

## **A Note of a Meeting with Ruishton School Headmaster (25/4/18)**

**Present:** Chris Kamin (Headmaster), Roy Bulgin and Jim Claydon  
(Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group)

The following topics were discussed;

**School Future** – The school continues to grow in size having increased by over 50 pupils in the last five years. In September 2018 the school roll will increase to 210, requiring the provision of seven classes. In addition, the pre-school will have become part of the school adding a further 30-40 pupils over the week. It is planned to consolidate early years (ie pre-school and infants) in one block.

From January 2019 the school will become part of an Academy together with Heathfield, West Monkton, Blackbrook and Selworthy Schools.

If there were to be further growth of the school, particularly if there were to be new housing development in the parish, then there would need to be additional educational facilities provided. There are two options possible:

- A brand-new school located elsewhere - Ruishton School stays as it is.
- Ruishton School to increase in size but relocate, perhaps with better access to Henlade where development is most likely to be located.

Further development on the existing site is not feasible because of its constrained site and access.

**Parking Survey** – The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group are planning to undertake a parking survey to assess the scale of the problem currently experienced in the vicinity of the school. The Headmaster was supportive of this proposal and suggested appropriate times for the survey. He suggested that June 14<sup>th</sup> should be avoided as one of the year groups will be out on that day.

**Community Facilities** – The Headmaster suggested that there is a need for more community facilities in the parish such as a shop and youth facilities. If there were to be a new school West Monkton provides a good model where additional community facilities have been provided by developer contribution.

Jim Claydon (25/4/18)