

Edlesborough's New Pavilion progress!

Edlesborough Parish Council(EPC) is pleased to announce that the planning application to renew permission to knock down the existing pavilion and build a new two-storey building was approved by AVDC on the 29th March 2019.

The building plans show new showers, changing rooms, gym, sports club storage and toilets on the ground floor. On the upper floor it is planned to have a meeting room, toilets and a club room/lounge with kitchen and bar.

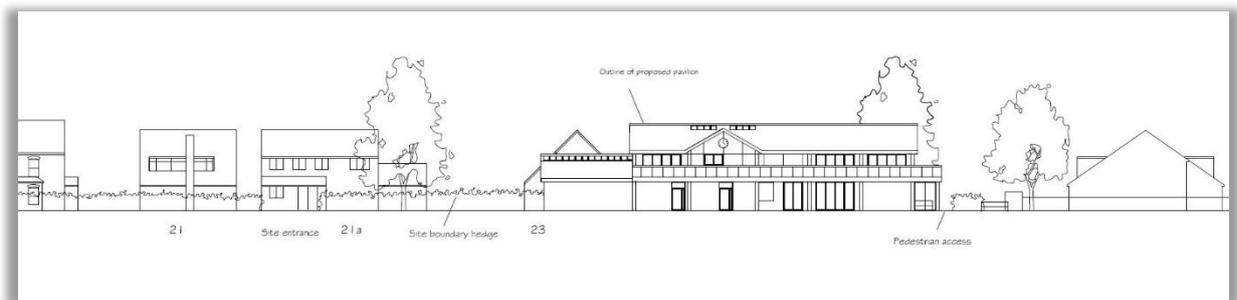
A balcony overlooking

Edlesborough green is also included. The building will reflect current design criteria for people with disabilities including a lift for access to the first floor.

The final internal content and layout will be determined following further consultation with sports clubs and parishioners.



Here's the building set in context of the surrounding area



In April 2018 the original planning application expired and the fundraising had stalled with the Lottery and the Football Association rejecting applications for funding. The Lottery considered Edlesborough as too affluent to need extra funding support. The FA funding was conditional on the installation of an all-weather pitch on the green. That was immediately rejected as unacceptable by both EPC and the Edlesborough Community Sports Club(ECSC). EPC with the help of ECSC then made a successful application to Aylesbury Vale District Council New Homes Bonus Fund. Approval was received in October last year and the project became viable again. In November EPC made a new application for planning approval.

In February, in anticipation of the renewal of planning permission, EPC commissioned a project 'board', including a councillor and two parishioners with specialist experience to, seek quotations for professional help in getting the project to the tender stage. At the EPC meeting in March approval was given to the chosen bidder. It is expected that detailed specifications will be issued sometime in May and that the tenders will come before the council at the end of June to make the final choice of who will be engaged to build this exciting new facility.

If you would like more information, the planning application can be found on the AVDC website. The application number is 18/03920/APP. Alternatively you can visit the Edlesborough Community Sports Club Facebook pages. EPC continues to work with ECSC for the management and maintenance of the new pavilion once it has been built.