



Newick Parish Council

The future of Newick Sports Pavilion

Survey of neighbouring properties

Summer 2023

Introduction

Newick's Playing Fields are located on Allington Road, Newick. They consist of the King George V Playing Fields (KGVPF) and the adjoining Manwaring Robertson Field. KGVPF is a designated Fields in Trust field. Both KGVPF and the Manwaring Robertson Field are owned by Newick Parish Council.

On the KGVPG site there is a Sports Pavilion, a cricket/stoolball pitch and a football pitch. The Manwaring Robertson field in Newick is home to a rugby pitch. The Sports Pavilion at King George V Playing Fields has been a well loved and well used building for many years. In the past there have been several plans draw up to replace or extend the existing building. Much of this work historically has been done by Newick Sports Pavilion Charitable Trust (NSPCT), which has previously been known as the Sports Pavilion Committee before formally registering as a charity a few years ago. This body is made up of representatives from the various sports clubs and they lease the building from the owners (Newick Parish Council). Over many years volunteers from the NSPCT have worked really hard on various plans and options for the building but sadly the project has not come to fruition.

In June 2023 Newick Parish Council and the trustees of NSPCT agreed a new approach. Going forward the Parish Council (as owners of the building) will lead the project in collaboration with the trustees. This approach has not been tried in the past and it is hoped that the resources and access to finances that the Parish Council has, combined with the knowledge and commitment from the NSPCT will move this project forward.

To start the project a list of faults of the existing building and a wish list from each club secretary was created. Newick Parish Council opened three surveys which were published online and promoted on facebook and in the Newick Parish Newsletter.

This document relates to the respondents who are immediate neighbours to the Pavilion.



Aerial view of Playing Fields including old skate ramps

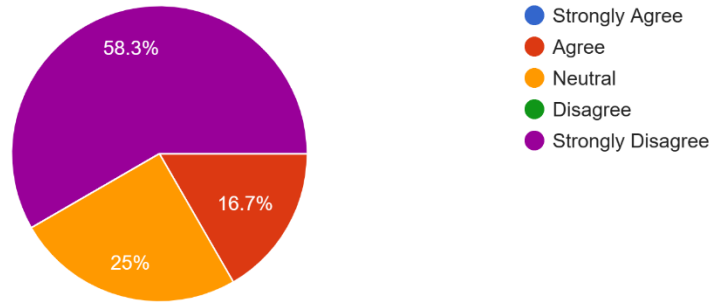
Respondents

There were 12 respondents, however it was noted that one person filled the survey out twice with different answers.

Questions 1 -3 approach

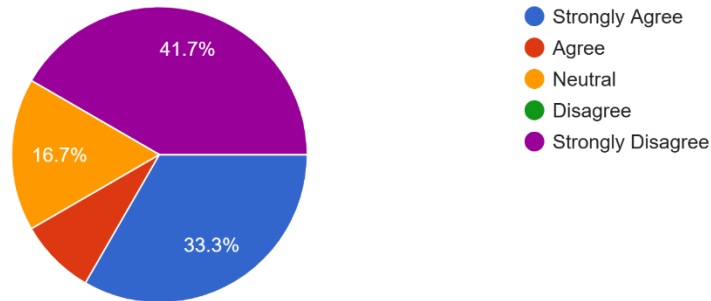
1. I would like to see the existing pavilion demolished and a new building built in the same location (if financially viable)

12 responses



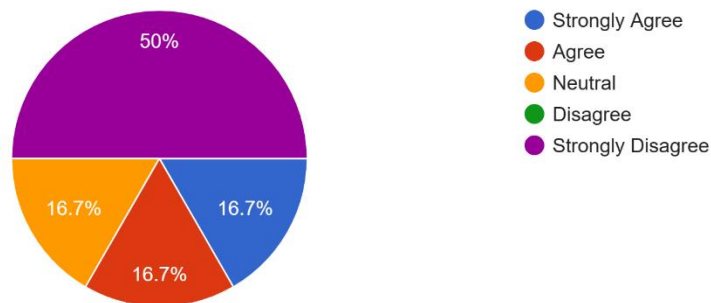
2. I would like to see the existing pavilion demolished and a new building in a different location (if financially viable)

12 responses



3. I would like to see the existing pavilion extensively refurbished/extended (if financially viable)

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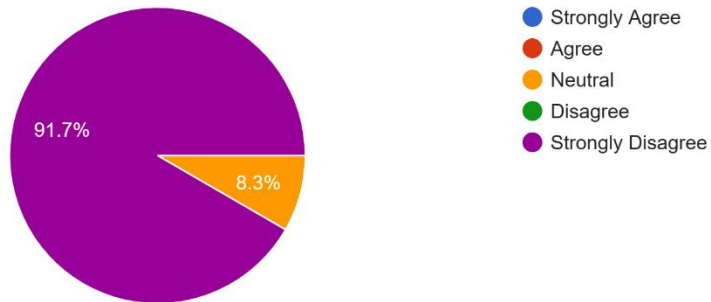


Summary of answers 1 - 3 The results across these three questions do not show strong support for any of the options. There is not majority support any of the approaches.

Questions 4 - 10 facility options

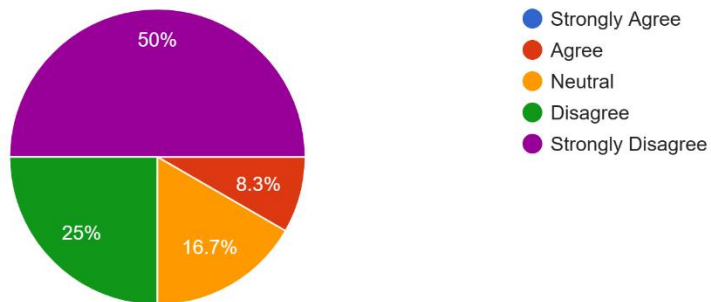
4. I would like to see a two story building

12 responses



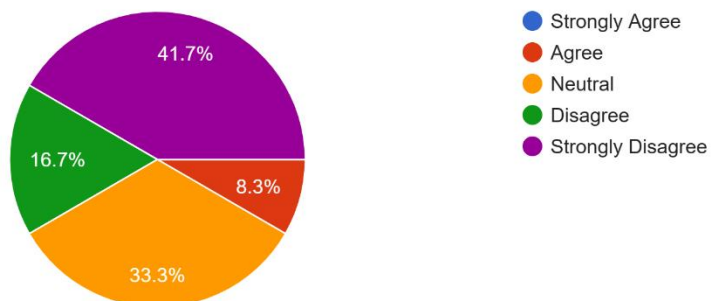
5. I would like to see a larger building

12 responses



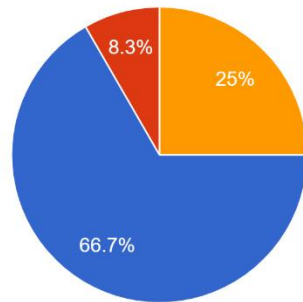
6. I would like to see a single story building with a mezzanine area

12 responses



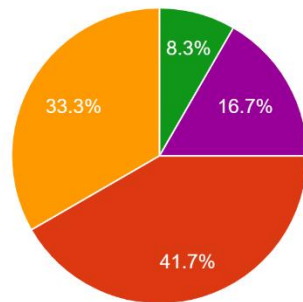
7. I would like to see improved sound proofing

12 responses



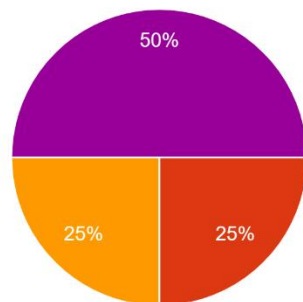
8. I would like to see a building which is used more often

12 responses



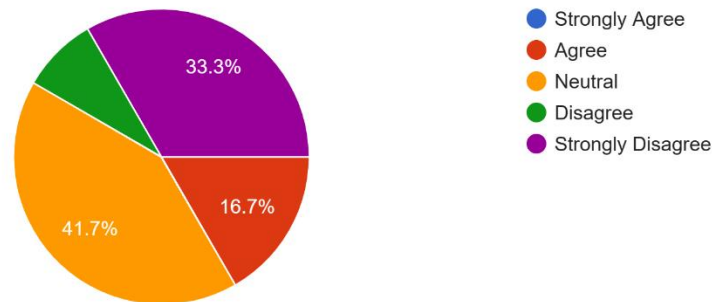
9. I would like to see a facility which is a sports/social club

12 responses



10. I would like to see the existing separate sheds combined into a new facility

12 responses



Summary of answers 4 - 10 facility options - Neighbours are against a 2 storey or a larger building. Most neighbours do not want a mezzanine level but do support improved sound proofing. They are either neutral or in agreement that the building should be used more often and that there should be a separate storage facility. A majority either disagreed or were neutral to the building being used as a Sports/Social club.

Question 11 Any other comments

Summary of comments;

Our concerns are around increased noise at night when the pavilion is being used (ie for parties and discos that play music - the pavilion being used for sports clubs does not create anti social noise), anything other than single story would mean houses behind the pavilion are looked into which is not appropriate. If the pavilion is to be made larger and used by more people the car park needs to be addressed as it is not sufficient at present which results in people parking dangerously/inconsiderately on Allington Road.

The three areas which residents abutting/adjacent to the facility are primarily concerned with are privacy, acoustic intrusion and ASB increased vulnerability

Given the difficulties at the moment in obtaining funding, extensive refurbishment seems a better option, with attention paid to privacy, sound proofing and acoustics, and accessibility.

At present there are in the village, 3 pubs, the village hall, the community centre and the barn centre so there is no real need for a further social centre. Any funds available would be better used in improving the sports facilities to encourage the young people in the village.

If the pavilion is used more extensively as a social centre there are potential problems

a) antisocial behaviour late at night e.g. noise as people leave the facility

b) lack of suitable parking

c) a substantial increase in maintenance costs.

Newick already had a wealth of social/drinking venues and the Newick Hall on the high street.

This area is also difficult to police and a haven for inappropriate gatherings for drugs and other anti social activities, which encourages the wrong messages to the younger generation.

Living directly behind the building, anything that changes the shape or usage of it will be unbelievable detrimental to myself and my family.

Under no circumstances would those of us living so close to the present building accept the idea of a second storey.

Our garden is tiny and just meters away. It would literally destroy our mental health to put a two story in its place, people would be able to see into our bedroom, the noise would be unbearable.

To see it used more would be of huge concern with disturbed late nights as we have to work. I do understand the desire for it and we have supported local club's including football and cricket. We would support it being moved to a different location. Please, how can a two storey build even be a suggestion, look on Google maps, the gardens that run along that side are shallow and small. Not to mention the fact that the village has three pubs which will be damaging to their livelihoods and

as Newick recreation ground it's renowned for antisocial behaviour and drugs, it is literally filling us with anxiety.

If the building is extended or heightened it would severely impact neighbouring residents in a detrimental manner.

Please consider the impact on the nearby residents especially if the council pursues a rebuild of a 2 storey complex on a larger footprint.

The rear of the Pavilion is used as a toilet when the facilities are closed by adults and children.

Request any changes includes blocking off rear access.

Any changes to the Pavilion in it's current location have the potential to impact severely on the quiet enjoyment of our homes and gardens.