

Hi Bob,

Late as ever with these things....I thought I'd share my views - I think you're the person to share them with!

My suggestion is that school/pre-school/DCC buys the current hall, they could both then make it how they need it and a new hall could be built in the old cricket field. This is still close to the village centre, has plenty of space for both a really good hall and a good sized car-park, and, as far as I know, is just sitting there doing nothing, despite the cricket club having had to move out many years ago.

I think it is vital that the school/pre-school continue to be able to use the hall and fail to see how either could function without it or a replacement, but a replacement that is big enough for be an improvement to what is there now, will eat into the car-park and/or pre-school garden. Having pre-school right next door to the school has many benefits, of course, including that vital first link with school lunchtimes and visits.

As we all know, the parking is insufficient for larger events and of course it is shared with the surgery.

Clearly funding large projects is going to be a major consideration. Maybe, for a year or two, every organisation in the village fundraises for it. I'm sure there are people around who would love to invest in such a project and have their name on a list of donors on the wall for eternity.

I hope this isn't too late to be useful,

Emma Palmer