

Bumbles Preschool Proposal to the Parish Council.

Dear All Members of the Parish Council,

Firstly, please let me apologise for not being able to attend this evenings meeting, unfortunately I have another meeting I need to attend.

As the chairperson of Bumbles Preschool, a Preschool that has been running in this village for over 40 years, I would like to enquire about the pavilion situated on the playing field. I understand it is currently not in use and would like to put forward to you the possibility of Bumbles Preschool relocating from the village hall into the pavilion?

With the current Government's plans to increase free childcare for 3 and 4 year olds to 30hours a week from the current 15hours a week, there is no possibility of us being able to offer this in the village hall as it is used by so many different groups. This would lead to us facing possible closure as parents would be inclined to use their full entitlement in one provision that are able to offer the full 30 hours not split across two provisions.

As Bumbles Preschool is a registered charity there is a very high possibility of us being able to apply for grants to re build the existing pavilion making it user friendly for all residents in the village. Not only that the possibility of doing it 'GREEN' would be hugely beneficial to the environment and help towards the running costs - Solar panels, Heat source water pump, good insulation, triple glazing – all of these ideas have the ability to be funded by the local community and businesses.

I propose we -

- a) Using the existing footprint of the pavilion and look at how we can maximise the space and make it a provision that can cater for many rather than a minority.
- b) Include a new changing room for sports to encourage a football team to return to Trunch, be it our own or one from a neighbouring village, this will of course be financially beneficial to the running of the pavilion. This would also be an amazing opportunity to have our own sports club for the children in the village. – football, rounders, cricket etc
- c) By building a purpose built room for the Preschool with direct access to the outside, we will be provided an amazing opportunity for the children in our village and the surrounding area. We have recently had our 'Ofsted' visit and have been graded GOOD in all areas. (you may have seen us in the EDP!) This is an amazing achievement and extremely hard to achieve, but we could be 'outstanding' with a purpose built building. Great for us, even better for Trunch!
- d) This building would also be multi functional, providing a room for children's parties, after school clubs, sports clubs, youth club and so much more. Making it an excellent provision for children of all ages in the village.

e) Lastly there is also the potential of a small cafe serving tea, coffee, cake etc. With the high amount of walkers and the older population of Trunch it may be nice for them to have somewhere to go and meet friends, have a chat, warm up! Not only would this provide job opportunities in the village again it would bring a financial benefit to the pavilion.

Wouldn't it be amazing if we could achieve something together that will benefit all of the residents in the village especially the children!

Thank you for taking the time to read this and I hope to hear from you soon. I hope you are all as excited about this proposal as I am and I look forward to working with you on this amazing project in the future.

Kind Regards

Michaela Betts

Chairperson

Bumbles Preschool