

Millennium Field – Community Barbeque Report (19 July)

The 19th of July broke as a beautiful summer's day, with clear skies and warm sunshine. During the afternoon approximately forty parishioners attended a community barbeque held in the Millennium Field. Residents enjoyed a generous selection of salads, barbeque fare (prepared with great care by Cllr. Mark Nequest), and an array of excellent desserts. The area had been thoughtfully decorated with flowers in glass bottles by Dorf, whose contribution was warmly appreciated.

The atmosphere throughout the afternoon was relaxed, friendly, and reflective of the strong community spirit within the village. Parishioners chatted, children played, and the Millennium Field provided an attractive setting for the event, having been cut the previous day and looking its best.

The Parish Clerk (Carolyn) was in attendance, and both she and Cllr. Nequest took the opportunity to canvass parishioners regarding the next tranche of improvements to the site. The majority of those residents present expressed support for the installation of a covered amenity structure—potentially incorporating glass bi-fold doors—to facilitate regular community activities such as coffee mornings and informal gatherings. It was further agreed that water and electricity should be connected to the area, and that suitable tables and chairs should be sourced to support future events.

Parishioners also endorsed the introduction of a regular cutting schedule to ensure that the field continues to be maintained to a high standard.

It was a pleasure to see so many residents in good spirits, and it is hoped that this will be the first of many community events held at the site. The Parish Council intends to pursue Village Green Status for the Millennium Field, thereby securing its protection and use for the community in perpetuity.