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Piddinghoe Re-Build

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Firstly I would like to express our thanks to Nick Blackburn and his team for taking on the build. Also to everyone behind the scenes that are helping in small or big ways. The planning, the fundraising, the ground works, the maintenance of the rest of the site. Thank you

Should anyone like to make them a cup of tea, provide cake or bacon butties it would be much appreciated. We can help by ensuring that the clubroom is tidy and clean and by looking after the club equipment and our berths. Nick will let us know as the project progresses if we can help in any other ways.

The work is being carried out to benefit members and enable us all to enjoy Piddinghoe for many years to come. The buildings are largely at end of life – they were second hand in the 1960's. The wood floors are rotting, the roof leaks etc.

The changing and showering facility doesn't meet modern standards so this is being addressed and enlarged with disabled facilities also being added.

Attached is a site plan of the buildings at Piddinghoe. The new build is planned in 2 stages for which planning has been approved. South Downs planning and the National park have been quite specific about their requirements.

By Michelle Smith on behalf of the Piddinghoe Mgt Team

Stage 1 – to rebuild the storage facility– due to began yesterday, 18/8/2025

Relocation of all equipment

Removal of the sheds – BWS, lawnmower, engine, petrol

Groundworks

Rebuild of storage – from the changing rooms to the engine shed.

Stage 2 -

To rebuild the changing rooms and clubroom, improving the drainage and adding disability facilities and adding extra changing.

Last Saturday, 16/08/25 : The Harris fencing arrived at Piddinghoe to close off the section of the site where work will be carried out. Nick Blackburn will be our lead with this build who happily is very experienced at running timber frame building projects.

There may be quite a gap between Stage 1 and Stage 2 to enable us to accumulate the funds and apply for grants.

Any NSSC equipment / hire equipment etc will now be in the Bosun's Shed. Many buoyancy aids have now been disposed of so please ensure you bring yours with you.

For the time being Brighton Water Sports now have use of the old buoyancy aid sheds for their equipment. Please do not help yourself it is not our equipment. Please ensure you bring your own.

The BWS Team will operate out of the Training Room along with all the club training activities. Members can freely use the galley and clubroom to make your drinks, have your meals and chat.

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