



WESTFIELD C.C. --Pavilion and Ground Update at 01.02.2019

Pavilion:

- **1.** Funding is still proving very difficult and I anticipate that the pavilion will not be ready until the 2020 season at the very earliest—more likely to be later. As previously reported the ECB and Sport England do not seem to be interested in grass root sport and other potential large funders do not give grants to local government bodies or have a limit on the amounts or both. The most recent set back has been WARR of which I had high hopes however I had to withdraw the application at the last stages because one of their rules states that all other funding, or promises of funding, have to be in place before any funding will be approved. Don Cranfield, from WARR is going to approach other funders on our behalf and said that there may be other funds available later on in the year from WARR depending on Brexit (WARR funds are EU based and distributed by them). It looks like applying for smaller grants from more organisations will be the way forward but this will obviously take longer. I have recently learned that a lot of funders are now comparing who have applied to them and what grants, if any, they have awarded—this is a significant development and could lead to further WARR style decisions.
- **2.** The WCC members of the working party met recently to review the situation and plan a way forward, the results of which were:-
 - a) WCC to take over the lead on the pavilion project due to some larger funders not being willing to fund local government and the time line of the current administration process means that there are inevitable delays applying for grants—obviously this will incur additional costs as VAT will not be recoverable.
 - b) A WCC sub-committee to be formed to review the Parker & Son tender to ascertain what WCC members can do to reduce the overall cost---e.g. decorating at £10k plus the Bakers paying for the water supply connection. Once completed a meeting will need to be held with Parkers to discuss and possibly revise.
 - c) As part of the Parker & Son review consideration to be given to building in stages as funds become available.
 - d) Although the working party would come under WCC I have asked Hamish to be a part of that team and he has agreed, this will not only give continuity for both parties but will add valuable experience to the team. Regular updates will also be made to WPC as owners of the cricket ground and landlords to WCC.

Grounds:

- **1.** As everyone will be aware by now WCC are extending the boundary to the south of the pavilion so that we can utilise more of the square and also create additional space for events such as CricketFest and any other local involvement such as experienced last year with the Youth Club.

The next stage of this process is digging out the remaining tree roots and levelling the ground which will be on Saturday 2nd March, this will be closely followed by applying a layer of top-soil (courtesy of the Bakers) and seeding.

It had been agreed that WPC and the Bakers would pay for the initial fencing from the pavilion around the boundary as far as the now closed middle track HOWEVER it is now proposed that, as part of the top-soil exercise, a bank will be created which means the fence will not be required—a saving for both parties!

To enable the top soil to be delivered to site and not go across the ground in front of the pavilion WCC are going to cut down an overgrown bush to the north of the pavilion allowing access around the back of the pavilion—part of the ground working on 2nd March.

Meetings to be arranged with the Bakers to finalise the various aspects of their involvement.

2. CCTV will be installed in the near future courtesy of Peter Yates although WCC are paying for armoured cable from the Bakers shed to our shed at the bottom of the ground to access electricity.

General:

Because the new pavilion has been delayed it is necessary to replace the “elsan” style toilets before this season starts as the current facilities are definitely not fit for purpose either for players and spectators or indeed for the other events on the ground that attract hundreds of people, the options so far are to hire portaloos for the season which will cost approximately £ 1,420 or the purchase of 2 new “elsan” style toilets which will cost approximately £140 and paint the current breeze block cubicles. Once a decision has been reached on the way forward WCC will be approaching WPC for a grant for this project.