

Tewin Parish Council

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Dear Parishioner,

RE: Tewin Sports & Community Pavilion

For over a year the Parish Council has been working on a plan to refurbish the Pavilion on Upper Green. Those of you who have had occasion to visit the Pavilion, either on a regular basis as a member of one of the Sports Clubs or simply on a casual basis such as during the recent Classic Cars event, will know that the building is in dire need of renovation.

Most importantly the Parish Council has taken the view that the Pavilion should become a community amenity available for use by the entire parish. The Parish Council propose to refurbish the Pavilion to a standard that makes it a desirable venue for meetings, small gatherings, children's parties and general social events. To this end the building will require a total interior renovation and provision of full disabled facilities and access. The Council intend to operate the facility so that it covers its running costs. There is no intention to take any business from the Memorial Hall but instead accommodate overflow and generally much smaller more informal events.

The plan that has evolved will cost in the region of £115,000. Funds totalling £37,000 have been raised of which £22,000 is from grant applications, £5,000 from the Tennis Club, £5000 from the Cricket Club and £5000 from the Parish Council. The grants have a time constraint on them and must be used by April/May 2010. Unfortunately £37,000 is not enough to complete the necessary works.

The Parish Council now proposes to borrow the balance of £80,000 from The Public Works Loan Board, HM Treasury at a fixed rate of approx 3.83%, over a period of 20 years. This would require a pay back of approx £5762 per annum by the Parish Council; and in turn, this would mean an addition to the Parish Precept (the amount Parishioners pay to the Parish Council annually via their Council Tax bill) of on average £9.60 per household (less than 20p per week) for each of the next 20 years.

In the present climate it is unlikely that further funding will be forthcoming from grant bodies but of course if further funding or donations were to be obtained the sum to be borrowed would reduce accordingly.

There will be two open sessions held in the Pavilion when Parishioners can look at more detailed drawings and question Council members. These will be held on Friday 27th November 2009, from 9.30am until 11.30am and on Saturday 28th November 2009, from 9.30 to 11.30 am.

You are very welcome to attend.

The Parish Council has spent a considerable amount of time and effort on this proposal and is unanimously in favour of these plans. If we do not follow through with this current proposal, it is unlikely that we will be able to repeat the exercise in the foreseeable future.

We very much hope that you will think this a worthwhile initiative and that you will endorse our plans for this community amenity.

We welcome your comments on this proposal and ask that you please reply on the form attached. Bearing in mind our time restraints, we would be grateful if you would return this to us no later than **4.30pm on Monday 30th November 2009**. The completed form can be returned to:-

Caroline McFarlane
Clerk to Tewin Parish Council
2 Badgers Walk
Tewin Wood
Herts, AL6 0HP

or to

Tewin Stores

Yours sincerely,

K.Lawson

Chairman of the Parish Council

PAVILION REFURBISHMENT PROPOSAL - Reply form

Tewin Parish Council welcomes your comments on this proposal

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Date:.....

Address:.....

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