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### **To Whom it May Concern**

I can confirm that on the above date I undertook an independent count of ballot papers resulting from a survey of Culworth residents regarding their views on plans for a new combined village hall and cricket pavilion.

The results of the count were as follows:

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>"For" the proposed development</b>	220	89% of votes cast
<b>"Against" the proposed development</b>	27	11% of votes cast
<b>Abstentions</b>	1	<1% of votes cast
<b>Total ballot papers returned</b>	248	72% return

Process, notes and comments:

- I received two ballot boxes from Mrs Jose Rowling – these appeared well sealed and tamper-free
- Boxes were opened by me, emptied and checked and surplus paper removed (second instruction parts of sheets attached to voting forms, envelopes etc).
- Two voting forms were in envelopes marked for "independent tally person" – duly opened by me
- Forms were sorted into order and the following observations were made:
  - Several forms had the ballot numbers removed – usually with notes requesting anonymity. These have been included in the count above.
  - Several forms had duplicate numbers (114 / 210 / 211 / 212 / 215). On inspection, this appears to be a genuine marking error and there was no evidence of copying. These forms are (all) included in the count above
  - 1 form appears to have been photocopied – this has been included in the count above.
  - 1 form returned in an envelope had commentary written on the outside asserting that the "ballot had been fixed"
  - Total number of forms were counted and checked
  - Forms were sorted into "Yes", "No" and "Abstain" piles and recounted then checked.
  - Some forms included comments and suggestions – these have been included in the count
- My wife, Gillian Keenan assisted in the above process and verified the actual count which was undertaken by me.

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