



MELTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Recreation

Pavilion update

Most of the regular hirers at the Pavilion have returned for January, with the exception of the Tuesday morning hirer. This slot has been offered to those who had previously enquired regarding long term bookings. Following the hires over the Christmas and New Year period a Pavilion inspection took place, two plates were missing from the kitchen. One has since been located and will be returned by the hirer.

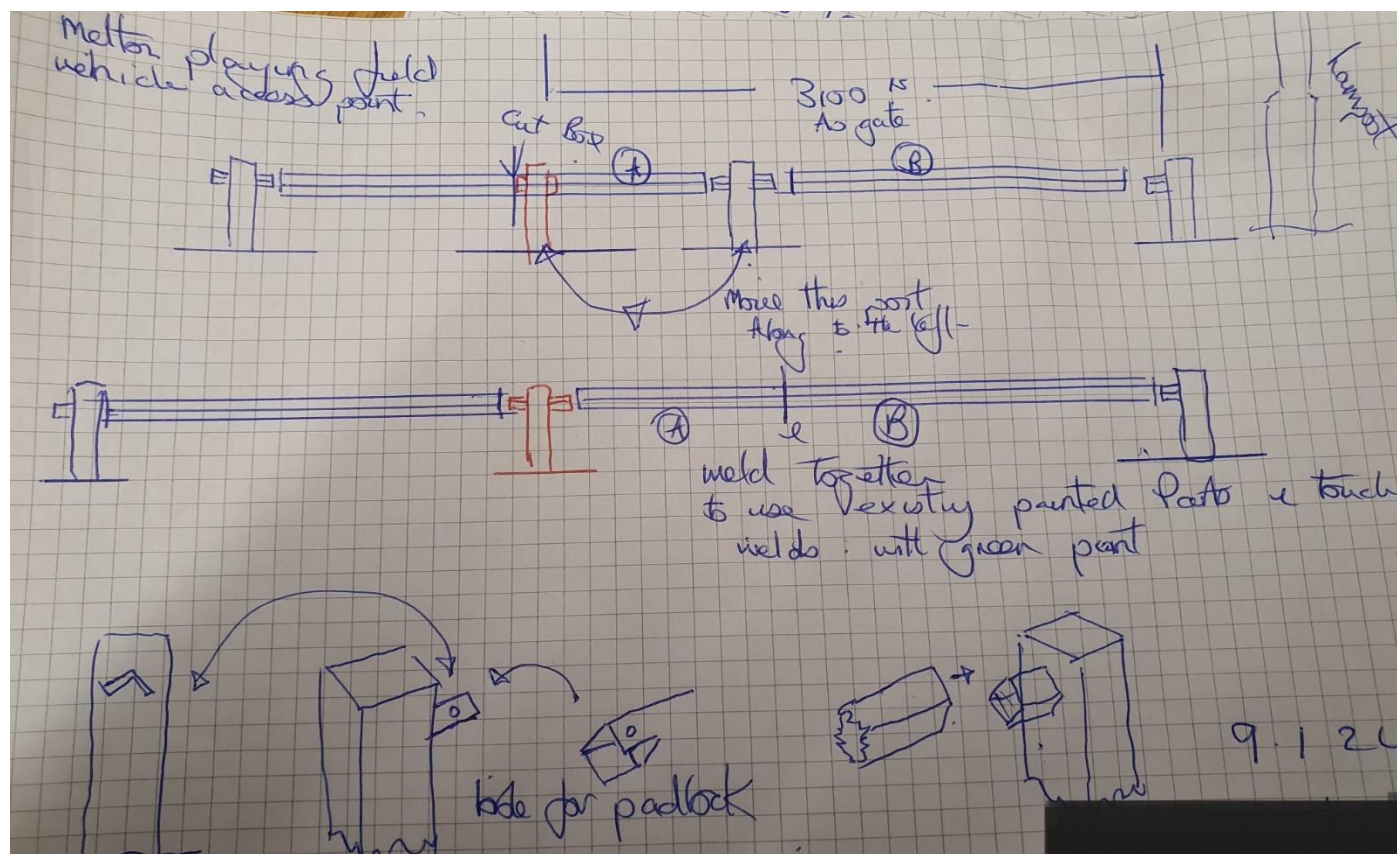
The rear doors will be realigned by a contractor, under warranty, in the next week or so.

The paintwork around the main space is looking a little marked so the office is investigating the use of Perspex strips to act as buffers between the walls and tables / chairs. The maintenance officer will repaint the worst areas in the meantime.

The Recreation Working Group discussed possible options for out of hours cover at the Pavilion when the office is closed. It was felt this matter needed careful consideration and it would be beneficial to set up a working group to decide the out of hours procedures following the co-option of new councillors.

Fete Parking Arrangements

Cllr Bann and Cllr Holmes met with the RWG to discuss a proposal to adjust the playing field fencing to allow another vehicle entrance onto the field to enable parking for fete attendees. The works to adjust the current fencing has been quoted at around £200 and RWG recommend Full Council approve the request to alter the fencing.



Car Boot Sales 2024

At Full Council in October last year, it was agreed that a limit of 50 sellers would be imposed on the car boot sale dates this year. It was also agreed that an amendment to the hire agreement will be made, stating that if MPC staff are contacted out of hours for anything other than an emergency, ie fire, flood, vandalism, Melton Parish Council can terminate the agreement without notice. The car boot sale organisers were made aware that they could hold five dates in 2024 and the hire of the Pavilion would be charged for full number of hours requested.

The Car Boot Sale organisers are extremely unhappy with regards to the increase charges for hire of the Pavilion and the limitations imposed on the number of sellers allowed to attend along with the removal of a contingency date. The Car Boot Sale organisers have been invited to attend this month's Full Council meeting.

Other Updates

The Clerk and Assistant Clerk met with PC Hannah Canning, the Community Police Officer covering the Deben and Orford area. There had been a couple of instances of ASB at the Recreation Ground which the car park CCTV cameras did capture however the images were not of a high enough resolution to fully identify the individuals. The office will investigate the cost of upgrading the car park cameras with a view to discussing with the RWG in February.

A larger noticeboard for Melton St Audry's has been installed. Two small grit bins have been ordered for the Recreation Ground.

Additional posters will be put up on Waterhead Lane regarding the pump track to see if there is any further interest.

Councillors are asked to:

- Note and comment on this report
- Agree the recommendation to alter the playing field fencing

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