



Annual Village Meeting 2011



Agenda

- Welcome & introduction **Jenny Forbes**
- Previous Chairman's Report
(Council 2007 - 2011) **Jenny Forbes**
- Communications, Walks, Village Centre **Brian Phillips**
- Affordable Housing **Jenny Forbes**
- Summer Fair **Keith Stacey**
- Pre-school **Claire Judge**
- Possible future projects? **Brian Phillips**
- Question & answers **All**
- Refreshments and socialising

This is the Annual Parish meeting for Ashurst Wood 2011



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Background

- Set up 1974 as parent run playgroup
 - In St. Dunstan's church hall.
- Later became volunteer committee run Pre-school
- St Dunstan's Hall renovation started in 2009
- Temporarily homeless
- Intent to return to hall once renovations completed





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Temporary location



- Ashurst Wood Primary School
 - Low pupil numbers enforced amalgamation of classes
 - Enabled Pre-School to use spare classroom
- Initial intention to stay only 1 year
- Mutually beneficial

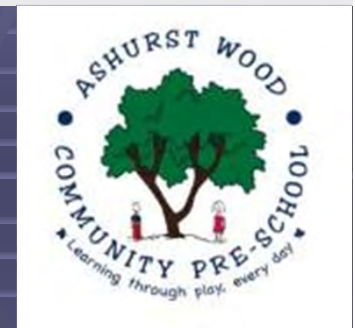


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Why a new Building?

- St Dunstan's
 - No room for expansion by pre-school
 - More restricted facilities
 - Difficult storage
- John Pears Pavilion
 - Limited to 13 children
 - Minimal storage
 - Difficult access
- Village Centre
 - Already booked in mornings
 - Unsuitable space





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Why bother?



- May lose only pre-school in the village
- NO feeder to the Primary school
- Potential to lose primary school if numbers drop considerably
- Loss of schools may impact on whole community
- Fewer young families moving into village



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Planned Building Area



- Brick built permanent building, in keeping with rest of school
- Sited on area of unused land on school premises



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Estimated Cost £250,000?



- **Already confirmed up to £1,000 from Community Initiative Funding Grant**
 - **Covering architect fees**

- **Other possibilities**
 - **Applying to WSCC 106 funding**
 - **National Lottery**
 - **Local grants**
 - **Local community (already received £500)**
 - **Parish Council Grants**

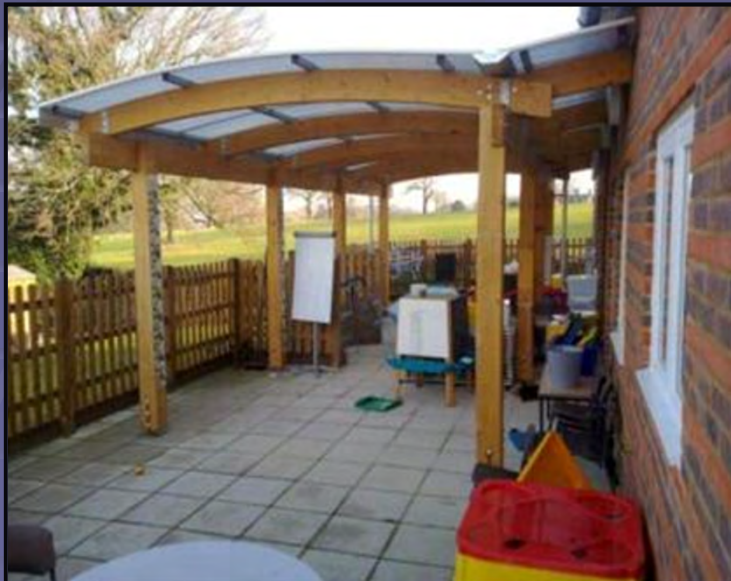


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Architect's brief:

- Main room
 - Toilets - children/staff/disabled & nappy changing facilities
 - Office area
 - Kitchen area
 - Store/cloakroom
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- Pitched roof in keeping with school but lower height to limit impact on neighbours
 - Bi-fold doors to enable 'free flow'
 - Gable end & roof windows
 - Full height glazing





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Where are we?

- Appointed architectural technologist to draw up plans for planning submission.
- Meeting held with Mid Sussex Planning Department
- Meeting held with WSCC Schools Planning & Legal departments
- Meeting arranged with WSCC planning department
- Potential to:
 - Increase number of children from 20 to 24
 - Afternoon sessions
 - Breakfast/lunch club
 - After school club



Aim to be in new building by Sept 2014



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How can you help?



We need your:

Skills

Time

Support