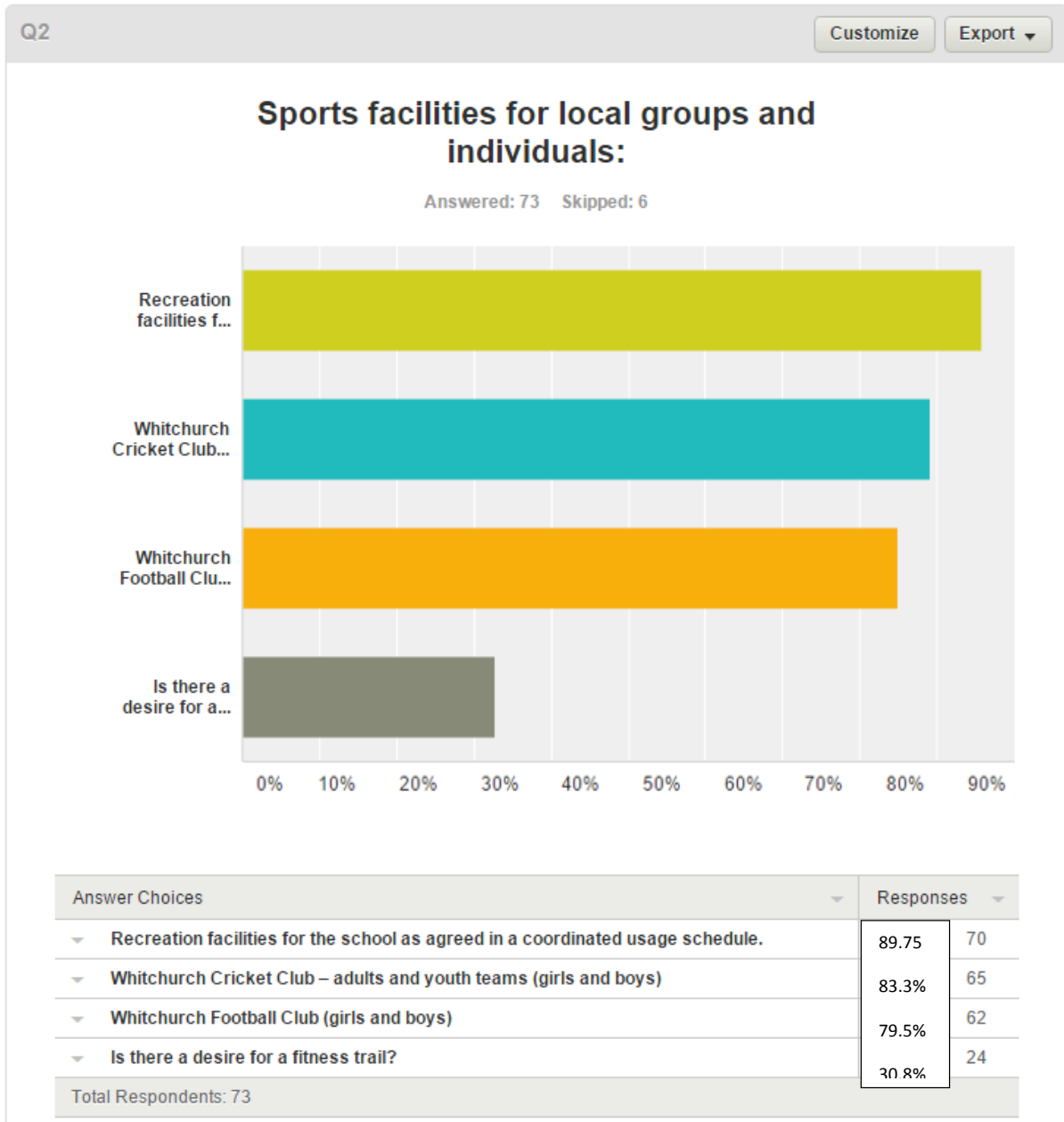


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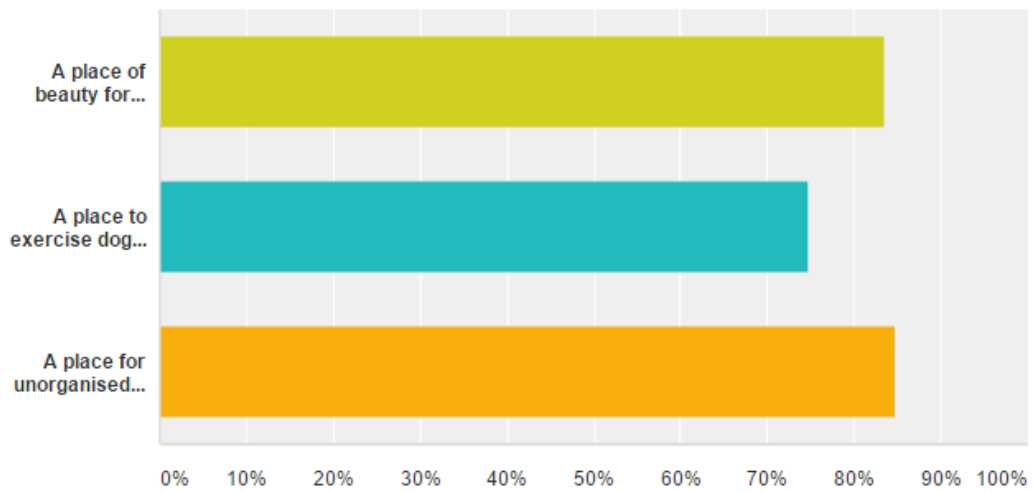
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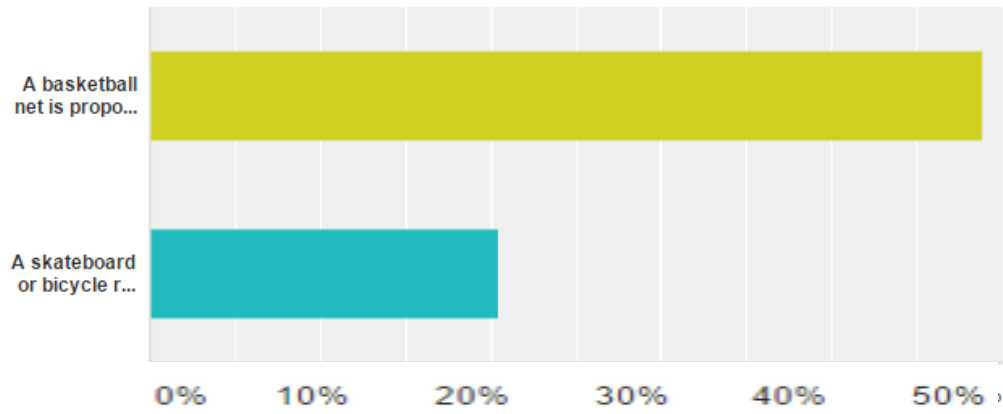
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Answer Choices	Responses
▾ A place of beauty for quiet walks	83.54% 66
▾ A place to exercise dogs, respecting clean-up of their mess, of course	74.68% 59
▾ A place for unorganised free play for children	84.81% 67
Total Respondents: 79	

Facilities for teenagers

Answered: 44 Skipped: 35



Answer Choices	Responses
▾ A basketball net is proposed which is also suitable for all ages.	55% 43
▾ A skateboard or bicycle ramp has also been proposed as an option.	23% 18

Total Respondents: 44

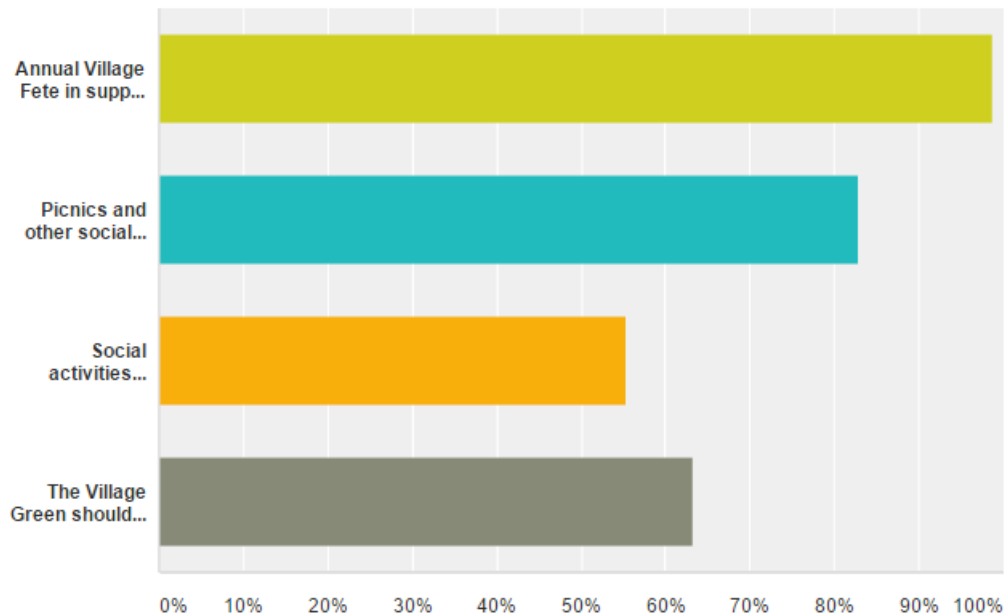
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A facility for community activities and/or private functions:

Answered: 76 Skipped: 3



Answer Choices	Responses
Annual Village Fete in support of the Pre--School and other village events such as Jubilee Celebrations	98.68% 75
Picnics and other social events sponsored by one or more local organisation	82.89% 63
Social activities should be encouraged through building a BBQ and picnic tables	55.26% 42
The Village Green should be open to letting for private functions, where suitable charging is agreed, such as for parties or weddings using the Pavilion (only after the new Pavilion is built).	63.16% 48
Total Respondents: 76	

Q6

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Facilities for Children How do children currently use the green and is there a need for play areas or would that duplicate the Manor Road facility?

Answered: 51 Skipped: 28

● Responses (51)

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Another play area fine but not a priority

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No need to duplicate manor road. Maybe large zip wire.

11/8/2015 5:23 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

There is no need to add in built facilities for children's play. The green open space and woodland is a great place in which children can be free to play.

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please don't duplicate the Manor Road facilities. children need somewhere for unstructured play

10/30/2015 9:36 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

Dogs poos and neither children, nor adults come to think about it, don't mix. Dogs should not be allowed to roam every where.

10/30/2015 3:48 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

There is already excellent playing facilities in the adventure playground, just across the bridge in Pangbourne

10/30/2015 12:39 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

Not known, but to be encouraged. Village Green has advantage of being next to school, hopefully children would go from school to play area and "ignore" parents.

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after school most days for running and chasing each other, play area would be great. although we live in Manor road we travel around the play areas.

10/26/2015 1:58 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

My children like to have running races, collect conkers in the current season, play around the maze area, climb trees, hide & seek and football. I think a play area could be good without duplicating the manor road facility, for example it could be more of a natural/woodland play area with different equipment. That said, as my children are young (2 and 4) they are quite happy just roaming around and at their current age I am happy with the idea of free play without specific equipment which they don't seem to need.

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Unable to comment re how children use the green. But potential hygiene issues if dogs foul the green

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Cricket nets

10/16/2015 12:03 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

I don't think a play area is needed as would be a duplicate of the Manor Road facility. The woodland & maze areas are sufficient as play spaces, although the woodland area provides the opportunity for additional play interactions in a natural environment.

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Mainly through the school and football club but also in the summer evenings (dads football) and walks

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To run around, play ball, play with their dogs/other children/adults. An additional constructed play area is not necessary a) would duplicate that of Manor Rd. and b) would reduce the amount of currently open play space.

10/12/2015 1:21 AM [View respondent's answers](#)

There is no need to duplicate the Manor Road facilities.

10/11/2015 9:43 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

This offers a wilder environment rather than the sterile, but nice, facilities in Manor Road

10/11/2015 5:22 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

I believe the green should stay as it is as a big open playing-field when children can run and play football

10/10/2015 8:23 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

Yes I think there should be facilities for kids to play and get outside because computers take up a lot of their lives and we should provide every facility to encourage them outdoors

10/8/2015 10:32 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

No play area please, they are unsightly!

10/8/2015 4:08 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

Currently used as a lovely, open area for large, free play and should be kept as such.

10/8/2015 4:07 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

No need to add anything else that would add to the maintenance costs, save for a basketball net and/or the skate ramp.

10/8/2015 2:02 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

Don't love young children but normally they're kicking balls around

10/7/2015 8:30 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

Manor Road sufficient

10/7/2015 8:27 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

Need play facilities, as kids coming out of school could use them.

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Maybe some low balance beams and proper tree swing- rather than large play structures (so not duplicating manor road). Should be made of wood to blend in to surroundings. Or could use raised soil mound and make tunnels through and slide down.

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It would duplicate the Manor Road facility and the children already use the green on Saturday mornings and some evenings, supervised.

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The beauty of the village green is that it is unspoilt and not developed, that is what makes it different to all the other play areas. It is a place for running free and kite flying.

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It is not easy for me to comment on this question. I think that it is a great open space for child to just run about and to kick a ball etc - I don't think there is much room for a big play area (although a few simple bits of equipment (e.g. seesaw, springy horse might be nice for little children)

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It's nice as it is now.

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More activities for children and families is always a great idea if funds allow

9/29/2015 2:47 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

Please keep it as a free play area.

9/29/2015 8:26 AM [View respondent's answers](#)

No need for it.

9/29/2015 8:24 AM [View respondent's answers](#)

Nice as it is.

9/27/2015 5:40 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

It would duplicate Manor Road/Pangbourne and there really isn't the space for it.

9/27/2015 1:24 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

Good "running around" and football space. Manor road play area adequate

9/26/2015 8:51 AM [View respondent's answers](#)

No play areas required, they like playing in the woods

9/24/2015 2:41 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

No more play areas

9/24/2015 11:12 AM [View respondent's answers](#)

We regularly use the green for kicking a football, flying a kite and generally playing with outdoor toys. Both my boys also train with AFC Whitchurch on the green plus all three children use it through school. It is an amazing space for their running club and other school sports.

9/23/2015 10:18 AM [View respondent's answers](#)

It's a great wild space in which the children can just run/kick a ball etc. If we want to go to the playground we just go to Pangbourne

9/22/2015 9:58 AM [View respondent's answers](#)

Would possibly duplicate Manor Road facility but would have no objections if residents felt it was required.

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Not sure this is necessary, is lovely as it is...

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It would be a good idea to have a play area for young children in this part of the village for people living nearby and those picking up older brothers and sisters from school.

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As there is already a play area in Whitchurch and Pangbourne I feel the need for another one in or around the Village Green is unnecessary.

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Focus should be on sport. There should be football nets for five a side etc

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free unstructured play I don't see the need to duplicate facilities in Manor Road

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Yes I think a few dedicated children's play activities -swings, slide etc would be useful

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open space for meeting friends and playing outdoor games

9/19/2015 5:05 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

No need for play area as Manor Rd, Pangbourne and Woodcote provide this. Would struggle to fit this in with everything else

9/19/2015 1:53 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

A children's play area is a great idea

9/19/2015 12:52 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

Swings and slides please

9/19/2015 12:44 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

A fitness trail appropriate for children

9/19/2015 11:28 AM [View respondent's answers](#)

Other comments and suggestions for use:

Answered: 26 Skipped: 53

● Responses (26)

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dog owners refuse to pick up. teenage facilities will probably be vandalised
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 Anything with a ramp is bad idea due to noise created. Teenagers should go to reading/pangbourne for entertainment if required
 11/8/2015 5:23 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
 I would strongly object to any additional built structures/facilities and urban type park/ Street furniture being added to the green.
 10/30/2015 9:42 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
 don't change anything
 10/30/2015 9:36 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
 It is a Publicly owned open space residents should be encouraged to use it as they wish provided they respect other users
 10/30/2015 3:48 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
 the reason not for quit walks and fitness trail was, we live in an amazing area, if you wanted quit walk you can most places, and you can run on quit roads and path all around here. but kids cant play on road and paths.
 10/26/2015 1:58 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
 re fitness trail - some fixed activity benches as commonly found on Australian fitness circuits might be fun.
 10/21/2015 9:49 AM [View respondent's answers](#)
 4. I think facilities for teenagers would present problems for the village. A skateboard or bicycle ramp would be particularly unwise - on safety counts alone that would be a mistake as small children would also have access.
 10/12/2015 1:21 AM [View respondent's answers](#)
 The village green is also a habitat for birds, badgers, etc. This was important in the planning enquiry which rejected the proposal to build houses on it.
 10/11/2015 8:27 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
 Make use of the mound, even making it look like a long barrow
 10/11/2015 5:22 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
 Hows about an outdoor gym facility it would cost £1500.00 per installed bit of equipment this is an approximate figure
 10/8/2015 10:32 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
 No to skateboard or bike ramp would completely change peaceful aura of area
 10/7/2015 8:30 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
 Skateboard or Bicycle ramp would impair the rural peace of the green
 10/7/2015 8:27 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
 I think a skate ramp is too big for the space. Basketball ring is good idea.
 10/6/2015 7:53 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
 The proposed activities for teenagers would attract young people from outside the village and unless properly supervised could be vandalised *
 10/6/2015 2:15 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
 Please leave it as it is but add bins and tidy up the trees!
 10/3/2015 4:36 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
 I think we need to avoid it becoming seen predominantly as a sports field - it should be a flexible attractive open space for the whole community to enjoy (not easy I know!)
 10/2/2015 5:39 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
 no ugly skateboard ramps
 9/24/2015 11:12 AM [View respondent's answers](#)
 I definitely believe a play area would be used a lot after school and at weekends. It would be brilliant to have something for the older children in our village too, such as the skateboard ramp and basketball hoop as suggested.
 9/23/2015 10:18 AM [View respondent's answers](#)
 Happy for cricket club etc. to use the green but I feel that it's a public space for all to use & is not exclusive to one group
 9/22/2015 9:58 AM [View respondent's answers](#)
 Wouldn't want to spoil the green by overdeveloping it...
 9/21/2015 8:14 PM [View respondent's answers](#)
 None

9/21/2015 1:06 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

Not a skateboard ramp - ugly and noisy. PC should subsidise Village Green through PC precept

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Like all the ideas above. Space usage will be key hence leaving out a couple of suggestions above, as have merit but lower down priority list.

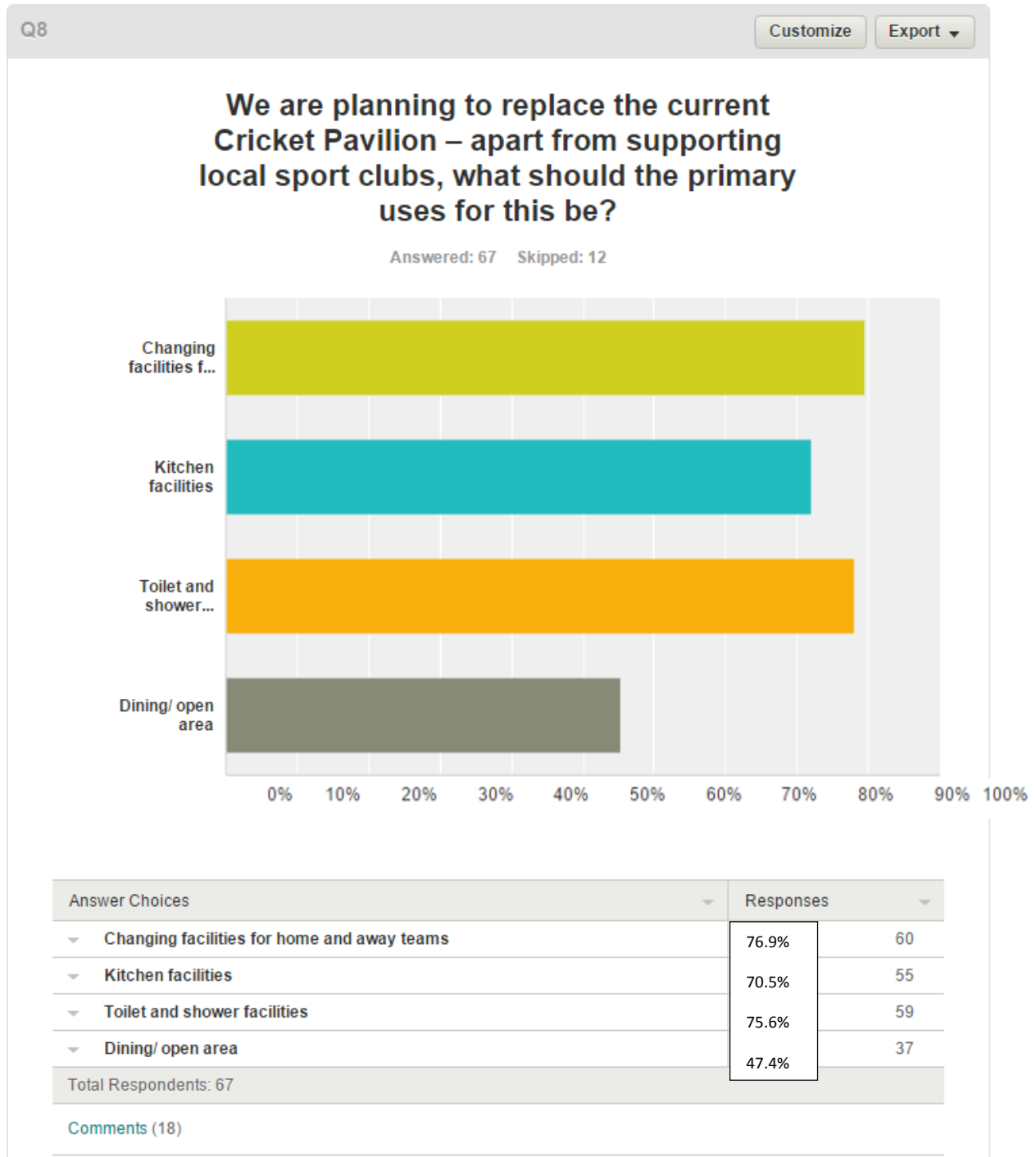
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Lighting particularly in the car park would make the area safer in the evenings

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Tennis court

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what about pavillion alarm/security

11/8/2015 5:25 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

any new pavillion should be no larger than it is currently. i object to any major building being added to the green. I am concerned that a building is being designed by committee/ questionnaire

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don't change anything

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Have a decent Hall so that it can be used by societies/groups as well sporty groups

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Any additional usage such as showers incur costs for maintenance. Keep it simple.

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Must be designed, so as to be useful for all users of the Green

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function area, meet room, serving hatch

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Clubs currently using the Manor Rd village hall - parking is an issue round Manor Road

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A referees room and a meeting room for Parish Council purposes and to rent out for other uses also a room that can be used for the Camera Club etc so we solve the manor road parking problem also put some more parking spaces in so they do not overflow into Eastfield Lane

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Please could you take off redundant "PRIVATE" on WCC sign

10/7/2015 8:36 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

Would be great space to rent out for parties, to bring in extra revenue for the parish council.

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Depending on funding the more you can include the greater the options for future use

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Nothing too ultra modern though, something to suit the surroundings - wouldn't want to see it standing out like a UFO!

9/24/2015 2:41 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

Volunteer run cafe? Proceeds to the village green!

9/23/2015 10:18 AM [View respondent's answers](#)

No views on this

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Hire out for social events. Would be beautiful in the summer & a lovely new space for the winter. Barn dances etc.

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Pre-school so as to free up more space for the Primary School?

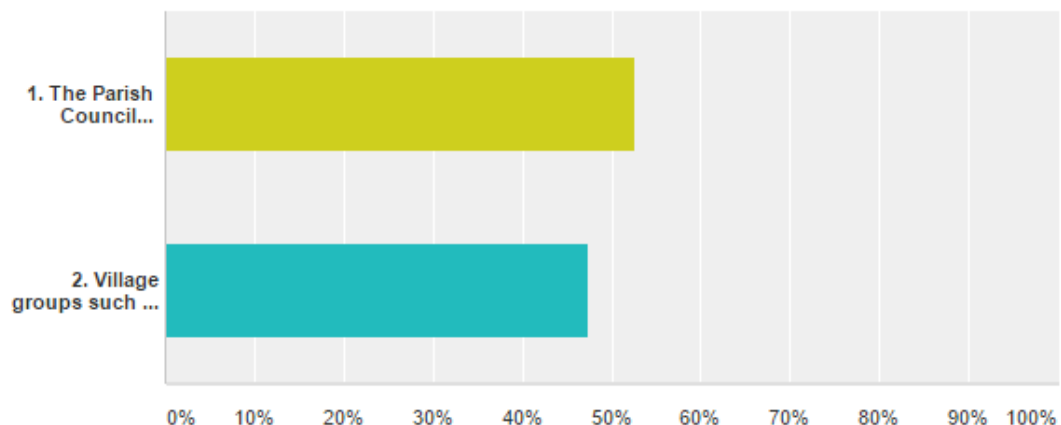
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Small events such as children's parties

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Charging for the Use of the Village Green: The Parish Council and Village Green WG have discussed the issue of whether local groups should be charged for its use and are seeking feedback from the community below. A review of the Village Green spending shows that recurring costs in the past two years has been approximately £2700/year.· Approx £1400 for grass cutting· Approx £1300 for misc repairs, maintenance, and improvements such as weeding and tree removal, Football pitch maintenance, signs, fencing, repair of benches, padlocks, etc. Please indicate which point that you agree with 1 or 2?

Answered: 74 Skipped: 5



Answer Choices	Responses
1. The Parish Council proposal is that as long as the annual Village Green costs are no more than approximately 10% of the PC budget (currently £2500 – £3,000), then no village groups should be charged for its use as this can already be accommodated within the existing budget. The Village Green WG would still work to develop guidelines for its use by the Football Club, Cricket Club, and School who may be charged for activities outside the scope of these agreements, or if they are profiting from the activities they are using it for.	52.70% 39
2. Village groups such as the Football and Cricket Clubs should be charged for use of the Village Green to contribute to its maintenance. It has already been agreed that the school will not be charged for normal use of the Village Green.	47.30% 35
Total	74

adult teams using green should each be charged £2 per game towards upkeep. £2500-£3000 is a large amount of money that should be spent on road repairs/cleaning, etc

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The village green should be kept as a simple green and open space, for all in the village with sports groups and other organisations making a contribution to it's up keep

10/30/2015 9:42 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

keep our village green green, we are not an urban environment!

10/30/2015 9:36 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

Not sure why local residents should subsidize the sports club members who live outside the village. People expect to pay for going to their Gym don't they? The maintenance costs will surely rise in time , with more use and a new building.to look after. What security of ownership does the Council have? A publicly owned body can be told what to do by a higher authority all the way up to No 10 can't they? Green Belt or not. Housing??? The Green has an idyllic location, the proposed building should make the most of that, which could then provide an income from private hirings. Have previously mentioned can the existing Hall in Manor Road be sold for housing and the proceeds used to fund the building of a modern Hall to make the field into a real Village Green.

10/30/2015 3:48 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

Discourage driving to the site. Good meeting place for village walks. Whilst a new Pavilion would be nice, it's not necessary if it has to pay for itself with increased usage. Consider noise for local residents - a football match for example is quite audible.

10/30/2015 12:39 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

Presumably the Cricket club and possibly the Football club require a higher standard of mowing than general use. The P.C. should pay for the basics (eg to the same standard as Pangbourne meadows) and the clubs should pay for the extra.

10/30/2015 10:22 AM [View respondent's answers](#)

even if minimal any group other than school's should help towards the upkeep of the building and grounds, they are cut and kept for them!

10/26/2015 1:58 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

The issue of charging for green usage is difficult as long as the costs can be met within budget then that would seem to be a satisfactory solution. However if use of the Green increases and causes costs to rise, it would be useful to know how other councils deal with this and how similar facilities elsewhere are funded. E.g. if the sports clubs were to pay, presumably this would be reflected in the fees they charge to their users so it would be worth looking into that. I would personally be happy to contribute financially as a percentage of sports club fees for green usage.

10/25/2015 4:10 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

Keep it the pleasant open space it is now, don't try to do too many things

10/25/2015 12:28 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

Could we have some information about how other villages manage these issues? Is it a generalisation that villages don't charge to use village facilities? We currently pay to use the Manor Road village hall which has to be maintained/cleaned/key held and presumably there will be similar maintainance for the new pavilion. Provided the charges are modest and in line with what other villages do I see no objection to a charge being made. Will the pavilion replace the Manor Road hall? The school should help to maintain the green. In kind if not in money.

10/21/2015 9:49 AM [View respondent's answers](#)

I agree that residents should make a contribution to the green's maintenance however as there is no restriction to the residency of football and cricket users I see no reason why both should not be charged for it's use. If they were to play elsewhere there would be a charge why should the residents subsidise the clubs. This disadvantages a villager who's child does not play football or cricket. I am told sometimes that cricket users almost ostracize dog walkers even though their cricket match has not even started!

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As a matter of principal all organised groups should pay a realistic fee for the use of the green. Individuals and casual users should be free

10/19/2015 11:21 AM [View respondent's answers](#)

I have voted for Option 1 but I strongly dislike the following comment in that option: "or if they are profiting from the activities they are using it for." Particularly in relation to the school. Educational budgets are so small that I do not see that there would ever be a reason that the school should ever be charged for use of the village green. I would also like to see the Village Green WG make all efforts possible to connect with the village's residents/local community groups to ensure maintenance costs are kept to a minimum through voluntary support for maintenance in the same way that such community involvement maintains the maze area. The cricket club should be responsible for the maintenance costs relating to the wicket square and the football club should be responsible for maintaining the goals at the top of the green.

10/15/2015 5:41 AM [View respondent's answers](#)

The school's Sports Day used to be held on grass within the school grounds. I note that they now hold Sports Day on the VG, presumably as the grass within the school grounds was astroturfed. The astroturf was provided specifically so the children had an all-weather surface for football, other games and outdoor activities. I think it should be remembered that organised and constructed/artificial play areas tend to destroy even when the intention is to enhance opportunities for play and sport, especially when you take the long view. Also I feel that in principle the VG should be for the residents of Whitchurch. With both these points in mind these points in mind the schedule for school use ought to place some restriction on the amount of time allocated to the school and on the extent to which sports equipment is installed on the VG. Q.5 Yes, to the occasional social event sponsored by one or more local groups. No to picnics in a general sense. Q.9 On charging: First, the long-standing use by the Cricket Club and any agreements made with them should be adhered to. Second, whatever was agreed between the school and

the PC, should not have been agreed if it gave them free use, especially as they already have the school grounds to play in and not all the children are Whitchurch residents. Third, with those two groups not paying, it is not reasonable that the football club or any other club be required to pay? If charging is an unacceptable option, and PC precept proves to be inadequate, other worthwhile options include: Voluntary maintenance work by users, Fund-raising, and Voluntary contributions which might be forthcoming, if the various groups and clubs were approached in the right way.

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A notional charge adds perception of the value. ie something between 1 and 2

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Perhaps there could be two scales of charges for use of the Village Green, similar to charges for use of the Village Hall, so that private functions are charged for at a higher rate than the Football and Cricket Clubs. Village events, such as the Fete and "one-offs" such as the Jubilee celebrations should be exempt from charges. I feel that the Football and Cricket Clubs should contribute to the costs of maintenance of the Village Green and the Cricket Pavilion.

10/11/2015 8:19 AM [View respondent's answers](#)

in the off season of Cricket we should have a Rugby pitch at the Eastfield lane end of the Green avoiding the Cricket Square to give the opportunity for the kids of Whitchurch/Whitchurch hill the opportunity to play and train for Rugby I think if the posts are there the people will come

10/8/2015 10:32 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

It really needs a rubbish bin!

10/8/2015 4:07 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

No village groups should be charged providing that they are non profit making. Football, cricket and school use is all beneficial to the village, and the children of the village in particular.

10/8/2015 2:02 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

I feel that when new PC-owned pavillion is ready, then we should adopt N.2 as there will be costs such as insurance and maintenance that are currently picked up by the CC

10/7/2015 8:33 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

Maybe live music evenings in summer. I would be interested as part of my Jazz band 0118 984 5513

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Why don't we charge a dog walking and picnicking levy instead of charging kids sport and activities.

10/7/2015 12:58 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

I do not think that children should be charged for using the village green (for any school activity, or sport)- as children should be encouraged to exercise and play outside. I think that adult groups should be charged- but this could be monetary or they could provide services instead (eg cutting grass, maintaining trees etc). The village green annual charges will go up when the pavilion is built (maintenance of this building, cleaning etc), and so I think the adult clubs will need to make a contribution (monetary or services) to assist in paying for and up-keeping these facilities.

10/6/2015 7:53 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

As many cricketers are from outside the village it does not seem justified for village residents to be required to provide everything free for their benefit. The cricket club apparently pays to use the nets at Bradfield. And Jenny Welham told us that all other local communities make a charge to sports clubs for use of community-owned grounds. When the village is asked to contribute to a pavilion fund it may seem unfair that the principal users of the pavilion make no contribution to the village green maintenance costs. That is one argument. However, I don't know exactly what was agreed in the deal to acquire the green (does anyone?). And it may be that generous private contributions from members of the cricket club to the pavilion fund will outweigh the argument above. And it also may be the case that individual members of the cricket club generously mowing the green without charge will also outweigh it.

10/6/2015 6:23 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

The Village Green is the Villagers' Green for the enjoyment of the residents of Whitchurch. We should not be using it to attract outsiders who already have their own facilities apart from which it would increase the congestion caused in the High Street and narrow approach of Eastfield Lane. The Cricket Club and Football Club should be responsible for all costs relating to their activities. I understand that a member of the Cricket Club has volunteered to cut the grass thus saving the £1400 currently paid by the Parish Council. Thus no separate charge to either of the clubs or the School is necessary. I assume that the wonderful "furnishing" in the maze will provide an ideal picnic area. The rural ambience of the village green with its current use should be preserved. *Note the experience of Sonning Common

10/6/2015 2:15 PM [View respondent's answers](#)

You may not be aware that the football pitch attracts groups of teenagers even after dark, who make quite a noise shouting and swearing and hitting the goalposts with sticks. The noise is such that it can even be heard through closed doors and windows. No doubt they have no idea that the houses nearby can hear everything. Bearing this in mind, we feel that basketball or other teenager facilities will only make matters worse. If it is decided that a basketball net or skate park etc is wanted by the village, could we please request that it is sited in the far corner near the primary school, as far as possible from residents' homes. It would be unfair to expect us to have to put up with even more disturbance than there is already. Thank you.

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I think it is perfectly reasonable that sports clubs should be charged for the use of the village green. This is normal practice in other villages and if it means that a small profit is built up, this can be used for a one-off capital expense from time to time.

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The PC cannot enforce charges levied on the Cricket Club, as they lie outside the existing 30yr Agreement. It is a very confrontational method of negotiation to use public opinion to pressure the Cricket Club into accepting fees. The PC should be willing to accept the terms of agreements to which they have signed up. How would the PC feel if the Cricket Club started making demands that went beyond the Agreement? If the PC were to ask for voluntary contributions towards the upkeep of something they couldn't afford, they might find the Cricket Club more responsive. Can't we do things in a spirit of co-operation and neighbourliness, rather than confrontation?

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Obviously it would be great if local sports clubs and the school are not charged but is this realistic? I personally don't have a problem with charging all users including the school as facilities always incur maintenance costs. That's life. So I'm not sure if I agree with either proposal.

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1 encouraging children and youths into sport via the green is worthwhile Including those from outside the village 2 a thriving cricket club (regardless of whether all players live in the village) should be treasured 3 providing these facilities free or as close to free as possible/practical is a good thing

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The wording of 1 does not make it clear whether £2500-£3000 is the budget in total or 10% of the budget. Assuming that it's the latter, as the space has to be maintained whether or not the clubs use it, it seems reasonable that as long as they don't do anything which costs extra money that they should not be charged. I would also agree that anyone (including the cricket and football clubs) using the VG for profit should pay for its use. I would hope that the scope of the agreement with the school would be such that hardly anything they would be likely to do would attract a charge. I've always felt that the school and field are part of the same "package". There has been discussion in Henley where fitness trainers have used the area around the rowing museum for profit making activities, but paid nothing. Things like that may need to be considered if a fitness trail or other equipment is installed.

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Use of the village green by the cricket, football clubs and school should be free of charge as these activities are an essential part of village life. We are strongly of the opinion that the cost of maintaining the village green should be met by the Parish Council budget.

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I think an annual charge (not high) for use of the green would be fair for perhaps adult groups. What do other councils do? It's good to keep children active so would not be keen to charge children's groups for use of the area

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Thank you to you all for asking us what we think! Harriet

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I can only comment on behalf of my time at the cricket club on the committee and as a Parish Councillor at the time of the sale of the ground. It was never Miles Whitlock's intention (Miles Whitlock was the owner of the land before selling to Whitchurch PC) that the cricket club would have to pay to use "his ground" to play cricket. If the cricket club can provide some maintenance to the square and the outfield then they should not be charged for its use.

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- If the costs are forecast to exceed the 10% of PC budget are there provisions in place to cover the additional funds? - Are there ways that the costs can be reduced? i.e. Locals/clubs contribute time to cut grass, general maintenance etc. - If this is already in place can the locals/clubs do more to contribute?

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For the last question I really don't mind contributing as part of the local taxes but I also think a small contribution for matches would be reasonable and provide additional funding. Growing up i had to pay subs each week and this might have only been £2/ match. Over the course of a season this isn't much but might help with additional funding and upkeep.

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All good suggestions. Taking a long term view when planning the pavilion to build good facilities is important, to maximise the opportunities for holding events that can generate income.

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It should be a good place to have fun and be safe. We need some lighting

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