**Minutes of the Village Consultation held on Thursday 10th September at 7.00pm in the Exhibition Room at the Village Hall.**

Present: John Wingham/Derek Bucknall and Tony Fessler (Project Team set up by the Trust) and approximately 60 Members of the Public.

John Wingham opened the meeting by thanking everyone for coming and gave a slide presentation on the Brockenhurst Village Trust and the Highwood Site History. He outlined the opportunity now available, the consultation and selection criteria and the suggested target timescales. He emphasized that any proposals would have to demonstrate a need and be financially viable. It was noted that there could be an oversupply of community rooms in the village.

The Trust’s position in any development will primarily be that of a facilitator for the community.

At the time of the meeting the following ideas had been put forward:

* Scout Hut
* Future extension of surgery related facilities
* Sports and or Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)
* More Allotments
* Car Parking (interim)
* Social Housing

During the open discussion the following ideas were aired:

* A tennis court, either on the current Highwood Road site or as part of a dual purpose tennis court/overflow car park. (Health and Safety concerns would need to be considered)
* A grassed recreational space - providing a flat, clean and safe space clear animal waste.
* Some Craft /Artisan Workshops
* A Nursery, Holiday and Youth Club

Alan Mycroft (Scouts) and Lynsey Davis (MUGA) then gave a joint slide presentation.

Alan would like the scouts to have a permanent village home and showed where a new scout hut could possibly be built on the site. Lynsey would like the site to provide safe, free and accessible sports facilities. (Potentially tennis/netball/basketball/a 5 -a side pitch and a climbing wall). Funding for sport facilities could come from Sports England and Big Lottery. Any remaining area after the scout hut and Multi Use Sports Facility would form a grassed open area. It was suggested by Neil Smart that the Primary School might like to have use of the sporting facilities and their potential position so close to the school would be ideal.

The Trust undertook to circulate the minutes and contact everyone who had made a suggestion to understand them in more detail and to establish if there may be suitable collaboration between groups.

New suggestions are also welcome. Once a better understanding of the proposals is known they will be considered by the Trust Board with a view to arranging a further consultation evening. The Trust would pursue the ideas as quickly as it could.

The meeting closed just before 9.00pm.