

Further considerations

Across the village there was also found to be interest in mountain biking, jogging, walking, orienteering and hacking and a demand for a bowling green.

These also need consideration in our future plans particularly with advent of the A3 tunnel and, as a result, in the likely expansion and access to more outdoor facilities and pursuits around the Devil's Punchbowl.

The way forward

The final report has now been received and it is time to consult more widely with Grayshott residents on the options available and how best to proceed to a satisfactory conclusion to this project that will be submitted to Grayshott Parish Council for approval and decision by no later than March 2010.

Obviously there are considerable financial considerations involved in these proposed changes, and in particular, the provision of a new pavilion; and perhaps a five-year time scale is foreseen (hopefully less) in order to raise the money necessary and to implement the plans to be agreed.

The first stage in this process is public consultation and this document is intended to start that process!



Provisional Project Timetable

- JUN 2009** Feasibility studies and consultation with key stakeholders, clubs and societies
- AUG 2009** 3 tier studies and analysis
- OCT 2009** Draft reports and strategic documentation
- DEC 2009** Public consultation
- FEB 2010** Public exhibition & finalisation of proposals to Grayshott Parish council (GPC)
- MAR 2010** Submission of final proposal to GPC for approval & decision

Next steps to include:

- Obtain outline planning permission
- Finalise funding applications (Sport England, Football Foundation, etc.)
- Obtain final planning permission *
- Contractor tenders *
- Build & implementation *

* Subject to approval & funding

What can you, the residents of Grayshott do to help the process?

Let us know your views and comments, both positive and negative.

Contact us via email at: gsr@grayshott.com OR post your comments into our 'post box' at the **Grayshott Book Shop** (in the Square).

Please ensure your correspondence reaches us no later than **15th January 2010**.

Further information will be available as the project develops. Please visit www.grayshott.com/gsr and follow the link "Sport & Recreation in Grayshott".

An exhibition will be held at the end of February 2010 and there will be an opportunity to discuss your views with representatives from the Grayshott Sports & Recreation Committee and with Parish Councillors.



Grayshott Sports Field Committee is comprised of an elected independent chairperson, secretary and treasurer, in addition to representatives of the individual clubs (cricket, football, tennis and croquet) and appointed representatives of Grayshott Parish Council (GPC).

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Creating a future for Sports and Recreation in Grayshott

Today Grayshott is a thriving and successful village community which, in its brief history as a parish, has been very fortunate in benevolent patronage in terms of gifts of land and money to promote village activity and to provide recreational space and playing fields. These gifts and the strong sense of community that exists in the village have all contributed to its success.

The 10 acres of land now used as the sports field were given to the village in 1919 by the Whitaker family and since that time the field has been the main focus for sport and physical activity in the village. Rugby and Hockey have made appearances in the past, but today Cricket, Football, Tennis and Croquet are the main sports played at this venue.

In 1953 a Pavilion was built on the sports field that, over the years, has had various alterations and additions to meet changing requirements.

A recent technical survey of the Pavilion, carried out in 2008, revealed a number of major defects and the Parish Council and the Sports Field Committee felt that decisions needed to be made on its future.

These historical facts and the need to look forward, with an increasing population, with likely building development in the area, and a public awareness of the health benefits of sport and recreation, posed the question "How do we meet village expectations for sport and recreation in the coming years?"

In attempting to answer this question it was decided by the Parish Council and the Sports Field Committee, with support from EHDC, to commission a study.

This leaflet outlines the study's findings and sets the scene for the future.



Top sports consultants TrioPlus were identified as ideal partners to conduct a study and produce a **vision for the future** – a strategic plan that meets the needs and expectations of Grayshott as a whole.

The priorities set for this study were:

1. Ensure that existing activities can continue
2. Increase the range of physical activities available
3. Improve facilities for existing clubs

The Study

Over the past eight months TrioPlus have pursued this study by carrying out extensive consultations with all those organisations likely to have interest in any aspect of sport and recreation both in Grayshott and in the local area. The consultation agenda in each case has been to seek opinion and to assess the demand for existing and other recreational activities.

Among the study conclusions were that, while there are other potential centres for some activities, the main centre for sport and recreation in Grayshott for the future would remain the sports field and Pavilion. In surveying the pavilion facility the consultants' conclusion was that the current Pavilion is fast approaching the end of its functional and economic life, and a commitment should be made to replace it, since refurbishment would not be cost effective and would not meet current technical standards or future requirements.

The study proposes that any new pavilion should meet the future long-term needs of Cricket, Football and Tennis with minimal compromise. The sports field/pavilion should aim to be the focus, but not sole

provider, of sport and recreation activities in Grayshott, attracting participants from all the surrounding areas and thereby encouraging the patronage of, and inward investment from, local authorities and other influential funding partners such as Sport England and Football Foundation.

It was noted that the present facilities are used by people from around the area, playing in their teams and giving their time in help and support for Grayshott sports administration. In the future it is envisaged that this will continue but expand to give a wider range of sports and recreation activity in Grayshott and its surrounding area.



Any new pavilion will have to be in use around 85% of the time to get a good return on the investment that needs to be made; and *new facilities such as a multi-function space, a fitness centre and a good club facility should ensure both usage and income.*

Daytime and evening usage for social events, for yoga, dance and keep fit classes, table tennis, and martial arts could all be incorporated if the design is adequate in terms of dimensions and specification: activities that would cover a wide range of ages and interests in the village.

Grayshott Sports and Recreation - Concept Plans



Options covered in the study include a revision of the layout and facilities on the sports field. The main addition proposed is a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) available as an all weather surface for training and other sports activities, with relocation of the tennis courts onto the main sports field to promote social inclusion.

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