

Bullock Park Further Development Plan – preliminary discussions

- November 2021 Noted comments from Parishioners wanting to make pavilion larger.
- September 2022 Bullock Park Management Committee discussed idea of combining village assets with the Community Centre Trust to expand the facilities at Bullock Park.
- October 2022 Shipdham Parish Council meeting held a positive discussion regarding the expansion which warranted further discussion with Bullock Park Management Committee.
- November 2022 Meeting took place with Bullock Park Management Committee, Parish Council, Community Centre Trust & Bowls Club where the idea of selling Parish assets and combining Community Centre Trust monies were discussed. Each party then went away to discuss formally at their own meetings.
- December 2022 Shipdham Parish Council agreed, in principle, to consolidate assets for the expansion of Bullock Park – approved unanimously.
- December 2022 At the Bullock Park Management Committee meeting it was agreed in principle, unanimously, to go ahead with the expansion of the park.
- January 2023 Meeting took place with Bullock Park Management Committee, Parish Council, Community Centre Trust & Bowls Club. All parties agreed in principle to consolidate assets for the expansion of Bullock Park.
- February 2023 Shipdham Parish Council set a working committee of Paul Chubbock, Cllr Shelley, Cllr Chaplin and Cllr Smith.
- February 2023 Working Committee met and agreed to ask the Parish Council for a working capital budget sufficient to cover the life of the overall development plan.
- March 2023 Shipdham Parish Council set a working capital budget of £20,000, agreed unanimously.
- March 2023 Chair of Bullock Park Management Committee and Clerk visited architects to provide plans and surveys for the Bowls Club site.
- April 2023 Clerk contacting other architects for comparable quotes for plans etc.
Working Committee met and discussed having email account (to go on Bullock Park Management Committee meeting agenda) and providing a timeline for residents on Parish Council website.
- May 2023 Quote approved for architects planning permissions.
- September 2023 Shipdham Parish Council approved plans for Fieldfare Loke and agreed to submit planning application.
- March 2024 Planning application for land off Fieldfare Loke submitted and validated by Breckland Council.
- April 2024 Planning application for a new Bowling Green at Bullock Park submitted and validated by Breckland District Council.

July 2024 Shipdham Parish Council approved an increase in the expansion budget of £5000 – agreed unanimously.

September 2024 Working Group agreed to withdraw the planning applications, before going to Chairmans panel at Breckland District Council, subject to further works needed to meet the requirements of Sport England.

Future staging; (timings for stages below are not possible at this point, however we aim to complete works intime for 100th Anniversary in 2027)

- Finalise positioning for the bowling green.
- Once planning achieved, sell land on Open Market.
- Community involvement - Invite people to join working committee and invite ideas and aspirations for the new building.
- Submit planning for new building.
- Look into other grants and funding opportunities.
- Build.