

Given a perception that a previous Parish Council decision, regarding the purchase of the Jubilee Field, and its ongoing financial impact on parishioners, was made without full community consultation, I urge Councillors not to make the same mistake again tonight re. agenda item 42b.

Whilst accepting that there may be many positive reasons for building a permanent toilet block on the Charles Cowper Field, it is undeniable that, aside from the initial costs to buy, build and fully install the unit, it will require ongoing maintenance and management, the costs of which have not publicised.

For the avoidance of any misunderstanding, I am NOT requesting that a toilet block not be built. I can of course identify some immediate benefits of such a facility. I am simply suggesting that due time and consideration should be given to an assessment of its full social and financial impact, both positive & negative, on all parishioners in the village, now and in the future.

Irrespective of any pressure or threats from a grant provider, I would like to suggest to the Parish Council that agenda item 42b is at least deferred until such a time that full financial projections of this project have been published, parishioners have had a reasonable opportunity to consider its merits and weaknesses, and that everything has practically been done to consult fairly with the wider community.

Thank you, Richard Lee (06/07/22)