

Update on Pavilion 8 - March 2026

Phase 1 - To create an accessible and flexible building suitable and safe for community and school use with electricity and water connection. Accessible toilet and tea/coffee making facilities. Suitable for small group meetings - parents before/after school, family support, wellbeing support, youth access and as well as for activities utilising the playing field - school and village fetes, youth and adult team sports.

Phase 1, Stage 2

To ensure the following - community support, access and funding

Community Support

After the Open Day last year and the village survey over Christmas, it is clear how much support there is from the village for refurbishing the Pavilion and that they can see the huge possibilities for its use.

Access:

Currently the Pavilion stands on land owned by Suffolk County Council (SCC) The Parish Council (PC) needs to ensure that a Lease is in place with Suffolk Council which protects the use of the Pavilion and the Playing Field for as long as possible. There is a very good case for asking for a long lease and contact will be made soon with SCC to start negotiations.

Funding:

There are certain steps that still need to be taken before it is possible to provide a realistic overall cost for the Project. The Parish Council has set aside an amount for the project in next year's budget, but the intention is to get additional funding for as much of this as possible. The following steps need to be completed in order to know how much the overall cost is likely to be and consequently how much overall funding will be required as well as how much the PC might need to contribute. Once these have been taken, the working group will be able to get started on more funding applications.

1. The state of the water and sewage systems

At some time in the past, the water connection to the Pavilion, which runs from the school, was cut off. Despite past reassurances that this would be straightforward to solve, this is not proving to be the case. A further survey of the current system needs to be undertaken to see if it is possible to find out at what point the water has been cut off and if it can be reinstated. A new water connection, if necessary, could be covered by other funders, but only with proof that the old system cannot be repaired.

It would be also sensible to undertake a survey of the foul drainage system as well in order to better understand the level of repairs needed here. The cost of a joint survey is around £1500

2. District Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

We need to create an itemised list of all the elements of the project to send out to the Grants Team so they can tell us which items would be eligible for CIL funding. It is important to note that 75% will be covered of eligible items.

In addition we are waiting to hear about the Community Development Grant and also looking at external funding sources in order to reduce the burden on the PC's resources.