

# PADDOCK WOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE TIMELINE OF EVENTS

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1960 s	Parochial Church Hall demolished	
1977	Town council discusses building a hall at the Memorial Ground	
2005	Town Health check is launched	
July 2006	Paddock Wood Carnival – Residents are asked to complete a questionnaire identifying their priorities for PW. Out of 216 replies 98.6% said it should be a community centre.	
November 2006	A Public meeting is held at PW Primary School. Chaired by Chris Gregory, to discuss a community centre	
2007	PWTC has discussions with the Baptist Church who were looking to build a community centre in Paddock Wood. The project was not progressed	
2008	The PW Community Partnership identifies a community centre as the main priority for Paddock Wood residents. However lack of funding means that the Community Partnership focuses on the more deliverable priorities which were identified.	
2009	TWBC Core Strategy determines that Paddock Wood should take 600 houses as part of the borough's allocation (this has now increased and applications for 1000 houses are currently live) The Wesley Centre is allocated for continued community use	
2009	10 possible sites are identified – and a short list of 3 – Green Lane, St Andrews & Memorial Field is drawn up.	
2013	TWBC planning dept produced a community needs assessment. This looks again at the 10 possible sites and makes provision for a community centre through policy. Town council sends out form to local groups to assess their needs This identifies shortfall of space for family and children's events Also carries out survey of existing facilities	

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Jan 2014	Council arranges visits to recently built community halls around Kent Puts forward to TWBC its shortlist of preferred sites. Courier runs poll asking residents views. Memorial is 2 <sup>nd</sup> in list of preferences	
Feb 2014	Initial working group is set up to start work on the project, led by Andy Mackie (local resident)	
April 2014	Annual Town meeting, Paddock Wood Primary School – presentation on a new community centre for Paddock Wood	
July 2014	A stand is held at the carnival to identify resident's needs and aspirations for a community hall.	
Sept 2014	Mr Mackie puts forward an assessment of the possible sites based on the responses from the carnival and the group's research. The Memorial is put forward as the preferred site.	
Oct 2014	Working party meets with planners to discuss possible section 106 funding in light of the proposed developments. Letter is sent to Greg Clark MP seeking his support	
	Group continues working as part of the Neighbourhood Plan group	
Jan 2015	Town council includes £30k in its 2015/2016 budget to be ring fenced for the project	
July 2016	Further public engagement at the Carnival	
Jan 2016	Further £30k included in Budget to fund the project included in 2016/2017 budget	
Feb 2016	PWTC passes resolution that it would like Section 106 to be used to fund community centre TWBC confirms it is negotiating for s 106 funding to fund the project PWTC approves governance documents for project	
March 2016	TWBC offers the services of a project manager to carry the project forward (no cost to the town council)	
April 2016	Neighbourhood Plan visioning event identifies Memorial Field as preferred location. Presented to residents at the Annual Town Meeting. Town Council approves the Governance structure for the Community Centre	

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	project. Ceases to be part of the Neighbourhood Plan Project	
Oct 2016	Council passes resolution to take out £1.5 m loan to cover the build costs. Section 106 monies will be used to pay off the loan as the funding is released	
Nov 2016	Ecological survey of Memorial Field is undertaken	
Dec 2016	Funding secured under section 106 agreements for Church Farm development & Mascalls Court Farm Development (£385,00 approx per site)	
Jan 2017	Further £30K included in 2017/2018 budget for project Topographical survey of site is undertaken	
Feb 2017	Survey document delivered to all household in Paddock Wood – also available online. 4 week consultation period. VAT report commissioned	
May 2017	Consultation document analysed by MMR International and published Procurement exercise to appoint an architect commences (KCC Procurement services are used)	
July 2017	Frankhams Consultancy appointed as architect for the project	
November 2017	Public engagement event in Commercial Road on Saturday morning – draft layout plans available for public to comment on. Plans displayed in the Library for a month after the event.	
December 2017	RiBA stage 1 approved by Board & submitted to Full council for Approval.	
January 2018	RiBA stage 1 approved by Town Council and project moves onto Stage 2 Governance Documents reviewed. Invitations sent to local groups asking if they wish to send a representative to join working party.	
February 2018	Load testing of tennis courts. Revised plans agreed by board	
March 2018	Town council to approve additional 3 members of the working party. Plans submitted to town council for consideration prior to public consultation.	
April 2018	Further public engagement event – Day Centre	

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May 2018	Quantity Surveyor appointed	
June 2018	Council holds extra meeting and approves RiBA stage 2	
July/Aug	Working Party carries out consultation with the public at Carnival, School Fete, Charity football match & boards on display in Community Café Working party visit other community halls	
September 2018	Petition opposing to the building of a community centre at Memorial is handed to council at meeting	