

West End Parish Council

Community Infrastructure Goals

Thank you to all the residents who have fed back to us on the recent surveys and visited our stand at the village fete. As most people are aware, the parish council has been seeking residents' views regarding use of the Community Infrastructure Levy of which 15% (approximately £600,000) is allocated to the Parish Council. This CIL money is from the new housing developments.

Significantly the results from the survey indicated that there is a desire for the Scout & Guides to be accommodated in a more suitable building. This relates back to survey results showing a preference to see the ages from 5 to 21 having opportunity for engaging in positive recreation and mentoring in West End.

The Scout & Guide management committee, for some years now has been trying to extend the lease on the current land, which would then enable it to build a new centre (subject to extensive fund raising). This has not been possible for various reasons; therefore, alternative areas of land have been investigated.

The parish council, during this period, had also looked to extend and modernise its facilities at The Sports Pavilion, which would include improving changing rooms for the sports clubs, providing an outside toilet (high priority from the residents), a community cafe and additional storage space for clubs such as table tennis, the Day Centre and toddler groups.

In view of the above, the parish council has been in discussion with the Scout & Guide Management Committee by offering a solution to both the constraints on existing accommodation and funding challenges. In order to move forward the parish council is proposing to sub-let The Sports Pavilion to the Scout & Guide group, thus reducing the need for fundraising and the parish council is proposing investing in a new community building for the residents of West End (subject to the usual planning permissions). The new building would of course include all the features mentioned above. This exciting opportunity will achieve many of the desires mentioned in the survey and unlock opportunities elsewhere in West End to invest in other exciting community projects.

You may be aware that another aspect of the survey which rated highly was the demand for a Skate Park to provide important facilities for our youth. This has been on the parish council agenda for some time now, but with CIL money, it may actually be possible (subject to land availability). This idea is being actively pursued by the parish council and further updates will be given when known.

The parish council has been working in the background to ensure that most of the legal and land ownership/use aspects have been ironed out and having cleared most of these feasibility hurdles we are pleased to release this news.

Residents are still invited to make their views known to the Parish Council regarding Infrastructure [here](#)

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