

Pavilion Working Group report to PPC 10 July 2025

The WPG have held 2 meetings.

Purpose

- The purpose is to provide a pavilion which can be used more widely by the community and to meet the criteria required by the ECB for the league in which Preston Cricket Club is currently playing.
- It is too early to decide whether an extension to the existing pavilion or a new build will be recommended.
- A range of informal advice is being sought to indicate what is feasible.

Criteria

- The criteria for community use will be established when the outcome of the Parish Survey is available.
- Certain ECB requirements have to be met but some are not required in a pavilion which is not solely for cricket.
- In a cricket pavilion, there has to be a bench seat at the front of the changing room (but screened off from it) with an eye line to the square for players padding up.
- Some of the ECB requirements are flexible if appropriate alternatives are proposed – eg – the padding-up bench at the front of each primary changing room might not be ‘essential’ if a covered veranda with benches facing the play is in place too. This is the current situation with the Preston pavilion.
- Enquiries are being made about current building regulations, eg if an upper floor is included is a lift an essential requirement?

Fund Raising

- Some funding sources have been identified
- Two member of the WPG are mapping out which sources might be relevant to Preston
- Key facts and narratives needed to populate grant applications are being prepared
- Data will be added when it becomes available

Storage

More storage is required. It is suggested that additional storage could be installed in the compound, which is secure and for PCC use only. This should be actioned soon, so that it is available to PCC when work starts on the pavilion.

VAT

- Initial advice indicates that some aspects of a multi-use pavilion will be non-business and some will be VAT exempt. If there is a planned mixture of exempt and non-business activities, then the VAT on costs may have to be apportioned between activities to reflect this.
- As the right to recover VAT depends on the nature of activities that will be carried out, the source of the funding is not a determining factor.
- As this building project will involve substantial sums of VAT some specialist support will be required and a quotation for VAT consultancy work should be sought at the appropriate time.

The PPC is requested to:

- a. NOTE the contents of this update.
- b. To agree and approve an electronic parish survey regarding the use of recreation space in the pavilion.
- c. To allow Preston Cricket Club to install additional storage facilities in the Compound and to support a planning application should it be required.
- d. To agree to take formal advice on the VAT implications of refurbishment or a new build from a qualified VAT expert.