

Williton War Memorial Ground Trustee

New Pavilion and Improvements to the Recreation Ground- Update

I am sure that by now, most readers are aware that the Planning Committee at its meeting on 4th December approved the planning application for the Pavilion Project.

Their decision provides the Parish Council an opportunity to consider a number of improvements to the Recreation Ground that will provide the community with up to date sports, leisure and social facilities that will be fully accessible to all.

Central to the scheme will be the replacement of the old grand stand, now the tractor shed, with a Pavilion type building that will include new changing rooms, disabled facilities, a public space suitable for a variety of sporting and social activities, an equipped kitchen that will cater for up to 100 people and public toilets. The building will be accessed by a new pedestrian link from Robert Street to Long Street with disabled parking available adjacent to the building. Additional sports facilities are planned for the now redundant community hall site, where a flood lit Multi Use Games Area is being proposed, this will provide a year round sports capability.

The scheme will also address and enhance the memorial aspects of the ground through the creation of a hard standing to the front war memorial and remembrance garden.

The working group now have to explore all the potential funding opportunities in order that we can commence the next phase of the project which is the detail design. During this phase we will be looking to involve potential users so that we can, where practical, incorporate their requirements within the design.

The new site plan is currently on display within the foyer of the Parish Office and the planning application will remain on line for those who wish to view the entire planning documentation.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk to the Charity, Sarah Towells on Tel 01984 633979 or by email: willitonpc2@btconnect.com should you require any further information regarding the Pavilion Project, or if you wish to register your interest as a user, or assist the project in any way.

Councillor Bill Vaughan