

CROSS PARK PROJECTS - YOUR VIEWS NEEDED

The parish council own Cross Park on behalf of the residents of Allhallows. It is located behind Avery Way between the school and the Allhallows Golf Club, with access via the track to the golf club at the British Pilot end. There is a flat area for sports and a Pavilion (small hall) by the entrance. The rest of the lower area is managed as an informal country park.

The council have been looking at ways to maintain and improve the facilities for the benefit of the Allhallows residents and the large number of visitors to the area each year and want your views. There have been two approaches with suggestions (*both very separate and affecting different parts of the park*) :

- 1) **Land Logical**, working in partnership with the environmental charity **Groundwork** - have suggested that a more varied and financially sustainable landscape could be created on the southern half of the Park. This would offer the opportunity to create new woodland and other habitats incorporating adventure play, and educational facilities for the School. Such a project would be possible to achieve without cost to the Parish Council, through importation of inert soils (no other waste or rubbish) to create the landscape.

Land Logical/Groundwork UK will be holding Public Information/ Drop-in sessions at the Cross Park Pavilion on Thursday 8th February (1pm to 3pm and 5pm to 7pm) - SPEAK TO THEM ABOUT YOUR SUGGESTIONS and find out all the steps and safeguards that this type of work must go through. Be there, but if you really can't make it information will also be on the parish council website after the meeting.

The Parish Council is still gathering information and wants your views before making a decision : email: Allhallowspc@gmail.com or

The parish council meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm in the Cross Park Pavilion, Avery Way, Allhallows. There is a session for residents raise issues and ask questions.



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2) Cross Park - Community Centre -Turners Parks Group (owners of Allhallows Park (Kingsmead)) are planning to submit a planning application soon for an additional 81 chalets on land currently part of their golf course, although around half of the existing golf course would remain as an environmental open space for their residents. IF THE DEVELOPMENT GOES AHEAD they have proposed some schemes on the Cross Park site that would be legally tied to that work, **at their cost** :

- 1) **Permissive Footpath** - the council have been discussing the creation of a formal path between Cross Park and the Recreation Ground for some time and it would be provided as part of their development– Joining the upper and lower parts of the village off-road.
- 2) **Bowling Green** - would be created on the sports field (the council feel that this would need a Bowls Club to manage it and would be interested in hearing from any interested clubs)
- 3) **Community Hall** - a larger extension attached to the existing small hall, initial suggestions are that it could be used for indoor carpet bowls , events and various groups. There has been a request to consider Badminton and possibly a stage (other suggestions welcome). It would also have changing rooms that could be used for the sports field and indoor activities (sport, drama, keep-fit, dance).

The facilities would be shared between all residents and visitors, built and owned by the Parish Council. The hall facilities are likely to be run by a separate registered charity.

A public exhibition was held at the end of November and the planning application will be a further opportunity to comment. The community facilities would be subject to a further application later when the facilities and design are confirmed.

The parish council will comment on the planning application separately from all of this and the Medway Council Planning Committee will make the decision on the plans.

Further investment is being made at the Youth Centre at the Brimp, but it needs more adult help to make better use of the facilities and to extend the sessions for the various age groups. Can you help? Currently it runs one session on Tuesday at 6:15pm to 7:45pm for the 8 - 11 age group, but could run with more Adult Support. Contact the Clerk (see contact details below).



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