

Williton Pavilion Project

Project Update.

At its recent meeting, the Trustee agreed the amended design for the building and it has now submitted for planning approval. For those who have not seen the new floor plan, the building now includes a 7M x 5M meeting room on the ground floor, baby changing facilities and a modified first floor that now includes a larger meeting room, disabled toilet and is accessed by a lift from the foyer. The modified first floor is included as an option for pricing purposes and will only be included within the main build if affordable and covered by the existing grants, if not it will become a roof storage area for future development.

As part of the pricing exercise we are including the remodelling of the old building, this includes a unisex public toilet (opened during the day) small mess room for ground staff and additional storage for ground equipment.

A copy of the amended drawings for both the ground and 1st floor are now on display in the Parish Council office foyer.

A further meeting was held with the User Management Group who will play an important role in the long term management of the building. They will form a Steering Group, advising the Trustee on future requirements for equipment and improvements to the facility.

The working group along our Project Manager Chris Mitchell still has plenty to do to meet the December deadline and to assist with the Project Plan, we have now appointed the remainder of the Professional team they are, Baker Ruff Hannon – who will provide the services of a Quantity Surveyors and Houghton Greenlees Associates who will provide the services of Mechanical & Electrical Engineer .

A spin off from the main project has been the improvements to the War Memorial, funded by the S106 Williton development money from West Somerset Council, plus money set aside by the Trustee. This task is being managed by the Parish Council on the Trustee's behalf and progress remains on schedule, work should be completed well in time for this year's Armistice Day service. These improvements should not be confused with the planned memorial garden as this is currently priced within the main project and will follow the construction of the building.

Councillor Bill Vaughan