

A crucial decision has to be made by the Committee. Accordingly at the risk of inundating you with further paperwork we have decided to canvass opinion within the whole club and then decide our next course of action. The Question is 'DO WE PROCEED WITH ARRANGEMENTS FOR DRAINING THE PAVILION PITCH?'

The Scoreboard Pitch

It would appear that the work has been 75-80% successful. There are two areas which are still wet and inhibit work by the groundsman. There may be a reason for this and Richard Chapman is investigating the causes, taking the matter up with the company concerned so that remedial work can be done. There is no doubt where the drains have been laid according to plan the results have been successful.

Finance

The cost was £7500. There is an outstanding debt of £3,300 which is payable as follows:- £1000 to Camden and the balance to members of the club.

The Committee is keeping the loan repayment under review and is seeking to ensure that the fund-raising committee continues to honour its obligation to repay lenders of money.

The Pavilion Pitch

Our information is that the soil is more fiercely compacted and consequently a more expensive and extensive job is desirable and probably essential. The best estimate of cost is approx. £15,000 (in current terms). We would hope to start in March or the earliest possible date given your approval.

Finance

1. A Sports Council loan (not grant) is possible of up to 50%.
2. Camden Council will probably lend some money.
3. The firm (Chipmans) that drained the scoreboard pitch offered to finance the whole cost of the pavilion pitch but no doubt at commercial interest rates.

Of course if the last offer is still available and we think it acceptable the work could be done in March to use the pitch next season.