

**Notes from Presentation given by Jo German,
Education Projects Manager, Cambs County Council
and the informal discussion which followed.**

Present : Cllrs Hatton, Potter (Treasurer, and Village Hall Trustee), Alderton, Fesco, Day, Gardiner. Mrs V Parkes (Independent Internal Auditor for BPC), District Cllr Van de Weyer, Mr R Bridges (Chairman of Village Hall Trustee), Mr M Fesco (Vice-Chairman, and Village Hall Trustee), Mrs M Goding (Secretary to Village Hall Trustee) and Mr M Goding. Ms J German, Education Capital Projects Officer for Cambs County Council. Mrs V Tookey in attendance as Clerk.

Cllr Rhodes Kemp would arrive late due to work commitments.

Jo German had been asked to attend to update the BPC on plans for future redevelopment at the School.

She explained that the S106 had been completed and signed between CCC and CEMEX in August. Following the tender process Coulsons were appointed as contractors in December 2016. There had been a query about the timing of the developer clearing the car park site, and the specification had yet to be agreed. When the planning application for school expansion is submitted so will the design for the car park. Since tendering there had been meeting at the School with Mrs S Kelly to discuss re-location and possible design of unit for Happy Bunnies. There is to be mobile provision, to sit at the back of the school extension, for Happy Bunnies and the Out of School club.

CCC has put this project in its development application capital programme for 2019/2020. Pick Everard are working on a range of designs to provide accommodation for 210 pupils (arising from the proposed housing development) and any growth.

Jo also explained that to utilise the existing early years provider (Happy Bunnies), CCC would have to apply for exemption to appoint a business.

Bob Bridges stated that Happy Bunnies use of village hall provided a consistent revenue for the hall but the rent is only £4 per hour. What would Happy Bunnies be charged at school? Jo German responded that this had yet to be assessed, CCC would look at what other schools are charging but there would be an expectation that business rates, and all the bills were covered.

Rosamund Rhodes-Kemp arrived at this point.

Sarah Fesco asked why County has to provide early years at the school now. Jo responded that there is money in the S106. CCC recognise that will need three additional classrooms, the mobile and extended accommodation for staff, extended kitchen etc to meet needs of 210 children on the site.

Carol Alderton asked about building works and Jo explained this would be in stages assuring those present that CCC were used to juggling extensions whilst schools were operational.

Harriet Gardiner raised three issues a) cars parking relating to Happy Bunnies b) building close to a listed building c) the car park across the road has a limited frontage where there are also two proposed footpath accesses.

The proposed car park is for staff use only. Mark Fesco considered that a school crossing would be required. Val Tookey pointed out that any traffic management has yet to be planned, finalised, agreed with Highways, Police etc ; and comes from another budget within the S106.

Bob Bridges stated that BVHT hold the deeds for the village hall, but will have to transfer ownership to BPC in order to save v.a.t. not only for the building works, but also to allow for precept to be used.

Mark Fesco returned to the tendering for nursery provision and Jo German explained that this was being discussed and CCC would not wish to put Happy Bunnies out of business.

Sarah Fesco asked whether there could be a stipulation that Happy Bunnies not be allowed to increase fees to cover costs. Aidan Van de Weyer explained the background of the long term desire to re-locate the provision. Should there be a move to retain Happy Bunnies at the Village Hall Val Tookey explained that the allocation for Village Hall redevelopment would not cover providing an Ofsted standard building.

Sheila Potter asked if Sue Kelly was willing to move to the school. Jo German replied that she had been involved in the design of the mobile unit. The building will be managed by the school whoever uses it.

Anne Day asked how many cars it was anticipated the staff would need and the answer was 30.

Jo German concluded by stating that CCC would wish to go through planning processes, and have the approval granted. With the appointment of Developer they would then be ready to go ahead with building.

Scott Hatton thanked Jo German for attending and offered to send her a summary of BPC's concerns. Jo has offered to come back when further information is available.

V Tookey

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