

Update on Pavilion 8 - April 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

Access:

Contact has been made with Suffolk County Council in response to their offer of a 30 year lease on the playing field and a meeting will be set up to discuss the options to extend this.

We have a pro bono meeting arranged with a solicitor on Tues 28th April to get further advice on the original Deed of Exchange and whether we still have rights to access the whole field due to the covenant within the document. Past research has proved inconclusive.

Funding:

1. Successful bid for a Community Development Grant (CDG)

There was big celebration when we heard earlier this month that we have been given a Community Development Grant of £10,000 for Babergh. We are hugely grateful that they have recognised the value of this project to the village and want to support it. There is still a long way to go, but this is a great start to our fund raising.



2. Before we can provide the PC with a realistic overall cost the following needs to be undertaken:

A survey of the water and sewage systems to discover future costs of repair or a new connection.

Architectural drawings leading to a detailed scope of works to enable up-to-date quotes from contractors for the refurbishment.

3. Moving the fence

Until the fence is moved, we do not have free access to the Pavilion. A number of funders (including CIL) would not be willing to offer any funding until the building has unlimited access. As we now have £10,000 from the CDG, it would mean that the PC is only needing to add the additional money required to move the fence.

4. District Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

We are meeting with representatives from CIL on Wed 29th April to discuss further which elements of the project will be eligible for CIL funding.

Other matters

Clare will be taking a three month sabbatical from the Working Group from May and has organised a group of supporters to take over her role for that time.

Motion to spend £ 8,795

- £295 for sewerage survey
- £500 for architectural drawings
- £500 for specification of works + contacting builders and getting quotes and advising on this.(they would also do the following though we don't need to agree this at this point
- Supervision of Building Works – supervising building works in progress to completion (assuming carried out under a suitable Building Contract), carrying out regular site inspections at critical stages, scrutinising builders' accounts and certifying payments including final account - £500)
- £17,000 - £10,000 = £7000 for fence

Finances 2026 2027

Budget

code	account name	receipts	26 27 bud	26 27 ytd	26 27 for
4210	Playing field & Pavilion		-40,000	0	0

Reserves

code	account name	receipts	26 27 bud	26 27 ytd	26 27 for
324	EMR. Playing Fields & Pavilion		20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00