

East Dean and Friston Cricket Club and Parish Council

Minutes of the Pavilion Project Group Meeting held on Thursday 23rd October 2025 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Mark Pankhurst (EDFCC), Cllr Baker, Cllr Harvey, Cllr Hill & Cllr Seeley.
Peter Shoesmith (architect)

In attendance: Clerk Phil Burgess.

1. Apologies for Absence Cllrs Morris & Fowler. Jason Woodford

2. Background

Cllr Hill brought Peter up to date with the recent discussions and intentions, which included maintaining the ridge line height of the current building, sinking the ground floor into the bank to facilitate this and if possible, keeping the footprint within the squared off current area.

3. Discussion

- Peter provided a diagram of the recent design overlaid with the proposed footprint to indicate the reduction in floor area. He felt the space was very tight to meet ECB requirements for facilities
- It was agreed that the “dig” should be larger than the building to allow 1-1.5m around all sides. This would allow side access and remove the need for costly retaining walls within the structure itself.
- The Estate may well agree to shared usage of the roadway.
- The storage area (incorporated into the building in earlier plans) should be separate. This would allow the plans for the pavilion to be restricted to facilities. Additional clubs using the proposed MUGA (which would replace the tennis courts) would also need storage. Storage would be more accessible and purchased more cheaply using shipping containers. This would probably be sited at the south-western end of the recreation ground. *Peter to liaise with Mark on this issue*
- The feasibility of re-siting the playground within the recreation ground should be investigated
- All facilities should comply with the Equality Act for access.
- Suitable siting for the car park should be investigated
- Water storage

4. Requirements from Peter

- A site plan showing storage facilities, pavilion, car parking, re-sited playground if appropriate and underground water storage.
- Internal plans of the main pavilion, excluding bulky storage. Ideally within the proposed footprint but utilising a ground floor front extension if necessary.

5. Next steps

- Update Council at November meeting.
- Further meeting of the Pavilion Project group at 7pm, Thursday 20th November to refine plans.
- Presentation of plans to Council January 2026 before wider consultation with the Estate and other stakeholders.

Phil Burgess

Clerk to East Dean and Friston Parish Council