

Pavilion Working Group report to Preston Parish Council
22 January 2026

The PWG has held 7 meetings.

Key points from the last meeting are:

- Feedback from the Parish Council meeting was provided
- The brief to architects was too wide and it is not possible to get costings without drawings.
- Information required in stages is:
 - i. initial drawings
 - ii. indicative costings provided by a Quantity Surveyor,
 - iii. initial drawings to be converted into plans for a planning application
- It is likely that the architect selected for the initial drawings will be asked to produce final plans
- Resolutions request agreement by the Parish Council for the first and third of these tasks at this meeting
- A resolution for costings will be presented at a later meeting
- The PWG would like to obtain pre-application advice for a new access by accepting the quote from Ridge
- This would effectively be moving the access, not adding a new one
- If a newly positioned access is possible, the existing gate will be closed to vehicles and would become pedestrian only and therefore safer
- A new access would avoid vehicles driving on the pitch during a match making it safer for players,
- The headlines from the village survey will be posted on the village website with a link provided by PNS and in the newsletter.
- The Chairman and Clerk are working with The Preston Trust and local organisations to publish the availability of their facilities on the village website.
- It is noted that the Parish Council and the Cricket Club have had a positive working relationship for a long time and this is expected to continue.

The PPC is requested to:

- a. NOTE the contents of this update.
- b. To accept the quote from Ridge for pre-application advice. Quotation to be circulated separately. The cost, estimated to be about £5000, to be split 50:50 with the cricket club.
- c. To simplify the resolution from the last meeting and ask the architects to quote for producing initial drawings for both a new build and an extension. The PWG to recommend which quotation to accept in preparation for the March Parish Council meeting
- d. At the same time, to ask the architects to quote for working up plans for the selected option to be suitable for submission for a planning application. It is anticipated that once a company has been asked to produce initial plans they would be asked to continue with the project.
- e. To accept a quote from The Parkinson Partnership LLP to provide advice on the VAT implications of the proposed pavilion extension or replacement, including options available to maximise VAT recovery, for a fixed fee of £1,450 plus VAT.