

As background information, I can inform you APC is currently undertaking a review of the use of all three playing fields and centres it owns. As you will be aware, no football matches have been played at Rowney Green over the last 12 months. Despite useful and helpful discussions with the Trustees of the RG Village Hall regarding their continued agreement to managed parking at the rear of the Hall, the Alvechurch Lions decided not to continue using Rowney Green as their home ground for some of their teams and relocated to a new venue in Bromsgrove. As a result, APC did not receive any revenue to offset against fixed costs to maintain the playing fields and Pavilion.

As you can appreciate, subsidising the maintenance of the facilities and Pavilion building at Rowney Green is not sustainable. This has led to the current review and the desire to promote the RG facilities to generate valuable income. In doing so, it has been recognised that certain fundamental issues have to be addressed. The main two of these are the need for new dedicated off street parking and improvements to the drainage for part of the main playing field.

With the above in mind, I'm attaching a document which provides details of what is proposed, as well as other improvements to the Pavilion building. Inevitably, having the funds to implement these improvements dictates what can and will take place. A formal grant application has been made to Bromsgrove District Council to help with forming the new parking bays and drainage improvements to part of the pitch.

When considering the need for new dedicated parking for those using and visiting the RG facilities, APC was mindful of the representations made by the RG community to various previous alternative proposals considered for alleviating past parking issues. The current proposal for 25 parking spaces provides a good balance and compromise to meet the limited funds available and the desires of local residents.

Kind regards – Marc Worrall.
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