

Pavilion and playing field improvements

We must ensure the Pavilion and sport fields cope with the demands of the larger population arising from housing development. Although we had a major renovation and expansion in 2012-3 no one foresaw such growth in the village but now we must deal with it.

A sub-group of HPFA identified appropriate improvements and enhancements based on experience since our renovation. We also noted recent comments from residents on social media. Four broad categories came from this analysis, namely, **1. Energy saving, 2. Functionality, 3. Look and attractiveness of the building and 4. Sport.** Some ideas impact more than one category but we show them under the most relevant one. We consider these changes will ensure our facilities meet the new and extra demands we face.

Two points of clarification. Firstly, playing field land managed by HPFA does not include the multi-user games area nor the pit with the skateboard area and new children's play park. These are managed by the parish council. Secondly, there are negotiations to enable school expansion onto HPFA land in exchange for land between the playing fields and the coffin path. These negotiations continue and impact only one proposal in our list, so their outcome does not affect this plan.

Energy saving

1. Our sport changing rooms provide hot water from two gas heated storage cylinders for three sets of showers. Each cylinder has double heating coils and by adding **roof-mounted solar water panels** connected to half of the coils we can heat the cylinders by free solar energy with gas only for top-up thus reducing our gas bill.
2. Our Pavilion heating system needs to be more efficient. Currently the main hall and extended bar area are on one system meaning it is either all on together or all off together and controlled by one thermostat. We need to split the bar area from the main hall and have its own **boiler and thermostat**, so control of each area is matched to its specific use.
3. We have outside floodlights on one side of the field mainly for winter sport training but also useful in major outdoor events like Hanborough Fireworks that is an excellent fund-raiser for HPFA and many local organisations. Our current floodlights are old sodium/halogen type so need replacing by **modern LED fittings** that consume one third of the power and produce daylight-white output.

Improvements to functionality

4. Our existing second septic tank is an old brick-built system nearly 40 years old and working at its limit because it now serves the external changing rooms as well as the original main building. There no prospect of increasing its capacity as current designs are totally different. Therefore, to cope with expansion and to futureproof the premises it must be replaced by a modern design of greater capacity to allow for growth. Fortunately, we have sufficient free grass area to install **a new septic tank** while keeping the old one running until we make the new connection.
5. **Doubling the size of the kitchen** would be easy by an extension on the front without intruding into the grass area, making it a similar size to the kitchen in the Recreation Hall. As the local population both increases and ages there will be more demand for services like the day care facility already offered once a week in the Recreation Hall, but such things do need a large kitchen. Our intention is to make one window also act as a **servicing hatch to the outside.**

6. We are always looking to increase storage because each new regular user has a storage requirement. Therefore, in designing a kitchen extension we will look to maximise its width to accommodate **some extra storage space**.
7. For extra reliability we replaced the PVC doors of the bar with **commercial grade aluminium doors** and now we wish to do the same for the **main hall and the Greenway Room**.

Look and attractiveness

8. We think we can make the building look more welcoming with more character by adding **entrance porches** to both the **main hall and the Greenway Room**.
9. Our current veranda roof is short, and its appearance does attract adverse comments. However, because it is attached to massively strong supports there are options to expand it. If we build a kitchen extension this gives us a structural wall parallel to a support and we can add a **veranda extension**. At the same time, we wish to replace the current wooden roof that is not aging well with **an attractive glass roof**.
10. Under and around the veranda the concrete area also attracts adverse comments because it is a mix of basic concrete of differing texture stretching back decades and looking tired. **Replacing it by something with a smart finish** would greatly enhance appearance and incorporate an **outdoor sitting area under** the veranda roof extension next to the new kitchen serving window.
11. Sport pavilions usually feature a **small clock tower**, and this has been on our “wish list” for many years. Therefore, it would be incorporated into the kitchen extension for maximum visibility from the pitches.

Sport

12. Prior to our refurbishment we had permanent cricket nets, but the ground was needed for the new changing rooms and the nets were lost. Assuming the land exchange happens then our tractor shed will relocate to our new land and we envisage having **new cricket nets** built adjacent the new tractor shed. We know from before that as well as cricket club practice there will be public use, especially in the school holidays.
13. We have two football pitches and an active and successful football club with 62 playing members. (To encourage young people to be active there is a subsidised match fee for all those in full time education). This means much wear and tear for our grass, particularly the goal areas which are fixed. An associated issue is that between matches the post holes must be protected but the sealing plugs are frequently removed by miscreants and disappear leaving the open holes a risk to small children and dogs. If the goal posts can be moved sideways during the season the wear and tear is minimised. This is possible using **self-weighted portable goals** that need no anchoring with the bonus of no hazardous post holes.
14. With an increase in activity it is likely that two pitches will be prepared for use the same day and we will need **more match-day equipment** like corner and half way flags, balls etc.