

Pavilion Working Group report to Preston Parish Council 22 October 2025

The PWG has held 5 meetings.

Key points from the last meeting are:

Outcome of Surveys:

- There was a return of 31.3% for the village and 6.6% for the cricket club survey.
- The PWG considered that the response was positive.
- Respondents were thanked in the October newsletter
- Membership of the PWG was supplied to residents via the newsletter
- The Chairman has met the resident who volunteered to help as a structural engineer
- It was considered that no 'new' proposed uses for the pavilion recreational space had been revealed by the survey.
- It is clear that what is required is a recreational space, larger than the village hall, and available for autumn/winter daytime access and spring/summer daytime access.
- Autumn / winter evening access could be considered if health and safety issues could be met.
- It was suggested that the Parish Council should contact other organisations, asking them to inform the community of the availability of their recreational spaces.
- The PWG noted that location, access, parking and lighting were raised in the surveys. Location and access were addressed during the meeting. Having asked residents for their views, the PWG needs to take them into account to ensure that all viable options are considered.

Extension or new build Pavilion

- Informal reports from a local builder, New Forest Log Cabins and a NHDC Planning Officer were considered
- It was agreed that either an extension or new build would require at least £1m capital.
- Discussion centred on the location of the pavilion and whether it should be sited in a different place.
- It was agreed that architects' drawings are required to ensure specific plans and accurate quotes are considered.
- It was suggested and agreed that architects could be approached for a fee proposal to draw up preliminary sketches including alternative locations. These would help a decision to be made on exactly what is required before detailed plans are drawn up.
- Subject to Parish Council agreement, funding could be made available for this proposal.
- If this was accepted, preliminary sketches and alternative locations could be available for the next PWG meeting in November.

Possibility of new access to Recreation Ground

- The access issues, especially in winter, were raised in the survey.
- The PWG would like to consider the feasibility of a new access.
- DP will take informal advice from a traffic consultant
- Informal advice from a NHDC Planning Officer is:
 - a. In principle, the planning authority wouldn't rule out a new access, but would be guided by Highways.
 - b. New access would have to be included in the overall planning application.

The PPC is requested to:

- a. NOTE the contents of this update.
- b. To consider contacting other village organisations: the village hall committee, Preston Primary School and St Martin's Church committee asking them to inform the community of the availability of their recreational spaces.
- c. To consider and decide which fee proposal to accept to allow preliminary sketches and alternative locations to be provided to the PWG. Proposals will be circulated separately.