



Policy, Finance and Development Committee	Tuesday, 26 March 2019	Matter for Information and Decision
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Report Title: **Naming of New Pavilion Building, Horsewell Lane**

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Purpose of Report:	To agree the proposed name for the new pavilion building at Horsewell Lane in Wigston, along with names for the large and small community rooms within the building.
Report Summary:	The report sets out the background for the naming of three key community elements at the new pavilion at Horsewell Lane.
Recommendation(s):	A. That the new pavilion building at Horsewell Lane be named the 'Tythorn Hill Community and Sports Centre'; B. That the large community room with the new pavilion building be named the 'Jean Crane Hall'; and C. That the small community room within new pavilion building be named the 'Dan Shirley Room'.
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Corporate Priorities:	An Inclusive and Engaged Borough (CP1)
Vision and Values:	"A Strong Borough Together" (Vision)
Report Implications:-	
Legal:	There are no implications arising from the report
Financial:	There are no implications arising from the report
Corporate Risk Management:	Not applicable.
Equalities and Equalities Assessment (EA):	There are no implications arising from the report. EA not applicable.
Human Rights:	There are no implications arising from the report
Health and Safety:	There are no implications arising from the report
Statutory Officers' Comments:-	

Head of Paid Service:	The report is satisfactory.
Chief Finance Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
Monitoring Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
Consultees:	The individuals or their families have been consulted with respect of the proposed naming.
Background Papers:	None.
Appendices:	None.

1. Background

- 1.1 The construction of the new pavilion building at Horsewell Lane affords the opportunity to review the name of the building whilst also facilitating naming rights within the building's community facilities to celebrate and recognise those from the Borough who have made an outstanding contribution of service to their country and the residents of Oadby & Wigston.
- 1.2 Three naming opportunities have been recognised:
 - the pavilion itself;
 - the large community hall;
 - the smaller meeting room.

The recommended naming proposals and the reasoning for this are set out below.

- 1.3 Ordinarily, matters of naming, such as street names, are not normally referred to Committee. In the case of street naming, where a new street is being named for an individual, it is usually done so following their death.
- 1.4 In this instance one of the recommended nominees is still an active member of the community and so, following discussion with the Head of Law and Governance, it was recommended that the naming proposals are brought to Committee for decision.

2. Proposed Building Name - 'Tythorn Hill Community and Sports Centre'

- 2.1 The Horsewell Lane area was part of the Wigston field system from medieval times. Tythorne Hill Field was one of the three fields utilized in a crop rotation system to enhance agricultural production. Horsewell Lane was a track way to Welford which marked the boundary between Tythorne Hill Field and Goldhill Field. The area upon which the pavilion is sited has been known as Tythorne Hill Field since at least the thirteenth century.
- 2.2 There are other references in the built environment to Tythorne Hill Field within Wigston, examples of these are set out below:
 - Tythorn Field Community Primary School;
 - Tythorn Hill Farm, Cooks Lane;
 - Tythorn Drive, Wigston Fields;
 - Tythorne Bridge, Grand Union Canal;
 - Tythorne Aqueduct, Grand Union Canal; and
 - Tythorne Lock, Grand Union Canal.
- 2.3 The proposed naming of the new pavilion therefore recognises and celebrates the historic geographical significance of Tythorne Hill Field and its long standing association with

Horsewell Lane.

3. Proposed Large Community Room Name – ‘Jean Crane Hall’

- 3.1 Jean Crane is a dedicated volunteer organiser who has devoted considerable time over many years to supporting young people in Wigston. She currently organises sessions and events at the Wigston Club for Young People as well as managing the existing club building, as part of her role as ‘Club Leader’. The Wigston Club for Young People will be a key user of the new pavilion and will add to the community vibrancy of this new facility.
- 3.2 Jean’s dedication and community service to support young people should be celebrated as an example and inspiration to all. The naming of the room after Jean is well deserved and also serves to cement the link between old and new with the integration of the Wigston Club for Young People in the new pavilion.

4. Proposed Small Community Room Name – ‘Dan Shirley Room’

- 4.1 Dan Shirley was a soldier from Wigston who died in a tragic accident whilst serving in Afghanistan in 2008. Dan was a dedicated soldier who joined the army in 1992. He served for almost 16 years and achieved the rank of Warrant Officer Class 2. During his time in the army he served with the Parachute Regiment, the Army Physical Training Corps and the Air Assault Support Regiment, Royal Logistic Corps.
- 4.2 Dan has been described by his commanding officers and colleagues as being an inspirational man who was admired and universally respected. In the context of the community and sports pavilion he was further described as being a perfect role model for young soldiers, being fit, irrepressibly enthusiastic and superbly professional. It is hoped that the naming of the room after Dan will serve as a memorial to the ultimate sacrifice that our Armed Forces personnel sometimes make and prove to be an inspiration to future generations to serve their community and perform to the best of their sporting abilities.