

CUCKFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Queen's Hall, High Street, Cuckfield, RH17 5EL



Item 14: Background to need to review Grant levels to enable continued support of Cuckfield Preschool.

Extract from Community Buildings Minutes on 28th March 2019:

CB81 To consider the proposed hire rate increase for Cuckfield Preschool's use of the Village Hall (previously circulated)

It was agreed to accept Preschool's proposed increase of fifty pence per hour for 2019-20 year. This amount being the limit of Preschool's ability to pay. In order to comply with legal transparency requirements, the Parish Council had been advised to change to a system whereby Preschool would pay the entire hire rate and apply for a grant towards the balance they were unable to fund. This would be effective from 1 April 2020. In accepting the Preschool's increased payment proposal, the Council had undertaken an analysis to understand the effect of the reduced Preschool fee on;

- a) The resulting subsidy to Preschool; and
- b) The need to recognise this subsidy in a transparent manner as required by the Transparency Act. Council would consider the contribution of this subsidy on a recurring annual basis as a grant. It was agreed this would be discussed with Preschool during a working committee meeting to be arranged.