

MEETING TO DISCUSS PAVILION FACILITIES

Monday 5th December 2005 8-9.30 Reading room

Chairman Ambrose McGinn Oving Parish Council (OPC)

Attendees

Roger Ball OPC and Chair Rec Cmtte
Mark Ryan OPC
Stuart Nicholls OPC
David Smith
Stuart Hillston
Sally Parrot
Polly & Stuart Taylor
Caroline & Paul Roberts
Louise Watson
Jack Peeters Tennis Club
Roger Hawkins

Apologies

Diana Hilton Jones
Maggie Smith
Paul Bowen
Chris George OPC

Aim of the meeting:

To bring new attendees up to speed with work to date, report on options investigated and agree way forward.

Key discussion points:

- Roger Hawkins had liaised with Pinelog , who could design build and oversee the works in total. They appeared to be high quality and experienced having recently built the parish hall in Little Milton. Their ball park costs indicate circa £1000 sq m to include laying on services. They appear to provide us with a good benchmark for a well-built wooden construction.
- Ambrose McGinn had visited Quainton Memorial Hall, a very recently opened and high quality facility and this provided useful information on specification, design approach, funding and implementation for a brick built village hall. Whilst we are not considering a village hall there are many similarities of issue which we would need to consider. The contact at Quainton was very helpful and this will provide the option to consult their contractors to assist in costings.
- The point was made that we must consider the total cost of ownership ie including build, resiting of existing facilities if required, removal of buildings no longer necessary and the upkeep and maintenance of any new facility.
- Concerns were raised by a number of attendees about the potential to extend the residential building line if the new pavilion was sited next to the tennis courts. Whilst we had no official AVDC planning view on this point an extremely experienced ex AVDC planner, Jack Peters, felt this was highly unlikely. The Parish Council would not want under any circumstances to increase the likelihood of increased residential building and would take this point seriously into account but was reassured by Jack Peters' perspective.
- The suggestion was made to articulate the overall strategy for the Rec ground which would include the pavilion requirements. A number of attendees reinforced the various sporting activities, both formally and informally, the Rec was used for and therefore the proposal to improve pavilion facilities directly supported this perspective.
- The issue of the children's playground location was discussed and the relative merits or otherwise of being closer or further away from the car park and road. It was agreed that further professional advice should be sought on this point.

- Concerns re increased traffic were raised and recognized although the aim is to get more people in the village to use the Rec who would hopefully come on foot.
- It was agreed that we required further comparative costing information before a full set of options could be considered.
- It was agreed that the group should do all it can to communicate what it is doing at the moment. This would achieve two aims of inviting further constructive comment and reassuring those who may only have a partial view of the proposals. To that end it was decided to redouble communication efforts and specifically create a more focused area on the Oving Website and include minutes and updates in the Parish Magazine.

Agreed Actions

- Roger Hawkins to further investigate the Pinelog costings with a view to a site meeting.
- Stuart Taylor to investigate a 'Heritage' style oak framed building approach.
- Ambrose McGinn to contact the builders of Quainton with a view to getting costings for a brick built equivalent construction and a view on the renovation and removal of the existing pavilion.
- David Smith to investigate the resiting of the children's playground from a cost and child safety perspective.
- Stuart Hillston to redesign the Oving website to provide easy access for information on this proposal, to include a 'frequently asked questions' section.
- Stuart Nicholls to request contact from the appropriate BALC personnel who can assist with our deliberations.
- Jack Peters to invite Ian Barham AVDC, to next meeting.
- Ambrose McGinn & Roger Ball to consider how best to articulate the overall Rec strategy

Next Meeting

Monday 6th February 2006 in the Reading Room.

The aim of this meeting will be to consider more detailed cost proposals to allow a considered way forward to be agreed and recommendation to be supported for proposal to the village. All are welcome to attend and if intending to please let Ambrose McGinn know in advance.