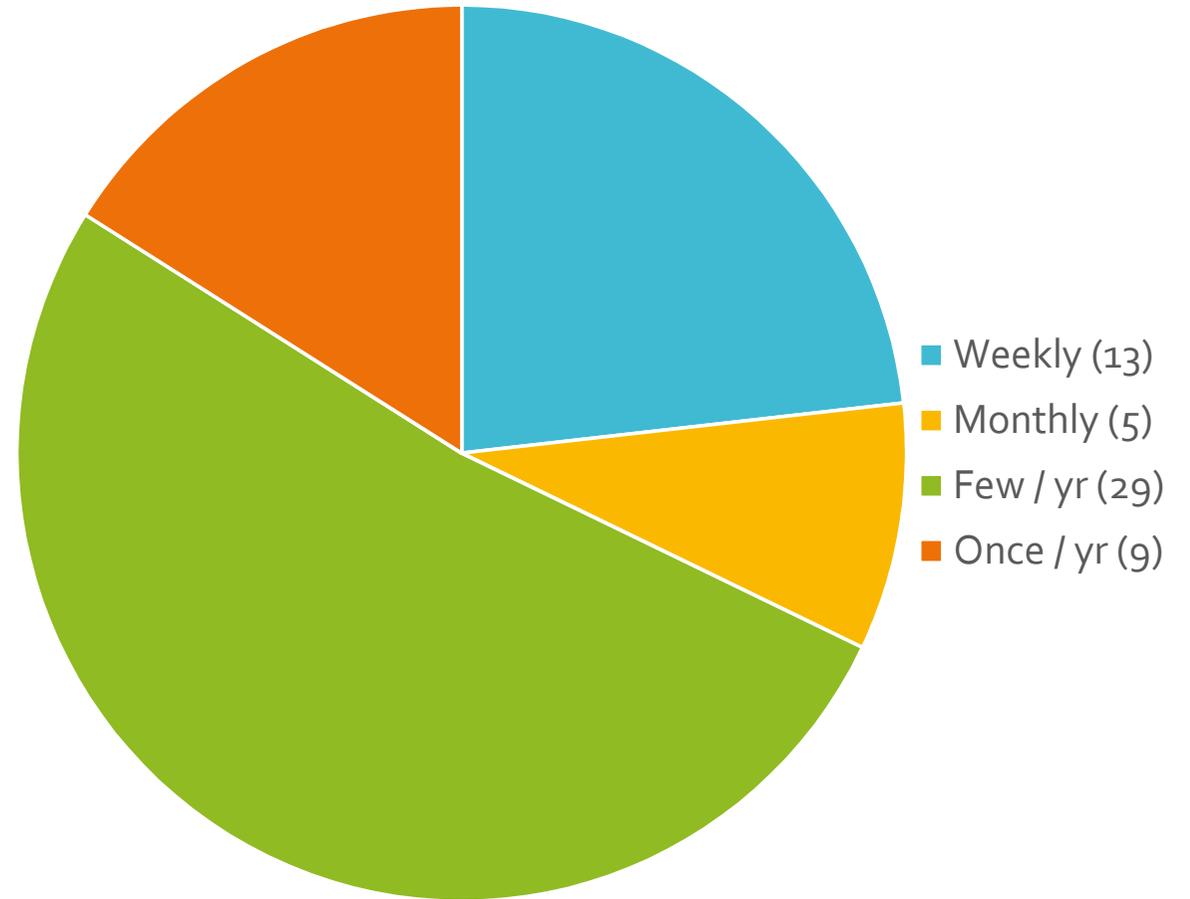
Question 14

Do you attend activities at the village hall?



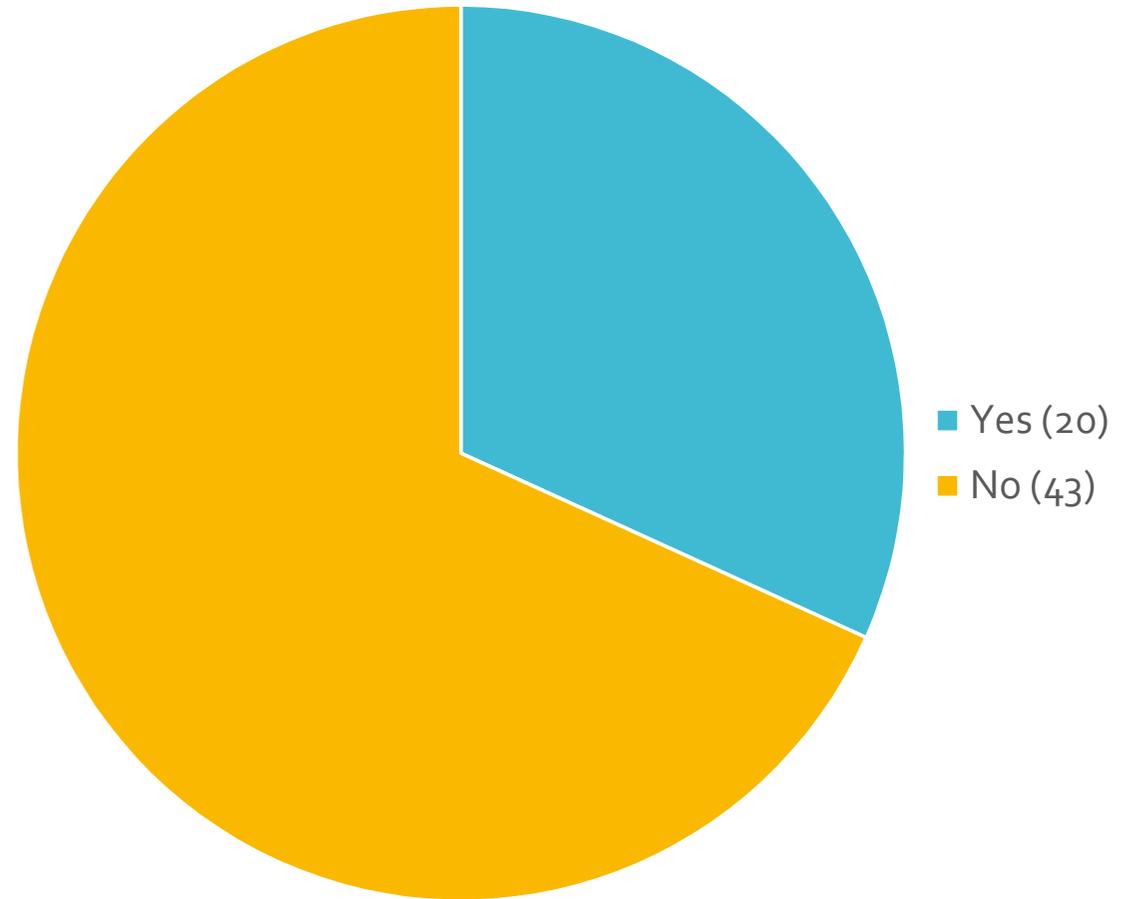
## Question 14a

(Of the 56 who answered yes)  
How often do you attend events in the hall?



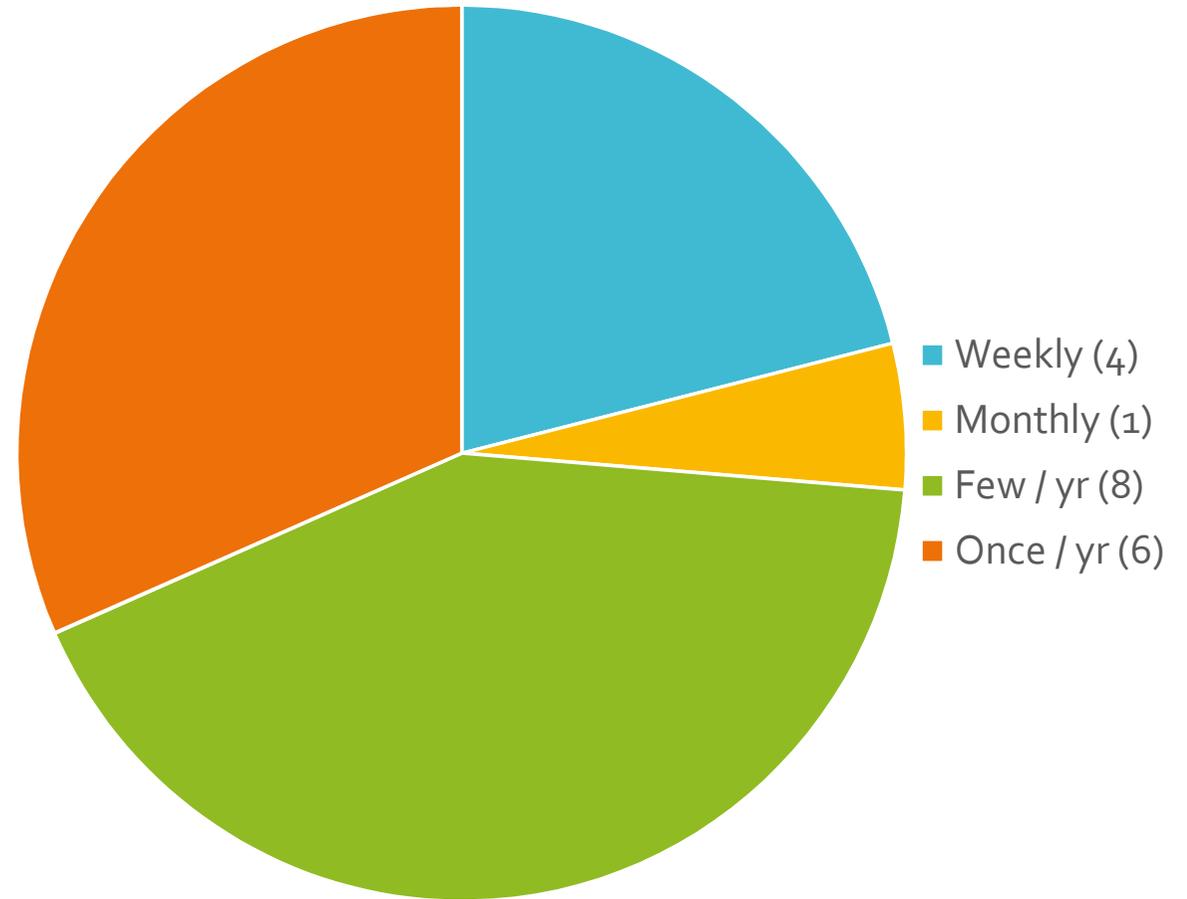
## Question 15

Do you  
regularly or  
have you  
booked the  
hall?



## Question 15a

(Of the 20 who answered yes)  
How often do you book the hall?



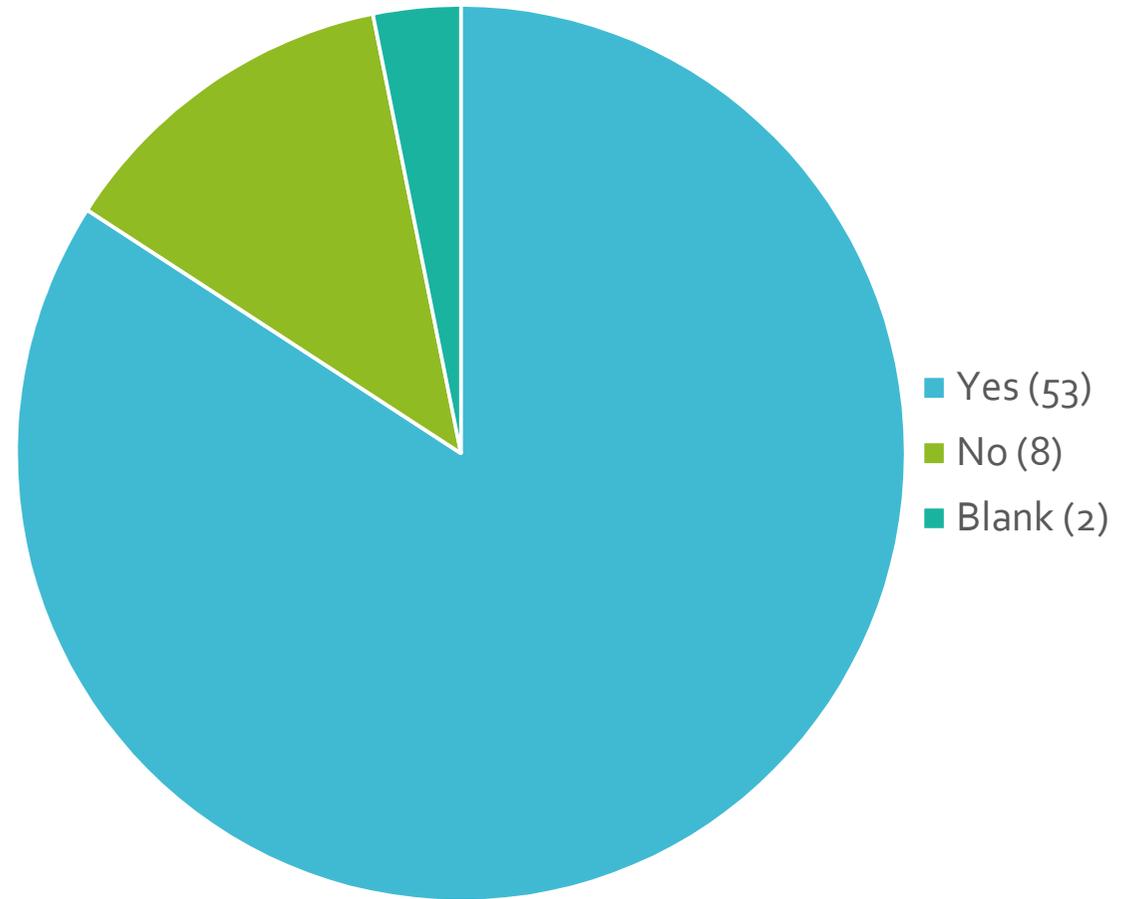
## Question 15b

For what purpose did you book the hall?

Band gigs	Family parties	Quiz night
Beaford Arts events	Family Wake	Salsa dancing
Birthday party	Fundraising events	Sports nights
Charitable events	Games evenings	Village party
Christening lunch	Leaving party	Wedding reception
Craft afternoons	Meetings	Whist drive
Family events	Pre-school toddler group	

## Question 16

Do you think the hall meets the needs of the village?



## Question 16a

If no in what ways do you think that the hall does not meet the needs of the village?

It's in a bad location - it would be better sited.

It requires a new roof.

There is no hot water which is really a problem when catering.

The hall needs serious modernisation/renovation costing a huge amount of money.

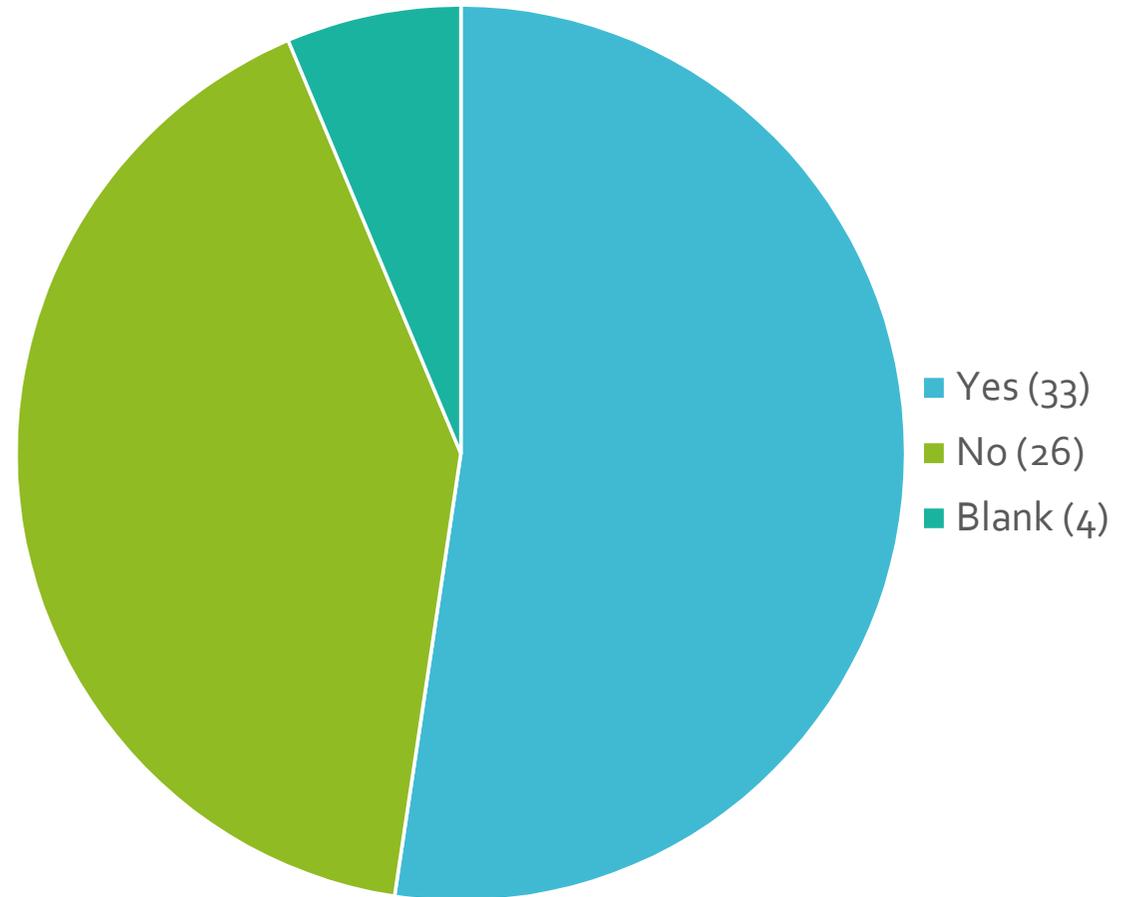
Better kitchen, loos, electrics

Too cold/poor heating.

Only one usable space/no side rooms.

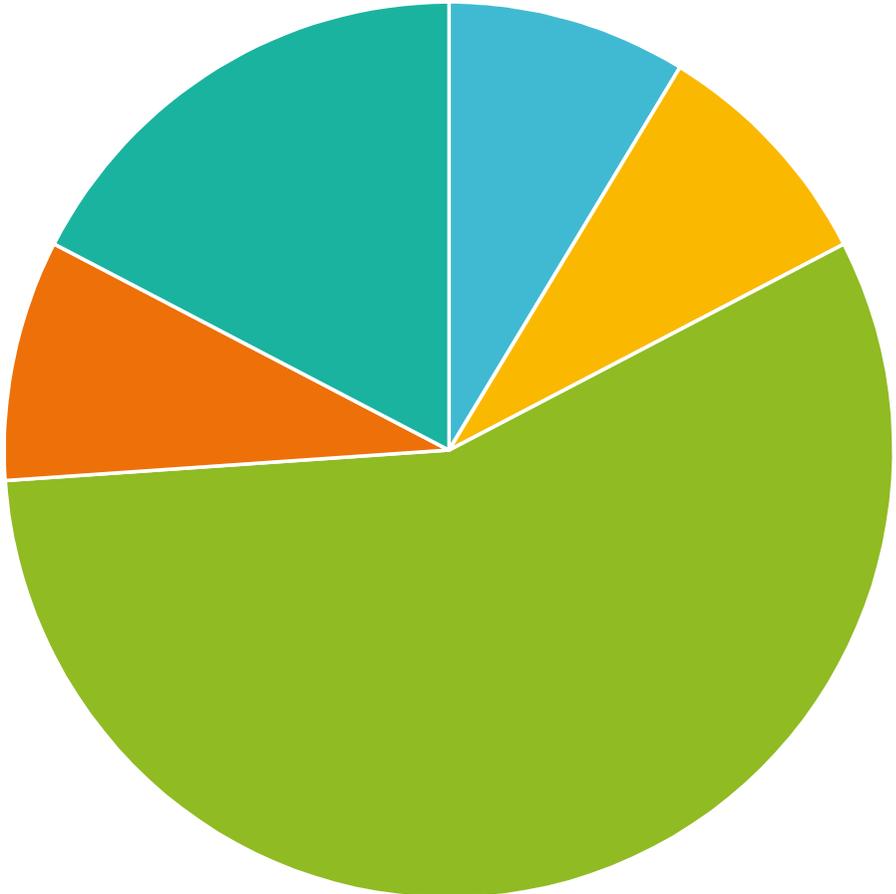
## Question 17

If a new hall could be located elsewhere would you support its relocation?



# Question 17a

If yes to relocation how would you see the existing hall being used?



- Education (2)
- Employment (2)
- Housing (13)
- Other community (2)
- Sell to finance new hall (4)

## Question 17b

If no to a new hall, what reasons would you not support it?

The existing hall adequately fulfils the requirements of our community and any necessary expenditure will be vastly less than the cost of a new facility

Any new hall on the playing field would reduce the playing space to an unacceptable degree

The current hall, renovated would be adequate

I would not like to see the playing field built on

Existing village hall seems OK for local needs

Would like the village hall to remain as the RAOB Hall

Good location where it is

Financially it would be a much greater undertaking and difficult to justify

With refurbishments and updating I think the existing hall meets the village's needs

I think the existing village hall serves the needs of the village

Village hall operates well for scale of village and parking availability/access for non-drivers

## Playing Field

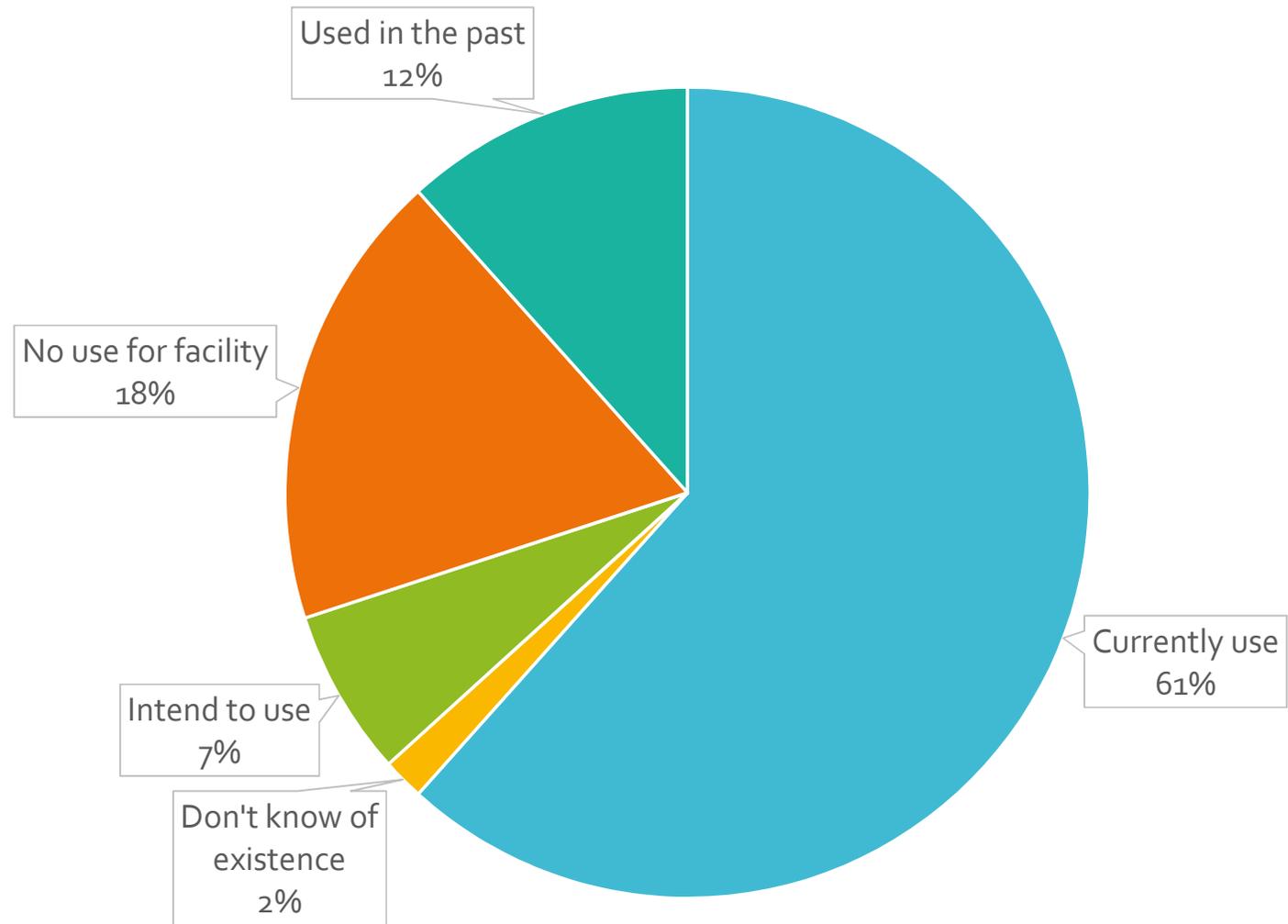
This questionnaire section was to find out how residents use and their views on the play facilities, tennis court and multi-use games area on the Coronation Playing Field.



## Question 19

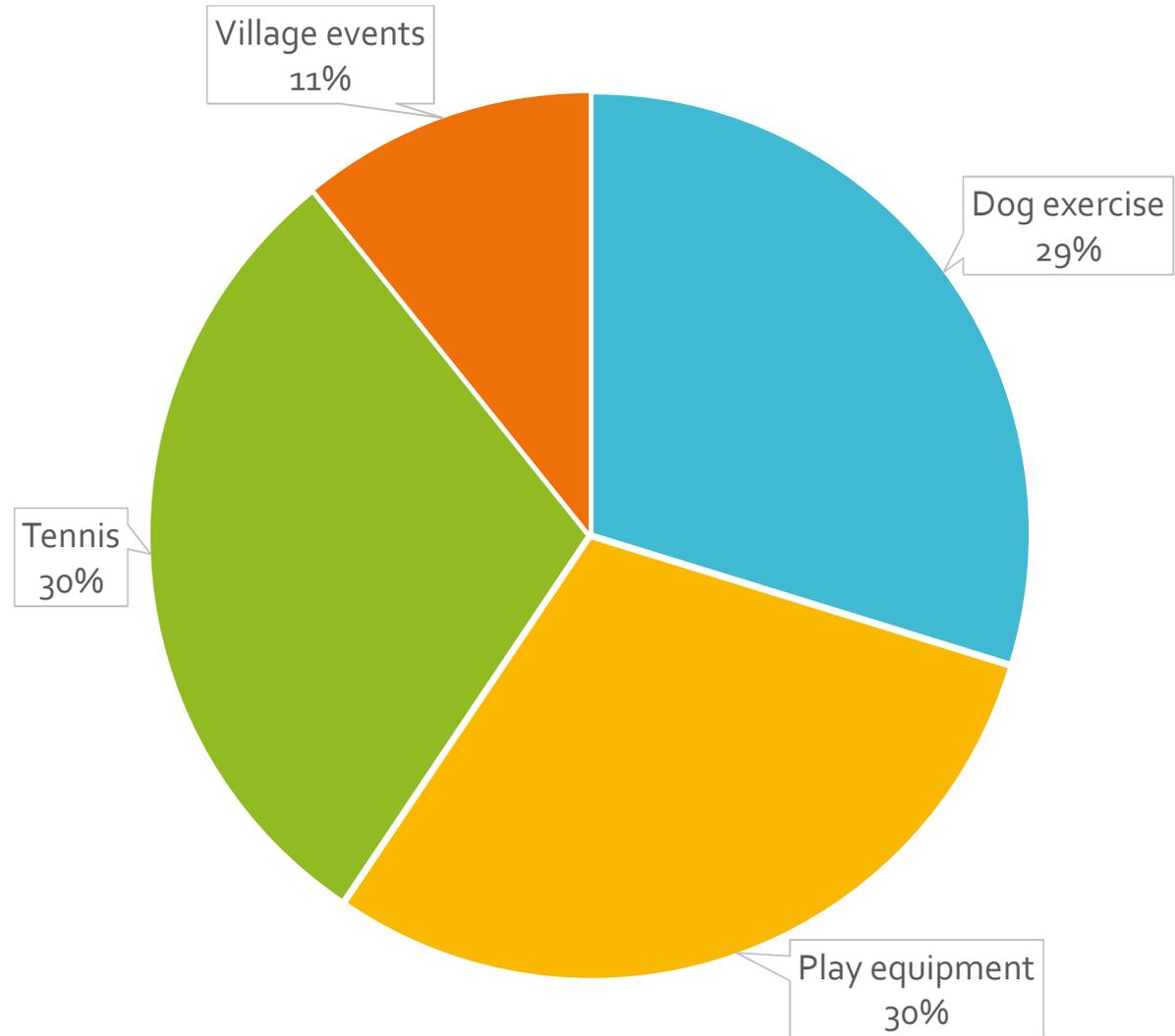
Please tell us  
how you use  
these facilities?

Respondents  
usage.



## Question 19

Of those who answered that they currently use, how they use the facilities.



## Question 20

Changes you think would encourage better use?

Suggestions for new facilities

Facility	
Skate park	One mention
Cycle track	One mention
Indoor facilities	Two people suggested indoor facilities for community and school use
Boules court	Two people suggested a boules court
Basket / netball hoops	Two people suggested hoops for basket and netball games on the tennis court
Goal posts	5 people suggested goal posts on the field
Shop / café	5 people thought that a shop and café would encourage better use of the field
Compost area	One person suggested a community compost area
Perimeter path	Two people suggested a perimeter path for walking and running
Benches	One person suggested benches around the field

# Playing Field Comments

The Coronation Playing Field must be protected for future generations

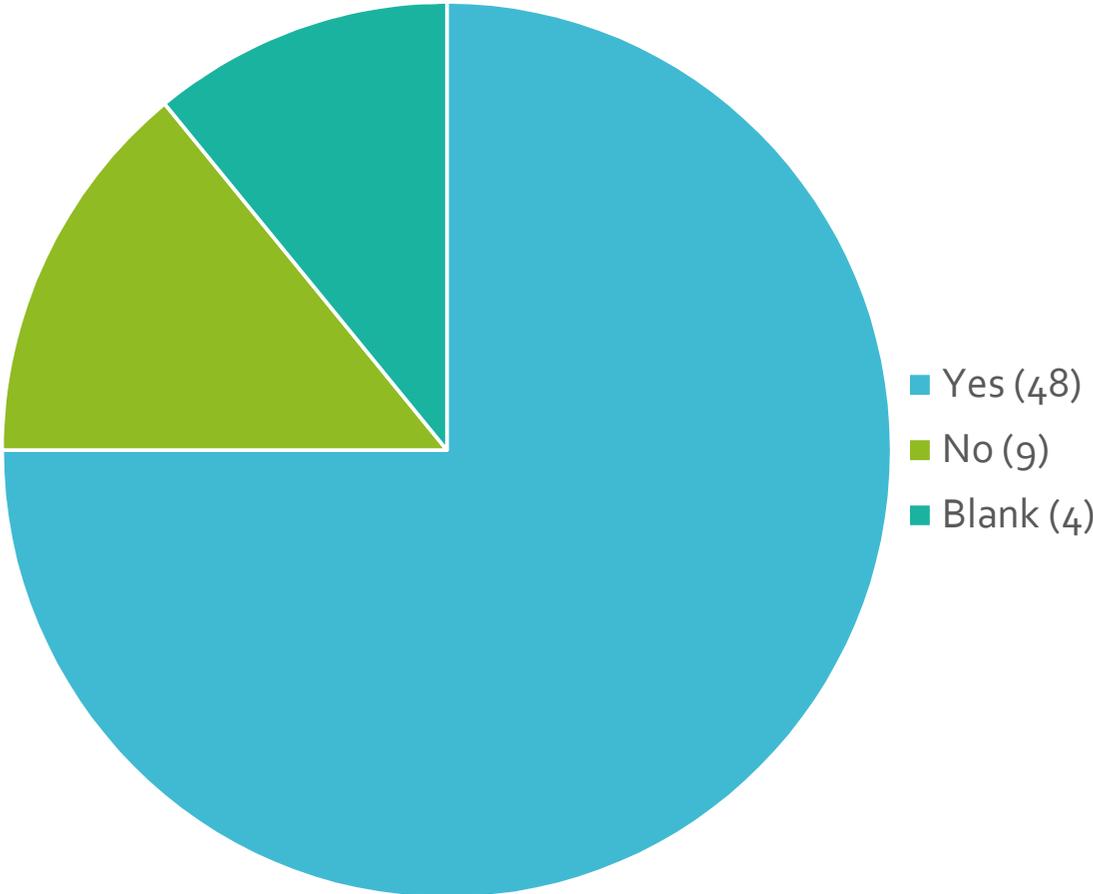
Having facilities is really important

Coronation Field could be valuable for hire by community

Enlargement [car parking] should not encroach on playing field area

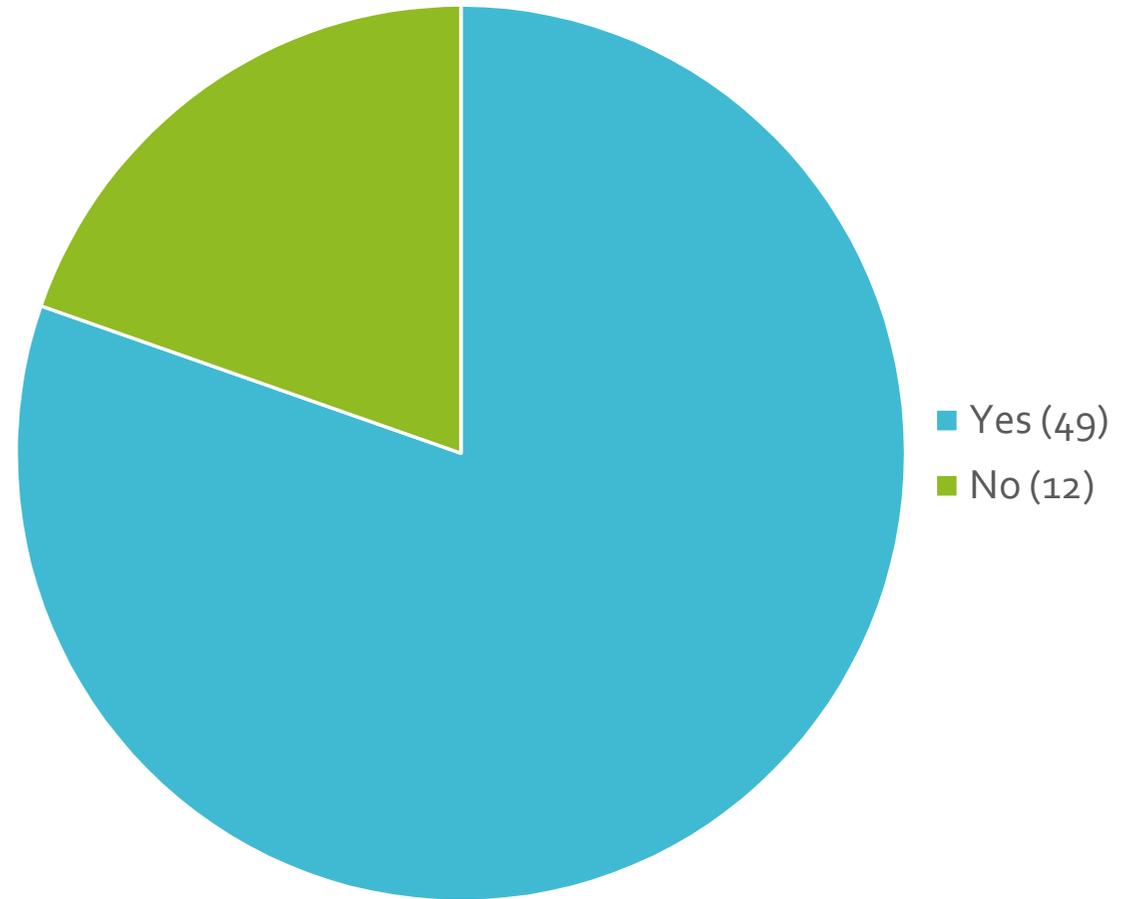
# Question 21a

Would you support a voluntary one-way system during school drop off and pickup?



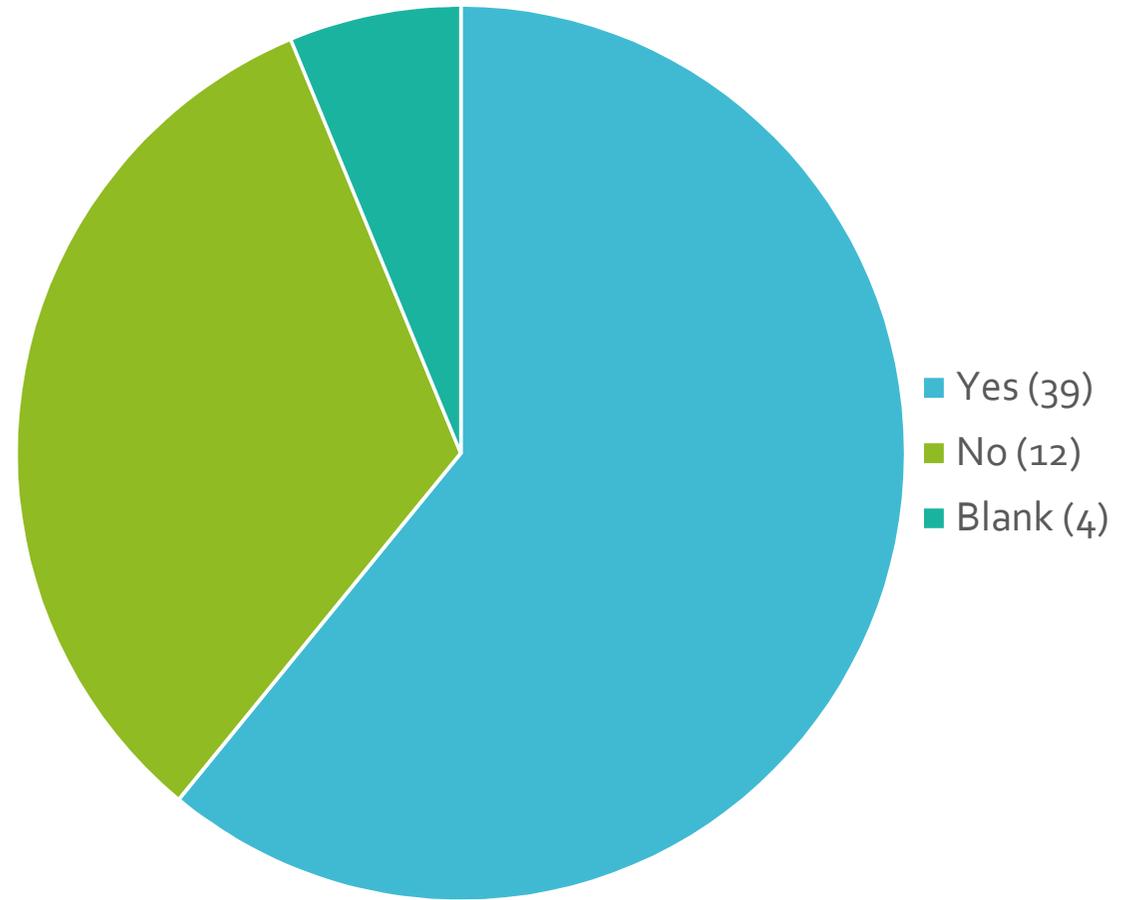
## Question 21b

Would you support measures to stop parking in passing places?



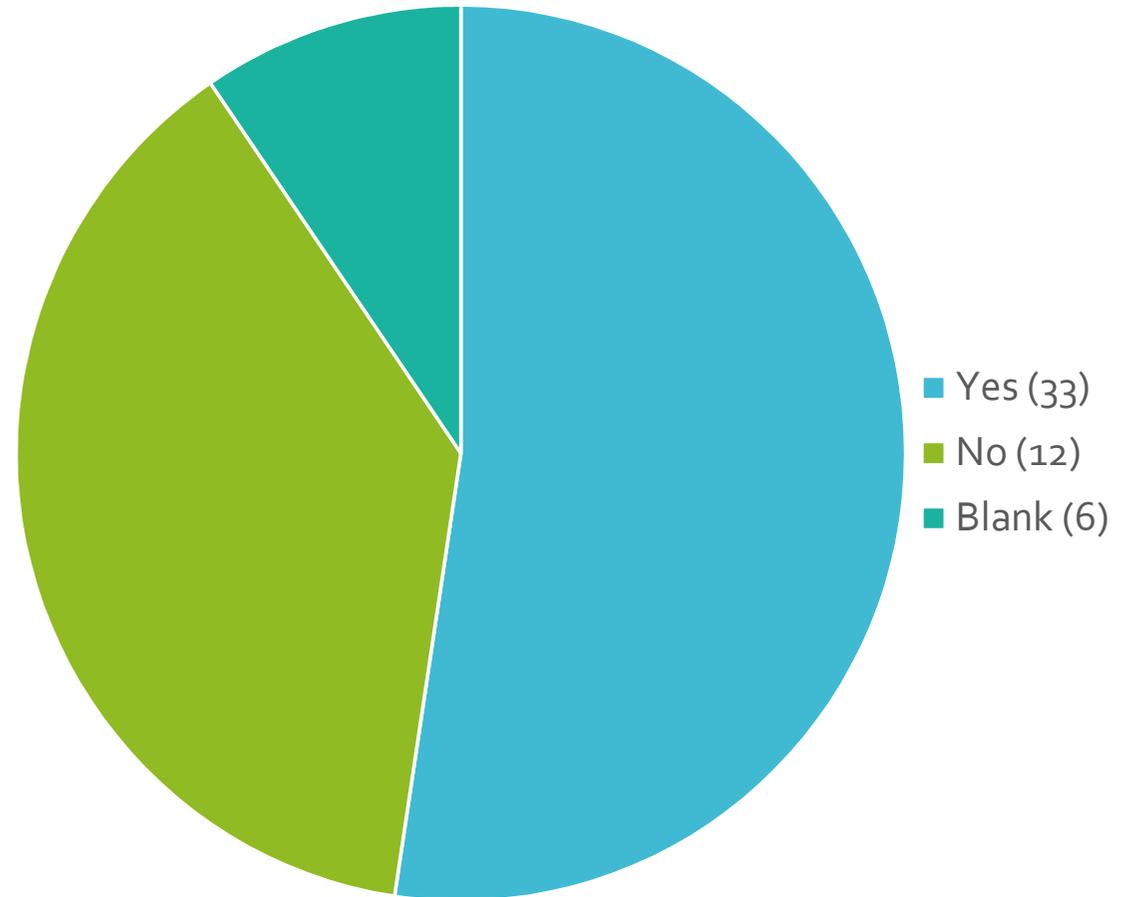
## Question 21c

Would you support disabled parking outside CP entrance?



## Question 21d

Would you support charging for overnight parking at the CP car park?



## Car parking comments

I am not aware of any parking issues in the village

If the shop goes ahead, then there should be one disabled space

Efficient use of available space [CPF] could accommodate 2-3 times as many cars as now

Parking [is an issue] in overtaking bays in Pencombe Rocks

Unnecessary parking on single track roads, ie. Bodley Lane

The brown tourist signs on either side of the village attract cars in. There is no space for parking and they clog the roads up. I suggest removing them

parking from Peel House to Jean & Kevin's causes problems for all traffic especially buses and vans

No parking on road outside school

No parking in church gateway.