



Plumpton Parish Council

The future of Plumpton Sports Pavilion

Survey of users of Plumpton

July 2024

Introduction

Plumpton's playing fields are located on Station Road, Plumpton (opposite the railway station) formally known as King George V Playing Field. KGVPF is a designated Fields in Trust field. The playing field is owned by Plumpton Parish Council.

On the KGVPF site there is a pavilion which is also the home of Honeybees Preschool, playpark, skatepark, basketball court, cricket, stoolball and football pitches plus archery. The pavilion at KGVPF has been a well-used and loved building for over 80 years. In 2010 there were plans drawn up to replace the building but for financial reasons at the time it wasn't viable. In 2017/8 a grant was achieved with Leader for £50,000 plus fundraised money from various user groups and the Parish Council to refurbish the kitchen/communal areas/changing rooms and clad part of the outside that was dilapidated. During this refurbishment it was noted that the life of the building would be in the region of about ten years.

Honeybees Preschool has grown from strength to strength having achieved an Ofsted Outstanding report in 2023. Honeybees are in desperate need of a more functional setting but still within the accessibility of the parish so parents can walk their children to the setting. The King George V Playing Field is registered with the Charity Commission and the Parish Council are sole managing trustees of the charity. The Parish Council formed the Playing Field Committee which is made up of representatives from various sports clubs, Honeybees Preschool and Parish Council members.

The Parish Council along with the users of the pavilion have over the years worked very hard to maintain the building and in November 2023 the Parish Council after having assessed the building and the cost to maintain the building it was agreed that a brand new pavilion would be the way forward.

A working group has been formed. Invitations to the parish and user groups were sent out asking for members to sit on the working group. There were few responses and the working group consists of four parish councillors, two members of Honeybees preschool and two members representing the sports clubs. The first meeting of the working group was held on 23rd January where a project wish list was formed by the user representatives. Plumpton Parish Council opened three surveys which were published online and promoted on Facebook, monthly parish magazine and the parish councils website.

This document relates to the respondents who are users of Plumpton Pavilion.



Aerial photo of the current pavilion

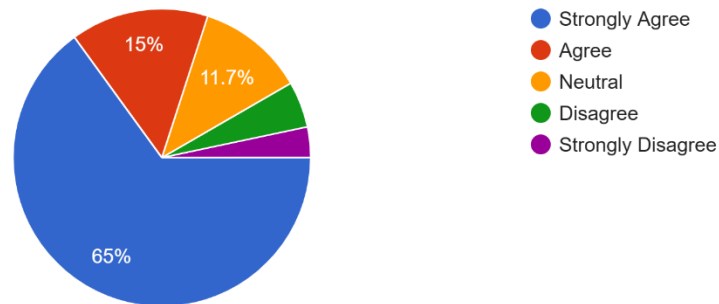
Respondents

There were 63 respondents in total but not all answered every question.

Question 1

I would like to see the existing pavilion demolished and a new pavilion built using existing footprint

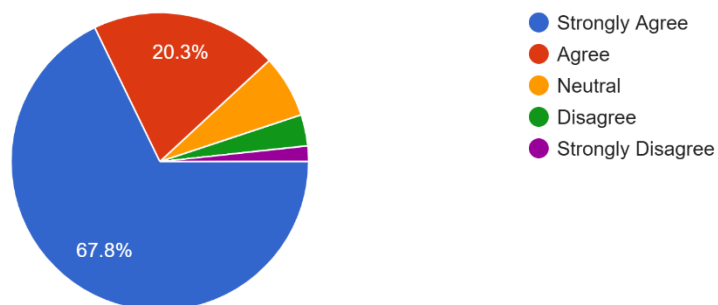
60 responses



Question 2

I would like to see the existing pavilion demolished and a new pavilion built creating a two storey building allowing extra space for pre-school and social area upstairs (if financially viable)

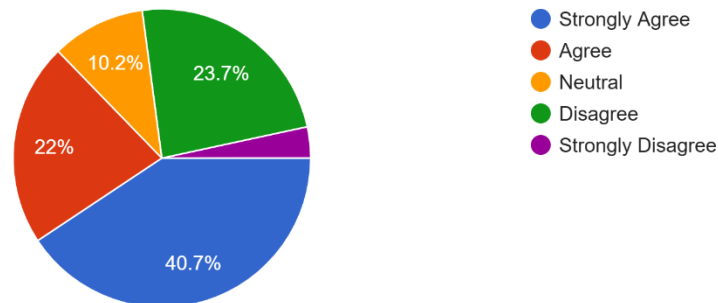
59 responses



Question 3

I would like to see the existing pavilion demolished and a new pavilion built creating a two storey building allowing extra space for pre-school and soci...ing footprint for sport users (if financially viable)

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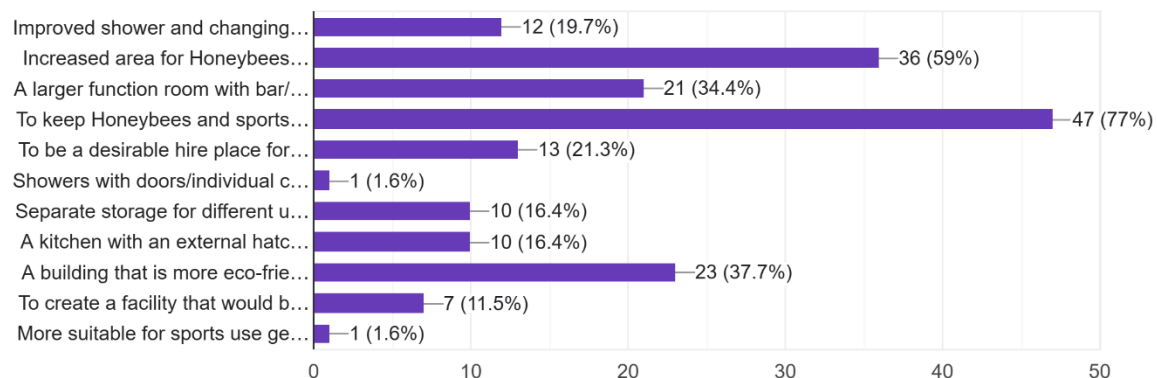


Summary of answers 1 – 3. A majority of respondents supported demolishing and rebuilding a two storey building allowing more footprint for the preschool. A majority of respondents either agreed or were neutral to the idea the footprint for the sports users being increased.

Question 4 - Top 3 priorities

The key priorities for the Pavilion should be (please select up to 3 options)

61 responses



Question 4 - Top three priorities

Summary of answers 4 – The top three priorities were increased area for Honeybees, separate areas for sports users and Honeybees and a building that is eco-friendly. The three least popular priorities were showers with doors and individual cubicles, more suitable for sports users generally and separate storage for different users.