

Fw: Recreation Ground and Pavilion November 2020



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Dear All,

Please see email from Mike Fleetwood previously sent with an update on the Rec Pavilion (as of 8th March).

Regards,

Jeb

From: [Mike Fleetwood](#)
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 12:01 PM
To: chairman@grpc.org.uk ; [Steve Collins](#)
Subject: Re: Fw: Recreation Ground and Pavilion November 2020

Hi Jeb,

Unless Steve would prefer otherwise, I'd be happy to make a report to the Parish Council as follows:

- Financially, we have just short of £12k in the bank. Although we had a busy, but brief Summer season, we have been unable to trade since November, so the money we have is mostly a result of receiving "Covid" grants - an initial £10k, followed by just over 1K in November and a further £6k in January. I understand from recent announcements that a further grant should be forthcoming. We have cleared most, if not all, of our historic debts. We have been able to keep our costs during lockdowns to a minimum by switching of all non-essential services.
- I spent much of December/January working through our account to prepare the 19/20 accounts for submission to the Charity Commission, and to produce a detailed report of our running costs and income to inform decisions about the future running of the Pavilion. Unfortunately this has taken a lot longer than I expected due to a number of errors within the accounts. I had to stop work on this at the end of January due to other pressures on my time, but hope to pick it up and complete the work soon.
- Looking ahead, we have decided to put aside any notion of "contracting out" the management of the Pavilion for the time being. We have decided to recruit a paid "Bar Manager" on a part-time basis, to handle the day-to-day running of the bar, including ordering and stock control, and running the bar for regular shifts on Friday evenings and Saturdays - with additional help from volunteers needed. In addition, some extra people have come forward to volunteer in response to our appeal on facebook. We are also investigating the possibilities of changing our charity scheme to a CIO, as that would be a better fit for the kind of work we now find ourselves doing.
- During the periods of lockdown, we have been carrying on with the complete re-decoration of the Pavilion, inside and out - using volunteers to keep the costs down to just materials. We are also seeking quotations for a cooling system for the cellar, hoping to get that in place by the time we are able to re-open. This should improve the quality of product served and reduce wastage, especially in the warmer months! As a consequence of this, we are also having to look at improving the electricity supply from the "temporary" supply used during construction of the Pavilion.

Regards,

Mike.

On 08/03/2021 10:02, chairman@grpc.org.uk wrote:

Hi Mike and Steve,

Would you be able to make any updates on the Rec Pavilion tonight under Item 18?

This could be useful ahead of the Annual Parish Meeting Reports next month; and hopefully the re-opening later this year.

Also, whether there is anything you feel the Parish Council can and should be doing to help?

cheers, see you tonight,

Jeb

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