<u>Batheaston Parish Council – Council Meeting 12th September 2023</u> <u>Working Group to Establish a Charity – Progress Report</u>

Summary

The intention is to establish a charity which will take on the operation and development of the Rhymes Pavilion and other recreational facilities, allowing it to access funds that are not available to the Parish Council.

The outline of the process is now clear, and legal advice will be sought on the proposed articles for the proposed charity, which will be brought to a future meeting of the Council for approval.

Detail

Cllr Bryant and the Clerk held a meeting with Roger Taylor, a solicitor with Wellers Law Group, who was recommended to us by a number of colleagues in the sector.

The outcome of this call was:

He confirmed Cllr Bryant's view that the best structure for the charity is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO)

He stressed the importance of having a clear constitution and the outset

He confirmed the proposal that only the Parish Council will nominate trustees

Once the charity is established, the Parish Council and the Charity can agree a lease for the facilities in question, which:

- Will probably be for a term of the order of 25 years
- Needs to be drafted to meet the needs / constraints of the likes of Sports England and Football Foundation, etc.

Next Step

We will send the current draft constitution to Roger Taylor for his advice. This will be chargeable, but is within the delegated authority of the Working Group.

Richard Maccabee, Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer 12th September 2023