

## **Williton Pavilion Project**

### **Project Update.**

March has been an eventful month, construction of the main steel frame commenced just as we were experiencing freezing temperatures and snow, thankfully, this quickly cleared and did not cause any significant delay. The main steel frame and upper roof level was completed on time and the flooring for this area should be completed by mid March. Work will then start on the lower level sections of the building and the Pavilion will start to take shape.

During the month we also met with our partners West Somerset Council and EDF Energy for a project review. This was followed by the signing of the main contract for the construction phase of the project with our contractor HBC, this activity had to wait until the final design for the building had been agreed.

We have received some questions about the building and for clarification, the main hall will be 9M x 18M with a wooden semi sprung floor, marked for Badminton and there will be a temporary stage available that will be adjustable in height and size. The ground floor meeting room will be 7M x 5M and the 1<sup>st</sup> floor meeting room will be 6M x 4.7M.

The annual Parish Assembly will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> April at Danesfield School where we will give a detailed account on progress, along with an indication of some of the challenges we have faced and design changes that have occurred since work commenced.

We are pleased to announce that the website is now active though still under construction, it will evolve as we move forward and hopefully by the end of April it will have all the required information available for the booking process. This will include an active calendar to allow potential users to see availability and the type of activities that are taking place.

With the Pavilion comes an opportunity for employment, the charity would like to hear from anybody living locally who, would be interested in offering their services as a self-employed cleaner, the basic hours will be 2 hours per week on a Monday though the job role will be a flexible arrangement and the total number of hours required each week will be based on the frequency and type of bookings. An hourly rate will be agreed with the charity which shall be reviewed on an annual basis. As the building will not be available until November, this is a request for information and an opportunity for somebody to register their interest, nearer the time they will be contacted and invited along for an interview.

Also, as part of the Pavilion Project we made improvements to the War Memorial, most evident being the hard standing and CCTV, we have also upgraded the electrical supply within the building to support activities to be held on the ground. This work has been undertaken in conjunction with the RBL who for their part, have for a number of years, maintained the garden within the gated area. At the request of the RBL, the charity has agreed to adopt the garden and we are now looking for a volunteer who would be prepared to give some time, perhaps an hour or two a month, to tend the area and keep it neat and tidy.

If you wish to register your interest for the role of cleaner, or offer your services for tending the garden, then please contact the clerk the charity on Tel 01984 633979.

Councillor Bill Vaughan