

Moulsford Pavilion, Oxfordshire

Multi-purpose Community Building

As well as being the hub of village life, the new pavilion on Moulsford village green is being used as a sporting, educational and recreation facility for the local community and organisations across South Oxfordshire.

The Client

Despite the best efforts of the community to make it welcoming, the pavilion at Moulsford had reached the end of its useful life and was in need of replacement. It did not meet legislation for disabled users and was ill equipped with poor heating and insulation. It is testament to the desire of the community to maintain a central hub that following a public meeting, the decision was taken to replace it.

There was overwhelming support for activities to enable a new pavilion to be funded and a small project team was set up to raise funds, apply for grants, consult user groups and seek advice.

The Brief

One of the team's first tasks was to visit recently built village halls and speak to users to learn from their experiences, and get an insight into what would make their project successful. They were particularly impressed with the village hall at nearby Little Milton, which was designed and built by Pinelog.

Having consulted the community to find out what services and facilities they would like to see in the new hall, the project team commissioned Pinelog's architects to draw up designs for a low energy, sustainable building which would conform to the character of the village and the special landscape of the North Wessex Downs. The new facility should be fully

equipped to accommodate a range of activities and include changing rooms, showers, kitchen and a main hall with seating for up to 120 people.

Pinelog's proposals for a timber framed and clad building were subsequently presented at a public meeting and following overwhelming approval, with Pinelog's help, planning permission was sought and obtained. Tenders were requested from several companies who specialise in this type of building but Pinelog's complete turn-key proposal was found to offer the best value for money. Moulsford Parish Council was able to raise the £450k required and Pinelog was awarded a contract to proceed.

The Specification

The main structural component of the new south facing pavilion is the timber glulam frame, formed into exposed columns and roof beams. This highly insulated frame includes five full height dormers and is topped by a 30 degree slate effect concrete tiled roof and clad externally with larch panels. On the north face, a V-shaped gabled entrance projects forward from the building line.

In the main hall the exposed timber frame and soaring ceiling provide a spacious feel and being south facing, uses large windows and full length glass doors to allow light to stream in and give excellent views over the cricket pitch and playing field.





This main function area, which has an oak floor, is supported by other rooms including a kitchen, store rooms, changing and toilet facilities. Double doors open directly onto a veranda which extends the whole of the rear elevation. Here members of Moultsford Cricket Club and visitors can relax and watch the cricket.

Client Benefits

Pinelog was able to provide a complete design and build solution which was a tremendous benefit for the client. By handling the building design, demolition, project management, organisation of site works, landscaping and liaison with the planning authorities, the project went through smoothly.

A spokesman for the Parish Council said: "At the heart of Moultsford we now have a fantastic facility as the social and recreational centre for village events and the wider local community. It really is great to see the project vision realised. Moultsford is a very active village that will really benefit from this wonderful new building."

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 Location: Moultsford, Oxfordshire

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