

Pavilion Working Group Written Report to Preston Parish Council
9 July 2026

The PWG has held 11 meetings.

Key points from the last meeting are:

- The group considered the information available when they met on 24th June.
- This included some detailed costings for each option for the pavilion.
- Other items need to be added to each so they are not yet realistic costings.
- Two quotes were available for tree and ecology reports but these were not acceptable to the group so further quotes will be sought for consideration at a future meeting
- Pre-application advice from NHDC has not yet been received.
- Further information is required before the PWG can make a recommendation to the Parish Council on which option would be best for both the community and the cricket club.
- Whether VAT can be recovered on the construction of either option will be a key factor in making a recommendation.
- Accepting the quote from a Parish Council VAT specialist will provide vital information, necessary for decision making.
- The group also considered options for consulting the community in the Autumn but has not yet made any recommendations on how to proceed.
- The group hope to have some recommendations for the September Parish Council meeting.

The PPC is requested to:

- a) NOTE the contents of this update.
- b) To accept the quote for VAT advice from the Steve Parkinson Partnership, specialists in VAT advice for Parish Councils, to enable the Pavilion Working Group to make a recommendation on the pavilion. The quote is to provide advice on the VAT implications of the proposed pavilion extension or replacement, including options available to maximise VAT recovery, for a fixed fee of £1,450 plus VAT. This amount will be a very small percentage of the overall cost of the project.