

Email to Developer from SPC – 24 September 2020

Dear

Thank you very much for these.

I'm not sure if you are aware but a [change.org](https://www.change.org) petition has been organised by the resident who had approached the parish council regarding the possibility of saving the pool and there has been a considerable presence on social media.

Members of the council, at last week's meeting, explained the reasons why the project had become financially non-viable and suggested a couple of routes the public may wish to consider if they wished to pursue the matter.

A suggestion was made by the public that if the developer was to add £10k to £20k to each dwelling (if it was marketed as having an on-site swimming pool/leisure facility) , this could be a way of raising enough income, not just for the restoration but also for the revenue costs. The Government is also keen to invest in health/fitness related initiatives, so this could be another source of income, or at least funding. There was some argument that maybe not everyone would be willing to pay the additional amount or indeed wish to live near such a facility, but it would be interesting to know if the developer has ever considered this as a possibility. Or it could be that it was decided early on that such a move could potentially affect the housing market competitiveness of the dwellings?

This item may have to, again, feature on one of our next agendas should the group gather sufficient evidence of support within the village, as it would be our duty as local government representatives to do so. Our ethos has always been to be transparent in our dealings with not just our community but also third parties, such as yourselves, and we hope that we will continue to be able to engage in these discussions.

We have just received a request for a statement from the BBC News Online, which I am working on, but in the meantime if there is any additional information you may think might be helpful, this would be much appreciated. May I also please ask if you have a picture of the building and swimming pool as they are now, because the ones being posted online are from some time ago and may not necessarily reflect its current state accurately.