

Pavilion Refurbishment Project

The Parish Council has agreed to embark on a number of consultation events aimed at gaining residents' views on the refurbishment and extension of the pavilion situated in the recreation ground in the village (South Ward).

These events aim to raise residents' awareness and gain their opinions and thoughts on this important project. Steps to date include:

- The Community Plan 2016 was delivered to every resident to garner opinion on a number of projects. The most popular projects were taken forward and whilst several have now been completed, this large project remains ongoing. Of the 429 responding residents, 180 stated that the provision of a new community hall was one of their main priorities.
- A Feasibility Study was commissioned in October 2017. Cambs ACRE spoke with all of the local community groups which currently use other facilities within the Parish. For a number of reasons, these groups have not given any conclusive evidence that they would use a different facility.
- Review of local community or village halls – size, build cost, running cost, usage, average hourly rental.
- Review of businesses and community groups – need, resources available for rental costs, storage needs, average usage and average users per session needed for the group to operate.

The Parish Council can see a benefit to refurbishing the pavilion and effectively future proofing it for both residents and potential new user groups, despite the lack of conclusive evidence of need as shown in the Feasibility Study. In its current state, the layout is not suitable for many activities, nor is it large enough or modern enough to encourage use. There are no disabled facilities or entrance pathways.

A number of plans were put forward with the aim of reviewing three options – a basic refurbishment, a refurbishment and extension, or a full rebuild. Having considered the plans presented and indicative costings, Cllrs have chosen to base these upcoming consultations on refurbishing and extending the current facility. The consultation will be based on the drawing overleaf:

The objective for this building is to provide:

- A flexible social space which is large enough to encompass a variety of activities
- Access for the whole community
- A space which can be used by a wide range of community groups

Cost: Indicative cost of building is £638,566, excluding VAT.

Costs do not include the cost of increasing the size of the current car park to meet the local planning policy requirements and the provision of a path from car park to pavilion.

Parish Council Funds to be put towards the building: £80,792. An additional £65,994 may be available from CiL and s106 funds, which would give a total of £146,786.

Funding: At this stage the minimum fundraising needed on the build alone will be: £577,774 excluding VAT or £491,780 excluding VAT if all potential CiL and s106 funds are granted.

We have a number of funding options we will review after the results of this consultation. These include a mix of community, private and public funding options.

Management costs: Cost of running the building will be reviewed after the results of the consultation and any agreed changes. Hire charges would be set to be competitive with other similar venues.

What we need at this stage are:

- Your views on the space available and the facilities
- Other ideas you may have for the layout or space
- Your thoughts on the plans – do they offer good value for the parish funds and needs?
- Your involvement – would you like to be involved in the project, or can you provide any expertise?

The consultations are purely for sharing ideas and fact-finding. Final decisions taken will not rest solely on the results of the consultation, but the ideas brought forward are invaluable. Ideas will be carefully considered and will help us shape a space to take forward to the next stage.

The dates for the consultations will be advertised on the website, www.cheveley-pc.gov.uk, the Parish Council Facebook page and on notice boards. Events will be held at **The Pavilion on Saturday 19 Jan, 10am-12pm or Sunday 3 Feb, 1-3pm**, Or at **Newmarket URC Tennis Club on Saturday 26 January - 2.00-4.00pm or Thursday 7 Feb - 6.00-8.00pm**. Further dates will be released as they are confirmed.

The images below will be added to the website where they can be viewed in a larger format.



