

OVING PAVILION

LOCATION AND DESIGN GROUP MEETING NO 13

2nd Oct 2008

ACTION NOTE

Present: Jack Peeters (chairman), Kit Couper, Stuart Taylor, Steve Baker, Philip Shuffill, Julian Bamford, Frank Bennet

Also present: Parish Councillors Ambrose McGinn (Chairman), Roger Ball (Vice Chairman), Stuart Nicholls, Chris George

Apologies Elaine Conroy, Paul Waldron

Pavilion Location

Following strong representations from some residents about the position of the Pavilion relative to houses in Bowling Alley, the Parish Council had earlier agreed to discuss the matter with members of the Location and Design group.

The residents had made a number of points about the site which had been recommended (site 7.5 - close to the existing pavilion) and had suggested that a position on the other side of the recreation ground (site 2 - beyond the play area) be reconsidered. These points, briefly summarised were:

- Lack of adequate cost comparison between sites
- Importance of obtaining accurate figures
- Longer, expensive access road to site 7.5
- Distance from tennis courts and importance of the club's contribution
- Siting next to the playground would be much better for mother and toddler groups and the like.
- Better to build closer to the car park and this would avoid parking in Bowling Alley
- More available space for the building at site 2 than site 7.5
- Disagreed that site 2 would be more isolated and unsightly than site 7.5.
- Site 7.5 would require disruption of the football pitch during construction.

Each of these points was discussed in some detail and the discussion included reference to various events in reaching this position including a written and an oral survey of villagers' opinions. Both surveys were well intentioned but some felt that they did not fully reflect village opinion.

Since the first survey the Parish Council had investigated and obtained information on a more comprehensive and fully democratic method of canvassing the views of residents.

It was decided that the Parish Council should obtain detailed cost comparisons for two sites, one on each side of the football pitch. They should then carry out a final survey of opinion in the village for each site. Information given to residents would include a summary of the merits of each location as well as estimated costs. In this connection it was recognised that detailed costs could not be obtained until some detailed design work had been carried out.

Professional design work

Since the previous meeting Jack had sought quotations from five Architects for design, costing, preparation of tender documents and contract documents.

Four responses had been received and these went into various amounts of detail about professional inputs, not only of architects but also quantity surveyors, structural engineers and so on.

As a result, the Location and Design Group would invite one architect to meet us and discuss his quotation more fully, with a view to obtaining a detailed cost estimate for the pavilion as early as possible.

Pavilion Funding

Roger Ball, chairman of the funding group, took the opportunity to give us an update on funding. He listed a number of successful events, arranged by villagers, which had already taken place and mentioned others in the pipeline.

Unfortunately however our recent bid for a substantial grant from the WRG Communities Challenge had failed. There had been three bids in the County but it had already been made clear that only one could be selected to progress. Other funding bids would now be made.

Next meeting

Our next meeting will be an interview with the architect on 28th Oct 2008. at 6 PM in the Green Reading Room on the recreation ground.