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FUNDING APPLICATIONS

Summary

The report provides the Committee with details of funding bids that have been received since its last meeting on 23rd July 2009. The Committee are requested to agree a budget contribution towards the projects set out in the table below.

Recommendations

- (a) The Committee are asked to consider the funding applications outlined in paragraph 2 and agree the following proposed budget allocations:

Ref	Project Description	Amount Requested £	Amount Proposed £
A.	Bicton Parish Council – Restoration of Holy Trinity Church Clock, Bicton.	3,4890.75	3,4890.75
B.	Westbury Parish Council – Provision of two new freestanding parish noticeboards at Yockleton and Westbury.	1,500.00	1,500.00
C.	Little Ness Village Hall Trust and the Parochial Church Council – Legal costs involved in the transfer of the village hall and land surrounding the village hall at Little Ness into one single ownership.	2,000.00	2,000.00
D.	Upton Magna Parish Council and Village Hall Committee – Annual Village Fete Costs	1,232.00	1,232.00

- (b) The Committee are asked to note the position in respect of the funding applications received from Montford Parish Hall Management Committee and Uffington Village Hall Committee as set out in paragraph 3 below.
- (c) The Committee are asked to note the alternative funding sources being pursued in respect of the funding applications received from Alberbury with Cardeston Parish Council and Wattlesborough Pre School Club as set out in paragraph 3 below.

REPORT

Background

1. The Committee has a budget of £34,000 for the 2009/10 financial year. This must be spent to improve service standards, support the delivery of parish plans and/or to provide grants to local voluntary organisations.

Applications Received

2. The following applications for funding have been received and are recommended for approval:

- A. Bicton Parish Council have applied for a grant of £3,4890.75 for the restoration of Holy Trinity Church Clock, Bicton. Full details of the application are attached as **Appendix A**.

It is recommended that a grant of £3,4890.75 be made.

- B. Westbury Parish Council have applied for a grant of £1,500.00 for the provision of two new freestanding parish noticeboards at Yockleton and Westbury. Full details of the application are attached as **Appendix B**.

It is recommended that a grant of £1,500.00 be made.

- C. Little Ness Village Hall Trust and the Parochial Church Council have applied for a grant of £2,000.00 for the legal costs involved in the transfer of the village hall and land surrounding the village hall at Little Ness into one single ownership to enable plans to be brought forward for the refurbishment of the hall through grant funding. No other potential sources of funding for this schemes can be identified. Full details of the application are attached as **Appendix C**.

It is recommended that a grant of £2,000.00 be made.

- D. Upton Magna Parish Council and Village Hall Committee have applied for a grant of £1,232.00 for costs associated with staging the Annual Village Fete. Full details of the application are attached as **Appendix D**.

It is recommended that a grant of £1,232.00 be made.

Further Applications Received

3. The following further applications for funding have been submitted and the position on these is set out below:

- E. Wattlesborough Pre School Club has applied for a grant of £5,000.00 for the provision of an outside canopy at Wattlesborough Village Hall to allow more activities to be offered by the Pre School Club as recommended by their Ofsted report. Full details of the application are attached as **Appendix E**.

Mathew Mead the Community Regeneration Officer and Phil Wilson the Support Officer are reviewing this application with the Head of Early Years at Shropshire Council to see if other sources of local authority or external funding maybe suitable for this project.

It is recommended that a decision on this application be deferred until this review is completed.

- F. Montford Parish Hall Management Committee have applied for a grant of £6,000 to complete the funds required for the resurfacing of the car park with tarmac following essential drainage and ground work. Full details of the application are attached as **Appendix F**.

Please see note below on the status of this application.

- G. Uffington Village Hall Committee have applied for a grant of £19,182.50 to complete the funds required for the resurfacing of the car park following essential ground work. Full details of the application are attached as **Appendix G**.

Please see note below on the status of this application.

Resurfacing of Car Parks at Montford Parish Hall and Uffington Village Hall

The Committee has asked the officers to investigate the potential for arrangements to be made to combine the two schemes with a view to achieving economies and efficiencies in the project costs. The question of whether the schemes required planning consent also had to be explored. The latest position in respect of these funding applications will be presented at the meeting on 1st October.

- H. Alberbury with Cardeston Parish Council have applied for a grant of £7,950.00 for the restoration of the Alberbury War Memorial. Full details of the application are attached as **Appendix H**.

Alternative sources of funding for this scheme are being pursued. The War Memorials Trust recommendations for this project are attached as **Appendix I**.

Future Bids

4. Applications for future funding are encouraged throughout the Local Joint Committee area. It is also possible for LJCs to join together and pool budget resources to support projects and schemes that have a collective local area benefit. All funding applications should be addressed to:

Mathew Mead at Shropshire Council, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury SY2 6ND

Email: mathew.mead@shropshire.gov.uk

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

Human Rights Act Appraisal

The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the Human Rights Act 1998.

Environmental Appraisal

Risk Management Appraisal

In determining these recommendations the Council has considered reputational risk and the course of action minimises this risk.

Community / Consultations Appraisal

Cabinet Member

Gwilym Butler

Local Members

Councillor John Overall, Councillor David Roberts

Appendices

Appendix A – Application from Bicton Parish Council

Appendix B – Application from Westbury Parish Council

Appendix C – Application from Little Ness Village Hall Trust and the Parochial Church Council

Appendix D – Application from Upton Magna Parish Council

Appendix E – Application from Wattlesborough Pre School Club

Appendix F – Application from Montford Parish Hall Management Committee

Appendix G – Application from Uffington Village Hall Committee

Appendix H – Application from Alberbury with Cardeston Parish Council

Appendix I – War Memorials Trust Recommendation for Alberbury