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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 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009, along with details of the bids already supported by the Committee. The Committee are requested to agree a budget contribution towards the projects set out in paragraph 2.

### Recommendations

- A) The Committee are asked to consider the funding applications outlined in paragraph 2 and agree the proposed budget allocations.
- B) The Committee are asked to consider the level of funding to be allocated to the Wattlesborough pre school club.
- C) The Committee are asked to support recommendations F and G regarding Uffington Village Hall Committee car park resurfacing, and Withington Parish Rooms.

### 1. Background

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. The Committee has so far made the following grant commitments from its budget totalling £14,721.75. The sum that remains unallocated prior to this meeting is **£19,278.25**.

Projects supported

Project Description	Amount Requested £
Bicton Parish Council – Restoration of Holy Trinity Church Clock, Bicton	3,489.75
Westbury Parish Council – Provision of two new freestanding parish noticeboards at Yockleton and Westbury.	1,500.00
Little Ness Village Hall Trust and the Parochial Church Council – Legal costs involved in the	2,000.00

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transfer of the village hall and land surrounding the village hall at Little Ness into one single ownership.		
Upton Magna Parish Council and Village Hall Committee – Annual Village Fete Costs	1,232.00	
Montford Parish Hall Management Committee resurfacing of the car park with tarmac following essential drainage and ground work.	6,000.00	
Alberbury with Cardeston Parish – Repairs to Alberbury war memorial	500.00	
<b>Total committed</b>	14,721.75	

## 2. Applications Received

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

A. **Nesscliffe Youth Club** – New board games and Wii games £200 **Appendix A.**

It is recommended that a grant of £200.00 be made.

B. **Wattlesborough Scout Troop** – Set up costs of new scout troop £1,000.00 **Appendix B.**

It is recommended that a grant of £1,000.00 be made, subject to the group providing details on their child protection policies.

C. **Uffington Village Hall** – Installation of roller shutter to serving hatch of kitchen, and install curtains and blinds. £2,982.00 **Appendix C.**

It is recommended that a decision on this grant application is made once further information on the project is received including:

- Whether none electric shutters could be used to reduce costs.
- Details of the quotes received are submitted to the Committee be made subject to quotes for work being submitted.

D. **Great Ness and Little Ness Parish Council** – Installing services at Nesscliffe playing fields. £2,500.00 **Appendix D.**

It is recommended that a grant of up to £2,500.00 is awarded subject to suitable matched funding being secured for the project and that the work can be carried out within a suitable timescale.

## Further Applications Received

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

E. In October 2009 **Wattlesborough Pre School Club** (Little Oaks Pre School) applied for a grant of up to £5,500.00 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. It was felt that the permanent structure applied for was not appropriate, but that a semi-permanent structure would be more suitable. Alternative quotes for this have been sort and range from £800 to £3,000. See **Appendix E**.

The applicant will attend the LJC meeting and provide details of the awning they would like to install and the reasons for it.

It is recommended that the Committee make a grant offer at the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> January, based on the evidence submitted by the applicant.

**F. Uffington Village Hall Committee, car park resurfacing.** In October 2009 the Village Hall Committee submitted an application for £19,182.50. The Committee did not feel they could allocate such a large sum to one project. To try to reduce costs of the resurfacing quotes from Shropshire Council Highways team was provided based on two options. One was a full resurfacing of the car park at a cost of £13,310 (£15,639 inc VAT) and the 2nd was a partial resurfacing of the entrance to the car park costing £4,280 (£5,029 inc VAT at 17.5%). The village hall committee felt that they would like to resurface the whole car park, but could not raise sufficient matched funding for the project at this time. They have therefore submitted an alternative application to the LJC outlined in Appendix C.

Recommendation: That the LJC do not offer a grant for the resurfacing of the car park at this time, but that the Community Working Officer looks for suitable matched funding opportunities for this project and if sufficient funding is secured the application is resubmitted to the LJC.

**G. Withington Parish Rooms** – In October 2009 the Parish Rooms Committee made an application to the LJC for funding to help renovate the entrance hall to make it more accessible for people with disabilities or access issues. Work would also include installing a new disabled toilet. Initial discussions with architect suggest project would cost around £15,000. Around £6,000 is available from the Parish Room's own funds.

The Committee have drawn up plans for the work and these are going to tender, however full costs are not yet available.

Recommendation – That a decision on this application is deferred until the March meeting of the LJC when full quotes will be available, and that the Community Working Officer helps the Parish Rooms Committee secure additional matched funding for the project.

## 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](mailto: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 – Nesscliffe Youth Club application

Appendix B – Wattlesborough Scout Troop application

Appendix C – Uffington Village Hall kitchen shutters application

Appendix D – Great Ness and Little Ness Parish Council - Nesscliffe playing fields application

Appendix E – Little Oaks Pre-School, Wattlesborough application