

With regard to the proposal to consider replacing the existing pavilion on the sports field with a new build at this time.

Such a venture, to erect a new-build, albeit on the existing footprint of the current pavilion, would require planning permission. One of the most significant objections would be that it could be considered as a 'gateway project', a project which could set a precedent for further developments in close vicinity. I would remind councillors that there is currently an outstanding planning project on the adjacent field to the Sports Field, which the Council and many residents have formally objected to, siting: *that the outstanding project is a 'gateway' project and which could be subject to planning creep. Furthermore, Portway is an ancient road, single lane and with no passing places and the application is for a development outside the boundary to the village.*

If we agree to discuss developing a very similar project to this outstanding project, at this time, it may very likely impact on the outcome of the outstanding project, as parties involved in that project will have access to the minutes of our meeting. We would be undermining and even sabotaging our own and the objections from very many residents to that outstanding project.

For us, the parish council, to show that we are even considering replacing our Pavilion with a new-build at this time is therefore irresponsible.

Should we go on to pass the motion and to resolve to discuss replacing the pavilion, and the minutes to show that that is a midterm future possibility, then that could show us, the Council to be negligent, with regards to our obligations to the outstanding development application which so many in the village have clearly objected to. I would prefer that we consider any new build proposal in a future parish council meeting, once we have a thorough understanding of the costs involved and proposal for funding the project and delay any further discussion on a new build option until after we know the outcome of the application of a dwelling on green field land east of Portway, which we have already objected to.

If indeed, we are possibly negligent and pass the motion, then I want this statement added to the minutes of the meeting, with my name appearing at the bottom of the statement, together with any councillors who would wish me to add their names to this statement at this time.

I would therefore suggest that we now go on to discuss purchasing the kitchen units which will further improve the already wonderful facility we have on the sports field.

Cllr Leslie Horley

Cllr Ray Willis

Cllr Dawn Willis