

A meeting was held at the hall between, Paul Trueman, Nick Urch, Peter Blears & Amy Crouch (representing the hall committee) and Conan Boyle and Tom Vaughan (representing Neroche School) on Thursday 25th May about the move of 3 & 4 years olds to the school in September and the needs of the 2 year olds left at the hall. The school is effectively taking over the running of the playgroup and therefore will pay the hall hire charge for the 2 year olds. At the moment, the expected hours will be 09.00 to 15.00 five days a week. A 3 year agreement laying down basically all the same conditions that exist at the moment with playgroup hire, and the cost, has been drawn up by Paul and sent to Nick Francombe (our solicitor) for him to check it over.

The amount of playgroup equipment currently stored at the hall was shown to Mr Boyle and he agreed that a rationalism would take place. The hall is looking for all the playgroup equipment to be taken out of the ship's container and the playgroup use about half of the cage store.

The project at the hall for the playgroup Tesco's grant money (£8K - £6K already paid and £2K on completion) was suggested as a covered area outside the hall from the Jubilee room fire exit door towards the front of the hall for about 7m and 3m wide. The grass would be removed to the same level as the concrete path and a wooden retaining barrier installed. The whole area (including the path) would be covered with artificial grass and secured at the edges. The roof would be polycarbonate sheets secured to rafters on wooden posts. The middle fence would be removed, the 2 gates replaced with taller ones and a trellis installed on the front and back fences. An outside stainless steel trough would be attached to the wall outside the kitchen wall and plumbed in. The guttering would feed a water butt and the overflow directed to the old sewer tank. If any money is left over it would be used for picnic tables & chairs and a play pirate ship. This had been agreed as acceptable by the hall as it was seen as an asset to the hall for other users.

A meeting was held today between Paul Trueman & Nick Urch and the contractor. It was agreed that the posts next to the hall wall could be secured to the wall rather than sinking them into the concrete path. The position of these posts will not be symmetrical, due to the hall windows, the emergency light over the Jubilee room fire exit door will need lowering (to accommodate the shelter roof) and the the power supply cable to the ship's container will need re-routing. Nigel Gillard has be asked to quote for the last 2 items. The trough would be positioned over the outside drain, so that it is not close to the fire exit door. The middle fence gates would be re-used by the dustbin area. The work would take about 2 weeks (a skip will be positioned on the corner disabled car parking place) and would be in early August.