

Report of NPWG to Parish Council Meeting 30th November 2023

A meeting of the NPWG was held on 7th November and was attended by some members of the Parish Council as well as the non-Parish Council members. Since that date, there have been a number of matters of note as follows:

- The contract with contractors Draper and Nichols has now been signed by both parties. The contract sum is just under £800k, and work will commence in mid January with the demolition of the pavilion. The predicted handover date for the new hall is 19th July 2024. **Is the Parish going to publicise these dates and also arrange for a historic record of the development to be made (possibly including time lapse photography)?**
- The Community Infrastructure Fund agreement has been signed with South Norfolk Council. This facilitates a grant of £465,543 towards the new hall, which in addition to the money accumulated through development related CIL and section 106 agreements, means the Parish Council now has enough funds to build the new hall! Any extras, such as full air conditioning, will probably require further fund raising. **Stewart Hull has been actively following up potential additional funding from various sources including EDF regarding solar panels and can update the meeting on this.**
- Elysian Associates, who are handling the VAT issue with HMRC on behalf of the Parish Council, are still awaiting a response. **The Clerk can update the meeting on this.**
- The existing pavilion will be demolished by the middle of January. A temporary building has been sourced to accommodate the Pre-school during the period between the demolition of the existing Pavilion and the availability of the New Hall. The temporary building will be installed on the newer section of the car park from 6th December. There may be limited parking spaces after this installation, but it is likely that there will be very little availability for school or football related parking during the construction period 6th December -19th July 2024. **It is important therefore that existing users of the car park, including pre-school and school parents and the football club, are notified of these dates and its unavailability during this time.**
- This timeframe will mean that the pre-school will be able to relocate to the temporary classroom from the middle of December over the Christmas break. It will then be able to move back into the new during the summer holidays from the end of July.
- Charles Bussey has sourced storage containers to house the items held in the existing pavilion stored by the Parish Council and the pre-school. He has already sent an email offering the use of his tractor and trailer to move this equipment. **A working party needs to be set up and a date agreed with Charles to move the equipment from the existing store.**
- Charles Bussey and Gill Jinkerson have been discussing the partial relocation of the play equipment that will need to be moved for the construction of the new hall and have met on site with contractors to agree arrangements. **Gill will be able to update on the outcome of this meeting.**

- A Pre-Commencement Meeting has been arranged for **Thursday 7th December at 10:00am** at Chaplin Farrant's offices. This will be covering any final details ahead of the start on site by Draper & Nichols. **I would suggest that this is attended by the members of the NPWG Planning, Design, and Construction Topic Group (Charles Bussey, Giancarlo Iaccarino and Glyn Davies) and Sandy Collins, if she is available. Please could Carlo and Sandy let Chales or Glyn know if they are unable to attend.**
- An open day for parishioners and interested persons to inspect and discuss the plans and programme for the new hall was held in the Pavilion on Saturday 25th November between 10am and 2pm. **Sue Hull will be able to update the meeting on the outcome.**
- The next NPWG meeting is scheduled for 12th December when it is hoped that as many Parish Councillors as possible will be able to attend to take this exciting project forward.

Glyn Davies – Chair NPWG – 29th November 2023