



Meeting of Ball Grove Sub Committee 22nd May 2024

Present: Adele Waddington, Cllr Eleanor Jolley, Cllr Malcolm Pate, Cllr Barry Hodgson.

1. Adele has been in contact with Trevor Dawson Commercial Agents who had no further ideas to those already suggested, for use of the building. Their suggestions included a sporting business, specialist retailers, hair and beauty, medical services. Group suggestions at the last meeting were complementing outdoor or physical activity, classes in yoga, keep fit, Pilates, tai chi, judo, basic indoor gym, (outdoor equipment may be installed in the Park in future), artists' gallery or studios, simple long term storage, workshops, forest school.
2. Adele contacted the Parks department at Pendle Borough Council who agree that the suggested figure, for rental of the café is in line with other cafes on parks in the area.
3. Rentable storage units are around £45/wk for 8m².
4. Malcolm presented a document regarding funding opportunities.
5. The idea of a dog wash was discussed, but rather than having running water available, it was suggested that a boot scraper be purchased. It would be secured to the outside of the toilet block area and costs £180. When changes are made to the toilet area, a request for an outside water supply will be included in the design so a water option could be discussed again in the future.
6. Colne Youth Action Group are interested in 'The Shed' and would like to link in with this group.

They are also interested in potentially doing some Forest School activities on the Park. They may use the building as a base, but the majority of their time would be on the park.

7. Barry thinks that the building needs to be a multi-function room suitable for a varying array of activities. Eleanor feels that any single occupancy of the room needs to be complementary to the park.

It was suggested that, going forward and on funding applications, it should be called Ball Grove Community Hall. This would make the building use clear to all.

It was felt that an architect should be sought who could also suggest a project manager for this. The group feel that, if we have these, this will give the best outcome for the project as a whole and that the Parish Council make a bid to Lancashire Environmental Fund for works on this building including any alterations to incorporate doors, shutters, heating, insulation etc.

As mentioned at past meetings, the potential re-opening of the toilets should be a separate project. Adele thinks that if the toilet is going to be re-opened, it should be made into a Changing Places space, so that it is usable by everyone. Again, we are looking at someone who would project manage this and Adele will contact Changing Places to ask their advice on how best to proceed with this and from whom we should apply for grants.