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BAYSTON HILL LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE BUDGET AND FUNDING REPORT 2013/2014

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1. Summary

- 1.1 This report considers the devolved funding allocated to the Bayston Hill Local Joint Committee (LJC) for the period 1st April 2013 up until 31st March 2014.**
- 1.2 As of October 2013 total of £7561 has been devolved to the Committee to fund projects highlighted by the Community and priorities as set out as part of the Community led plan (parish plan) to support initiatives and services which help develop community-based and led projects.**
- 1.3 The committee are minded to agree recommendations for the release of previously ring-fenced funding and proposals for the 2013/14 budget.**

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Committee agrees the release of ring-fenced funding for:**

	Ring fenced funding	Amount	Purpose
1	Speed awareness	£500	Funding to be utilised for 'wheelie bin' speed awareness stickers distribution by Parish Council.
2	Play area at Long Meadow	£3000	Improvements and extra equipment at Longmeadow play area
3	Allotments/open space	£2085	Extend the allotments to provide extra plots
4	Village Clean up	£500	Purchase litter pickers and bin for

			community use
5	Youth Activities	£500	For diversionary sports activities in holidays
6	Parish Challenge	£500	Transfer to 'Community grants' funding
7	Parish Plan priorities	£9450	For activity in connection with 'community hub'

- 2.2 That the Committee note funding for the 'Improvements to the parade' has been utilised for a new Parish notice board on the parade and refurbishment of the benches and bins.
- 2.3 The Committee agree £3000 from the 2013/14 budget is allocated for 'Community Grants' and;
- 2.4 £2000 from the 2013/14 budget is allocated as match funding towards the Stanley Parker playing field and youth area upgrade.

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3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

- 3.1 In determining these recommendations the LJC has considered reputational risk and the course of action minimises this risk.
- 3.2 The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998.
- 3.3 The proposals under consideration will improve the levels of community based and community driven activity in the LJC area, and in particular in those communities identified in the Updated Parish Plan and by local Councillors as not benefiting previously from LJC support.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 The funding devolved to the LJC can be used for a number of different purposes over the year to address local priorities. Funding by the LJC must comply with the general Financial Rules for LJC's.

5. Background

- 5.1 The Bayston Hill LJC is responsible for the award and expenditure of a devolved budget.
- The total amount therefore available to Bayston Hill LJC for 2013/14 is calculated as follows:

Total LJC electorate as at August 2010:	4,162
Budget based on this electorate	£8500
Arts funding	£710
Carry forward from 2012/13	£351
TOTAL budget for 2013/14	£9,561

5.2 The updated Parish Plan was completed and published in 2010.

- Since 2010 LJC funding has supported a range of projects including an anti-dog fouling campaign, the introduction of three new sites for a vehicle activated speeding sign, Bayston Hill walks leaflets, funding towards Community film showings, IT equipment and community events. These projects support priorities identified as actions from the Parish plan update.

5.3 Budget carry forward ring fenced for projects from 2011/12/13 – This is on-going.

Community education	£500
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6. Additional Information

6.1 Ring -fenced funding for release

1. **Speed Awareness** - £500
For purchase of speed awareness stickers to be stuck on wheelie bins along routes where speeding is a concern – two stickers per bin to be distributed by the Parish Council. These stickers raise awareness of speed limits and are visible when the bins put out.
2. **Play area at Longmeadow** - £3000
Funding towards new equipment at the Long meadow play area. The Parish will work with youngsters to establish what improvements need to be made.
3. **Allotments/ open space** - £2085
There is need for an extension to the existing allotment area due to an increasing waiting list. Funding is to be used for the moving of boundary fence, removal of trees and filling in of ditch.
4. **Village Clean-up** - £500
For the purchase of litter pickers and litter bins. The Parish has two sets of litter pickers for community use in clean up days. The purchase of more will allow extra people to get involved with community litter picks. It will also enable extra bin(s) to be purchased for the parish.
5. **Parish Challenge** - £500
Originally ring-fenced for Community projects this funding is to be transferred over to the Community Grant funding (see 6.3)
6. **Youth Activities** - £500
Funding for youth sports activities during the holidays – highlighted in youth survey. Parish Council to make courts available for use by young people at specific times in the holidays and look into the provision of sports coaches for new activities.
7. **Parish Plan priorities** - £9450

Funding to be held by Parish Council for use with activities in connection with 'Community Hub' at the former Oaklands school site– this could include feasibility work, consultation.

6.2 Parade improvements

£2000 was allocated for the demolition of garages by the Parade to improve car parking and general area around the Parade. This work did not go ahead in the time frame after allocation and has now instead been utilised for improvements to the Parade that include the purchase of a new parish notice board – Wood effect plastic, lockable on one side for parish council papers and a large open section for Community to use. The original board was too small and in a state of disrepair. The funding is also to be put towards the refurbishment of the benches and litter bins in the Parade area.

6.3 Community Grants

£3000 from 2013/14 budget plus £500 transferred from ring-fenced for Parish Challenge.

Local Groups and organisations will be able to apply for up to £500 for capital projects. Groups will have to operate in the Bayston Hill Parish for the benefit of the local community. Some match funding will be expected. Deadline for applications will be 13th January 2014.

General LJC funding guidelines apply.

6.4 Stanley Parker playing field/ youth area

£2000 match funding towards the upgrade of Stanley Parker Playing fields and youth area. The BMX track and Skate park are maintained by the Parish Council and the Parish youth survey established that there was a need to improve the skate park. £2000 to be allocated as match funding towards the upgrade work.

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

Draft Medium Term Financial Plan 2011/12 – 2013/14, Appendix 5. Report to Cabinet 13th January 2011.

Locality Working Local Joint Committees. Report to Cabinet 9th December 2010.

Bayston Hill Parish Plan update 2010

Parish Plan action plan 2010

Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)

Councillor Gwilym Butler- Portfolio holder for partnership working, performance and productivity and customer service.

Local Member

Shropshire Councillors – Ted Clarke, Jon Tandy, Jane Mackenzie

Appendices

None