



Newick Parish Council

The future of Newick Sports Pavilion

Survey of Pavilion users

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 users of the existing Pavilion.



Aerial view of Playing Fields including old skate ramps

Respondents

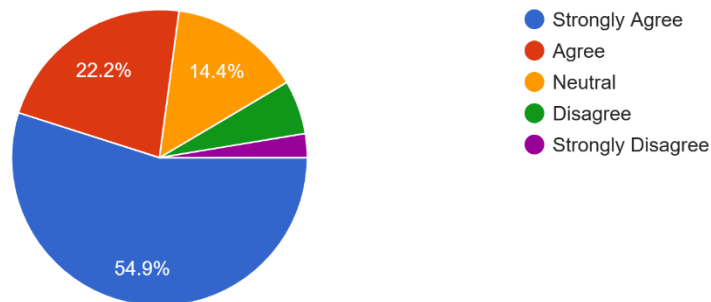
There were 153 respondents.

49 responses from Rugby Club members (32%), 18 from Stoolball (11.8%), 33 from Cricket (inc junior section) (21.6%) 30 from Newick Football Club (19.6%) 14 from members of societies that use pavilion and 9 'Other'.

Questions 1 -3 approach

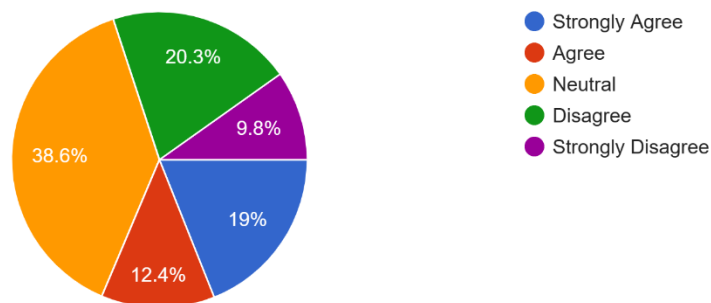
1. I would like to see the existing pavilion demolished and a new building built in the same location (if financially viable)

153 responses



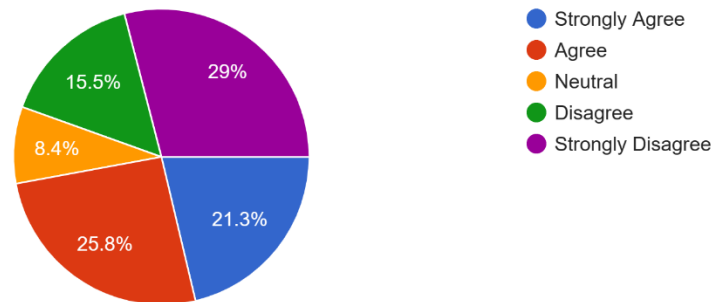
2. I would like to see the existing pavilion demolished and a new building in a different location (if financially viable)

153 responses



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

153 responses

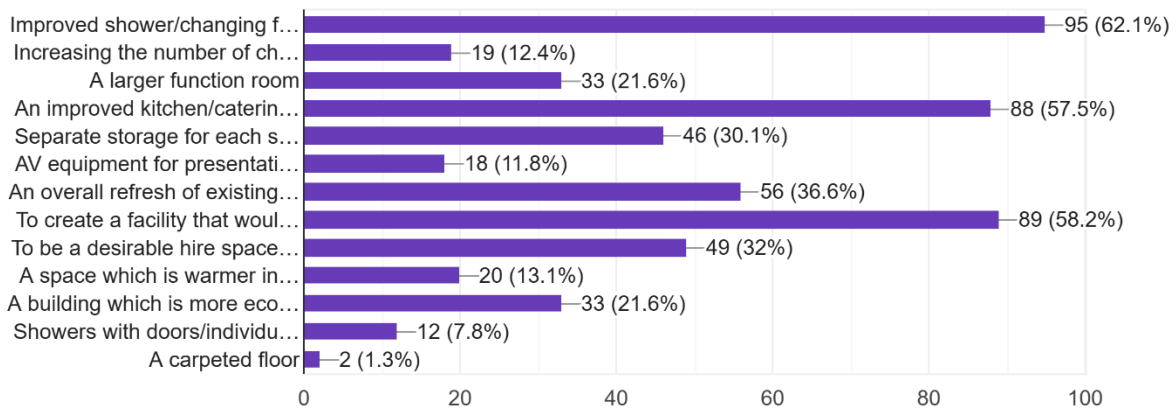


Summary of answers 1 - 3 A strong majority of respondents supported rebuilding on the same site. A majority of respondents were neutral to the idea of relocating the building. Results were split on the question of refurbishment (54.8 agree, 44.5% disagree).

Question 4 - Top three priorities

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

153 responses



Summary of answers 4 - The top three priorities were improved changing facilities, improved kitchen facilities and creating a sports/social club. The least popular priorities were carpeted floor, individual showers, increase in number of changing rooms and AV equipment.