

**Pavilion Working Group report to Preston Parish Council
15 April 2026**

The PWG has held 9 meetings.

Key points from the last meeting are:

- One member of the public attended the meeting as an Observer.
- The PWG noted feedback from the last Parish Council meeting
- Members reported on two online meetings with architects
- Both provided a strong presentation of their experience, capability and teams.
- The fee levels are very similar with payment schedules outlined in a similar way.
- References were made available to the group
- Following discussion, Pentangle was selected for the following reasons:
 - They are a local firm
 - They have a strong understanding of the area and the community
 - They have established working relationships with local planning officials.
 - The Working Group are of the view that they would be the best 'fit' for our requirements
 - They would provide reassurance to local stakeholders being based in the area
 - Similar local projects demonstrate their capability (Hitchin Rugby Club)
- It was noted that ECB requirements come into play when there is a planning submission as Sport England will be a consultee.
- Sport England will look to ECB to ensure relevant criteria have been included in the plans.
- ECB requirements are not affected by the level of cricket being played.
- The PWG considered the modified terms of reference which will be finalised by email and presented to the Parish Council for consideration at its next meeting.
- Members agreed to produce a "lessons learned" document at the next meeting to ensure the PWG does not unintentionally go beyond its Terms of Reference.
- The PWG noted that it will be invited to take part in the Annual Parish Meeting in May.
- The PWG will agree the report at its next meeting.
- A member of the group volunteered to read it at the Annual Parish Meeting.

The PPC is requested to:

- a) NOTE the contents of this update.
- b) To accept the quotation of £6000 from Pentangle, a local company, to provide preliminary drawings for the development of the pavilion. In addition to accept the quotation of £190 for the provision of basic costings for the project. The costs will be matched funded by Preston Cricket Club so the amount for the Parish Council will be £3095 paid from section 106 funding allocated to the pavilion
- c) To agree and accept the revised Terms of Reference for the Pavilion Working Group.