



Corfe Mullen Town Council – Statement in Respect of the Pavilion Closure

It is with much regret that the Town Council has been forced to take the decision to close the Pavilion building at the Recreation Ground on the grounds of fire, health, and safety. The decision was taken following a number of routine annual Landlords inspections by two Councillors, which was this year followed up by an independent Health and Safety inspection by a certified and qualified inspector.

The findings of the report supported the Councillors concerns in respect of fire, health and safety throughout the building and the possible risk to users along with the liability to the Town Council.

The Corfe Mullen Sports Association (CMSA), who hold a lease for the building which expired in 2020 remains a tenant on a “holding over” basis and is responsible for the interior of the building under the lease. The CMSA has managed the sports provision at the recreation ground for several years and will continue to do so, albeit without a pavilion building until it has been fully repaired as per the terms of the lease and satisfies a further independent health and safety inspection.

The public toilets at the recreation ground are open as usual and remain unaffected by the decision to close the building as they are independently accessed and are closed off from the areas affected by the report.

The Mini Munchkins childcare provision has relocated to the small hall of the village hall to ensure continuity for working families. The service provided by Mini Munchkins will continue in the same way as it has always done, but simply in an alternative temporary location.

The Town Council is unable to advise on the various sports clubs as this is the remit and responsibility of the CMSA.

The Town Council hopes that everyone affected by the closure respects the decision and recognises that it is to protect the health and safety of all pavilion users. Further updates will be provided as and when information is known.

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