



Claydon with Clattercote

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Introduction

The **Visions for the Future** are a series of ideas\projects put forward by the PC to the Parishioners, which they themselves have often voiced locally.

The projects have, to a larger degree, been costed up and presented for consideration over the last 6 months.

The following items concerned the Playing Field area were presented and voted upon.

1. **WC\Café Serving Facility.** A purpose built wooden clad metal shipping container providing basic toilet & washing facilities, kitchenette & serving area, electrical power as well as a source water for the allotments during prolonged dry weather conditions.
2. **Extra Picnic Tables\Benches.** These to be spread around the outside of the field to encourage a more social environment.
3. **Firepit\BBQ Area.** A safe area for BBQs and evening relaxation.
4. **Extended Tree Line.** To add a *few* more trees spaced strategically along the top end of the field to act as a wind break for the rest of the area. These are in no way intended to obscure the views. This practice is used around many parks and playing fields up and down the country where areas are often exposed to blustery conditions.
5. **Pathway.** To provide a firm and clean walking track around the field, especially to help those less abled people to enjoy the area.
6. **MUGA Court (Multi Use Games Area).** An all-weather fenced off artificial pitch\court for the use of Badminton \ Volleyball \ Football \ Basketball \ Hockey.

Funding for these projects would come from various sources including:

- PC own funds
- HS2 Funding
- 'Community First' funding through various organisations within Oxfordshire

Results of the survey

The results from the survey, 49 households in total (32%), have been collated together and broken down into 3 main areas of focus.

1. **Project Support** – This is the essentially the 'popularity' vote of the proposed items.
2. **Project Ranking** – This is the level of 'importance' placed against an item which, may not necessarily be the most popular, but is deemed an important 'asset' to have.
3. **Average extra Items** – Where applicable, this is an average requested additional number of items within the focus area. E.g., The number of extra benches\picnic tables or trees that would be thought acceptable.

NB: While a Project item may not be concerned as important now; it will not be totally discarded but put to one side for possible reconsideration at another time in the future.

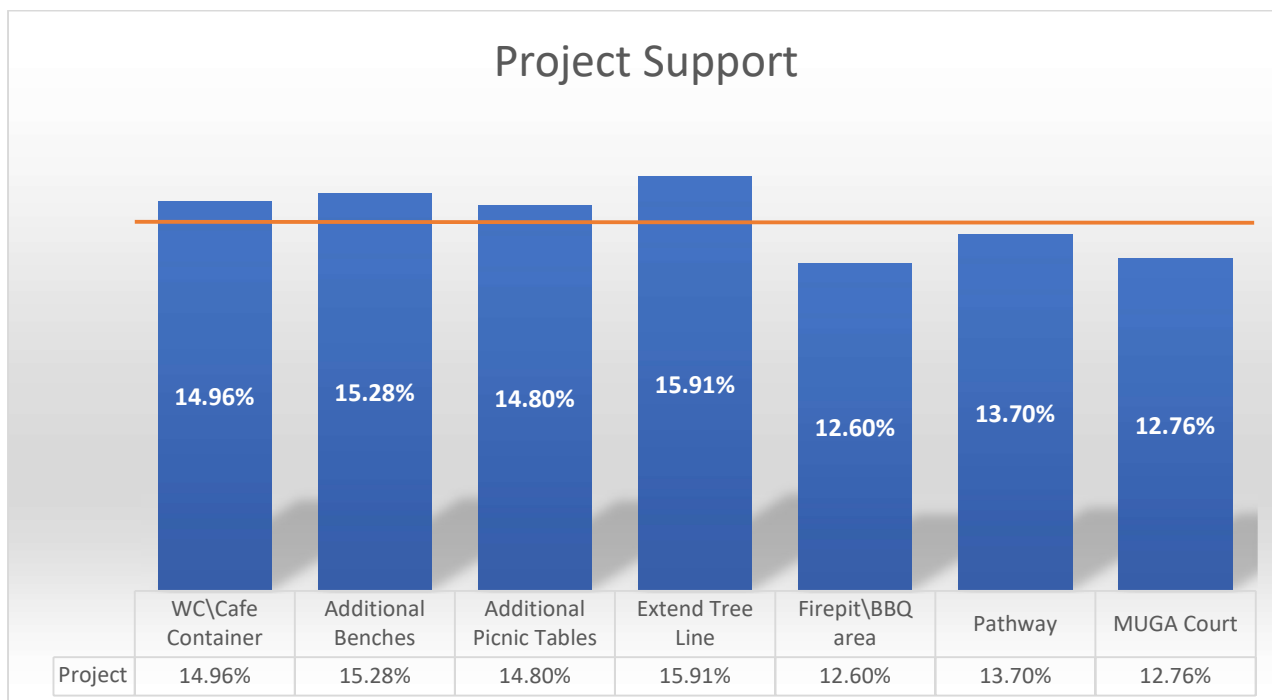
Community - Support our local communities, encourage inclusion and diversity.

Environment - Protect and enhance our local environment.

Governance - Promote participation, good management, and efficiency.

To maintain and enhance the quality of life and sense of community within the Parish of Claydon & Clattercote.
To safeguard the individual character of our village and protect its rural environment whilst supporting sustainable development that meets the needs of residents now and in the future.

Project Support



Looking at the responses above and while it very close, 4 main areas do stand out. These being the WC\Café facility, extra benches & picnic tables with an extended treeline.

These would seem to be 'logical\practical' support as the characteristics tend to lend to one another.

For example:

"If we have the WC/Café facilities, then we should have the extra 'sitting' areas from which to enjoy them. At the same time, it would be beneficial to have some form of protection from the wind on those breezy days."

At this point the Pathway, MUGA Court and Firepit, which is the least popular, may be put aside for the moment and resubmitted at a later date.

In fact, one of the engineers\architects that surveyed the field for the above items, recommended that: *it would be easier if you build your area projects first putting them in place around the field, **then** connect them with the pathway last.*

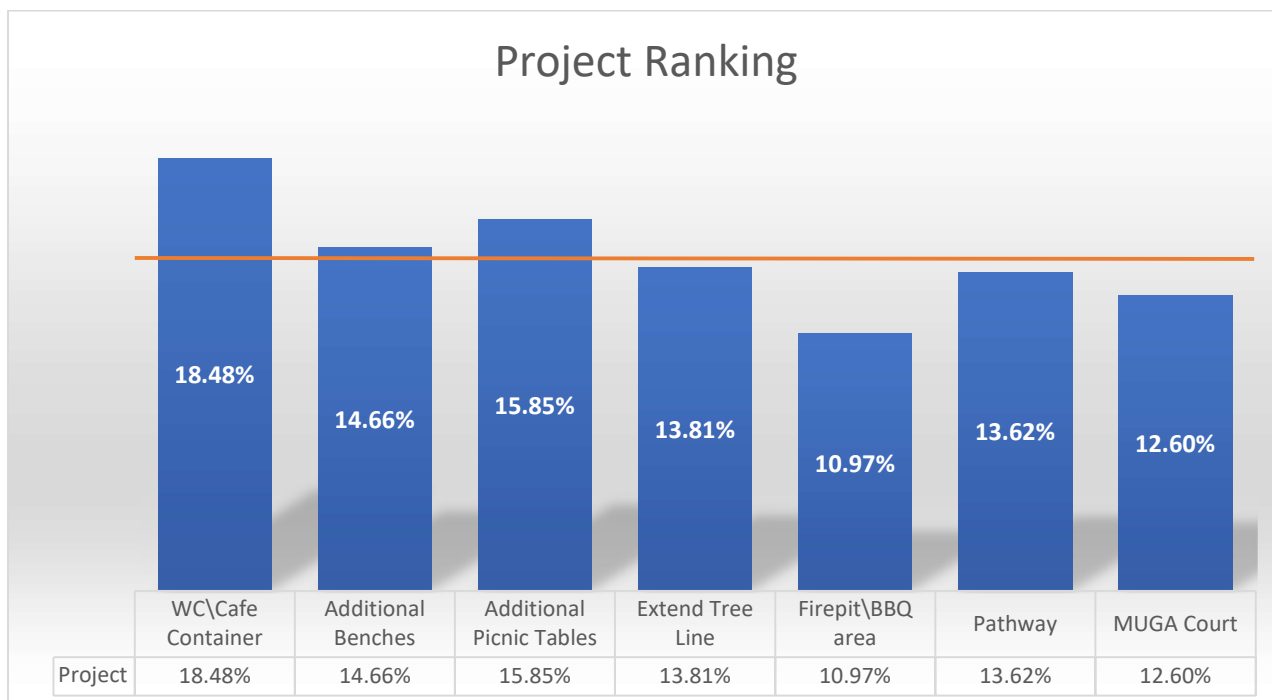
This also includes providing a drainage system for the field, which has been costed up previously. Again, the advice was get everything else in place first.

One of the main reasons for the lack of support for the Firepit\BBQ area was a fear that it could be used by 'unsavoury' characters from outside the village.

Similarly, with the MUGA court, again being a public area, it may encourage peoples from outside to use the facility who may not treat it with the same respect as the local residents.

Bearing in mind the extreme location and isolation of the playing in relation to the village, these can be considered valid points.

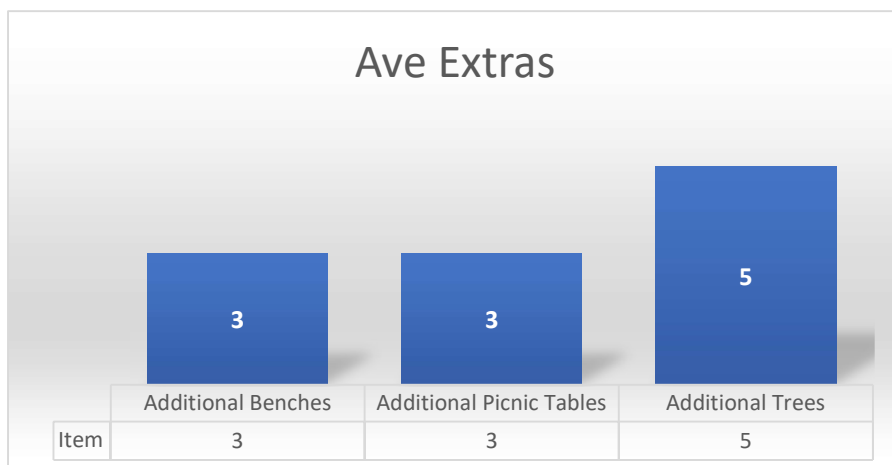
Project Ranking



Looking at the responses to actual ranking of importance, the same 4 stand out with a small reversal in terms of the WC\Cafe being considered the more 'valuable' asset.

This would again seem logical as the WC\Café facility would lay the foundation for the other projects to be built around it.

Average Extra Items



The above chart indicates the average extra number of items to be considered as part of the playing field upgrade.

Conclusions

Based purely on the information above, I believe that for the 1st phase at least, the PC concentrate its resources on obtaining and providing the following:

1 x WC\Café facility (including water, electricity, and septic tank)

3 x Benches (these can be spread around the village not just confined to the playing field)

3 x Picnic Tables

Extend the treeline with a **few** strategically placed trees to act as a wind break at the far most point of the field with minimum obscuring to the view line as possible.

***A slight addendum to the above choices would be purely based on cost of electric supply, see below. Instead of a full WC\Café facility, maybe opt for a twin WC to start with and use solar\battery as a power supply? We could add the café facility at a later date.

A final consideration of the country's economic outlook should also be taken into mind. It has been predicted that the next 2 years at least, could be very rocky especially with possible cuts to already strapped councils etc. Do we want to take on 'big' projects just yet?

Costings

Please bear in mind that the prices may vary from the initial time of estimate.

Item	Cost each	Quantity	Total Cost
WC\Café Container	£25,000	1	£25,000
Electricity Connection Q1	£55,082.39	1	£55,082.39
Electricity Connection Q2	£37,224.64	1	£37,224.64
Water Connection		1	Awaiting quote – Mark & Gary
Septic Tank + survey & installation*	£6,146.04	1	£6,146.04
Approx. Ongoing Running Costs (Annual)			
Bench**	£390	3	£1,170
Picnic Table** (depending on style)	£340 - £560	3	£1,020 - £1,680
Trees			
Drainage	£12,500	1	£12,500

*Septic tank survey & installation: <https://cotswolddrainage.co.uk/>

**NBB Recycled Furniture: <https://www.recycledfurniture.co.uk/>

*** Alternative WC only facilities: <https://www.portablespace.co.uk/shop/portable-cabins-for-sale/toilet-and-shower-blocks>