

Pewsey Children's Centre Consultation
8 February 2019

Present:

Gill Mills, Spurgeons
Russ Martin, Spurgeons
Beverley Smith, Puddleducks
Lucy-Anne Bryant, Wiltshire Council
Caroline Dalrymple – CC Advisory Board
Curly Haskell – Chair, Pewsey Parish Council
Emily Wood, Wiltshire Council (mins)

Clarification was given over purpose of closure. Rational to deliver the services in the community. What happens to the running cost of keeping the building open – Puddleducks should be able to utilise the building and cover these costs. CSAR has identified that there is a need for additional childcare in Pewsey.

Curly pushes for a honeymoon period – can Wiltshire Council cover initial costs for Puddleducks? Bev voiced that the electricity bill was concerning, the controls are difficult to access. Our property team might be able to assist.

Recognised that supporting families in their own home is very important – understand the living experience of child – enables better signposting of services.

Will want to link more closely with health visitors.

Pewsey has a good library – leisure centre. Broaden out people's opportunities to use their local facilities.

Develop a community offer.

Spurgeon's are persistent to contact families. Door knocking.

Pewsey has a 'them and us' mentality.

How will Puddleducks relationship continue with Spurgeons? GDPR rules are followed, consent is obtained and info will be shared as before.

Challenge given that the council awards contracts based on cost not on quality of service. Contract monitoring explained. Those present reassured that services are maintained carefully.

Homestart Kennet work with Spurgeons.

Chair of the PC suggested that the parents are fed-up with consultations and that most believe that decisions have already been made. Better communication might appease the pupil. Facebook should be used more.