

## Public Statement regarding Bullock Park Project Pause.

Following a review of the remaining costs to be incurred in order to get the planning applications for the housing on the current bowls club site and construction of a new bowls green and club facility at Bullock Park, the steering group recommended to the PC that the project be put on hold.

The main factor in the cost was the Nutrient Neutrality charge of £240,000. This was not applicable at the time that the project commenced and, had Sports England not responded negatively as a consultee to our first attempt at application, would not have been applicable to the project at all.

You can view all details about the project and all expenses incurred to date on our website: <https://www.shipdham.org/clubs-charities/bullock-park/>

The project is on hold, not cancelled, and ready to proceed at a point in the future that either nutrient neutrality is dropped (suggested to be likely by 2030) or an alternative source of funding is available (Section 106 money from the old coal yard development, community compensation from the airfield solar farm and High Grove solar farm).

It has proven that the project is viable, we have all the required architectural plans ready to submit and, whilst we would have to repeat some surveys, those we have carried out have also shown that the project is viable.

It is not fiscally sensible to proceed at this point with the nutrient neutrality charge of £240,000 if it is anticipated that this will become non-applicable in the future.

We would like to thank the Shipdham Bowls Club committee and members for your support and engagement along the journey so far and assure all of our parishioners of the PC's commitment to seeing our leisure facilities, including bowls, improve to meet our growing village's needs.