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## FUNDING REQUESTS

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### Summary

This report lists the funding applications that have so far been agreed for 2009/10 and submits three new applications.

### Recommendations

1. The Committee are asked to note that a budget of £66,000 has been allocated to the Local Joint Committee for 2009/10.
2. The Committee are recommended to approve the applications shown below:

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A. Hinstock Allotment Association	£5,000.00
B. Market Drayton Cricket Club	£3,300.00
C. Drayton Sports and Leisure Club	£4,830.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£13,130.00</b>

3. The Committee has an annual budget of £66,000. A balance of £236.00 has been brought forward from 2008/09 which gives a total of £66,236 for 2009/10.
4. The allocations agreed so far amount to £42,400 leaving a balance of £23,836 as shown at **Appendix A**.

5. This budget must be allocated so as to meet local priorities, improve service standards, support the delivery of parish plans or to provide grants to organisations in support of local projects.
6. The details of the applications are as follows.

### **Hinstock Allotment Association**

7. Hinstock Allotment Association seek funding of £5,000 to erect fencing around the allotment in the village.
8. Twelve months ago a group of people expressed an interest in having allotments in the village. This was agreed and the search for land ensued which has recently been found.
9. There will be 20 plots in total, 12 of these have been allocated and a waiting list has been established for the next 8 once this area is fit for use.
10. The Parish Council donated £1,000 to bring the land back into use and for the first years rent. Hinstock Allotment Association seek a further amount to erect fencing to stop animals from entering the area.
11. A letter from Hinstock Allotment Association is attached at **Appendix B.**
12. The Committee are recommended to approve this bid.

### **Market Drayton Cricket Club**

13. Market Drayton Cricket Club seek a grant of £3,300 towards equipment which will be used to coach and mentor children, youths and juniors who attend the club. The list of equipment can be found at **Appendix C.**
14. Market Drayton Cricket Club's membership includes a number of children with special needs and disabilities who thrive from being part of the club.
15. The club is used by a wide range of the community with approximately 50 children attending the junior coaching on Wednesdays and Thursdays, the Grove school using the pitch for their matches and the local rounder's team using the ground as their base. During the off-season, the ground is also used by the Tigers Football Club for junior training and matches.

16. Approximately £6,500 has been raised by the club and a considerable amount of work has already been carried out to improve the club. This includes a large team of volunteers who prepared the lawns, hedges and grounds ready for the season.
17. The total cost of the equipment required by Market Drayton Cricket Club amounts to £22,000, however, the club requests a grant of £3,300 from the Local Joint Committee.
18. The Committee are recommended to approve this bid.

### **Drayton Sports and Leisure Club**

19. Drayton Sports and Leisure seek funding of £4,830 for refurbishment of the squash courts and equipment for the health and fitness section.
20. Drayton Sports and Leisure have the only three squash courts in Market Drayton. The popularity of squash diminished during the 1990s but has recently been re-vitalized thanks to the introduction of Racketball which is quickly learnt by players of all ages.
21. The English Squash and Racketball Association are keen to re-establish Market Drayton Squash Club and have offered “matched funding” for the refurbishment. This will attract old and new members, including children.
22. The club currently has 50 members in the health and fitness section. The centre attracts older people who feel they can exercise alongside people of similar dispositions.
23. The club have sought, and are expecting to receive, special status from Shropshire Council which will include then on the General Practitioner Referral Scheme. This enables doctors to enrol patients on fitness and health programmes to combat weight related problems. Currently, there is an under provision of suitable centres in Shropshire.
24. Drayton Sports and Leisure seeks funding to purchase the relevant equipment, full details can be found at **Appendix D**.
25. The Committee are recommended to approve this bid.

26. **Future Bids**

27. Bids for future funding should be addressed to:-

Email: [marketdrayton.localmeeting@shropshire-cc.gov.uk](mailto:marketdrayton.localmeeting@shropshire-cc.gov.uk) or  
[Justine.wase@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:Justine.wase@shropshire.gov.uk)

Telephone: 01743 252045

28. Future meetings are:

17th September 2009 (7.00 pm)

16<sup>th</sup> December 2009 (7.00 pm)

10<sup>th</sup> March 2010 (7.00 pm)

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

Local Joint Committee Constitution and Financial Guidelines

**Human Rights Act Appraisal**

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

**Environmental Appraisal**

Due Consideration has been given.

**Risk Management Appraisal**

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

**Community / Consultations Appraisal**

Consideration has been given to the public opinion expressed at the previous Local Meeting.

**Cabinet Member**

N/A

**Local Members**

Karen Calder

Roger Hughes

Andrew Davies

Brian Gillow

David Minnery

**Appendices**

Appendix A – Budget Allocations for 2009/10

Appendix B – Letter from Hinstock Allotment Association

Appendix C - Email from Market Drayton Cricket Club

Appendix D - Letter from Drayton Sports and Leisure Club

**Market Drayton and Rural Areas Local Joint Committee  
Allocations Granted in 2009/10 to Date**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Cheswardine Parish Council	Play equipment for the playground	£4,000	
Calverhall Cricket Club	Drainage and refurbishment	£5,000	
Hinstock Parish council	Bike ramps	£4,500	
Lyon Hall	New chairs for the hall	£3,000	
Cheswardine Guides	Repair of the floor of the hut	£2,000	
Adderley Village Hall	Damp proofing of the toilets	£600	
British Red Cross	The Young Carers Programme	£800	
Cheswardine Community Shop	Setting up a Community Shop	£6,000	
Hodnet Pre-School Playgroup	An outdoor play area	£14,000	
Market Drayton Scout Group	Purchase of a mini bus	£2,500	
	Budget 2009/10		£66,000.00
	Carried Forward from 08/09		£236.00
	<b>Total Budget for 2009/10</b>		<b>£66,236.00</b>
	<b>Total Allocated in 2009/10 budget to date</b>	£42,400	
	<b>Balance</b>		<b>£23,836.00</b>

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TF9 2NX

15<sup>th</sup> May 2009

Dear Sir/Madam

**GRANT APPLICATION – LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE**

On behalf of Hinstock Allotment Association I would like to submit a bid for funding. £5924.50 is required to erect a boundary fence that will ensure an animal free zone and deter vandals and thieves.

On the 12 April 2008 I wrote a letter to the Parish Council regarding the possibility of having allotments in the village. Attached to the letter was 12 other letters from people who had expressed an interest in renting an allotment.

The Parish Council have been able to secure long term a parcel of land that is accessible to all parishioners in the village. It is alongside the Old Chester Road, accessible by foot and by car.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2009 an Open Meeting took place and the Allotment Association was formed and key appointments filled.

The land needs some work and the Parish Council have given the Association £1,000.00 and paid the rent for the first year to help the Association get up and running.

For the allotments to become safe and secure a boundary fence is required that will keep out unwanted animals and deter any vandals and thieves. The Parish Council have been able to get three quotes (see attached).

Due to the work required to bring the allotment into cultivation, 12 plots have been allocated already with a waiting list for the remaining 8 plots coming on line in the autumn. Due to the volume of interest we are considering half plots to maximise the amount of families/couples being involved in the Allotments.

The Allotments has seen new and old parishioners joining together and forming new friendship groups, it has given the community of Hinstock a new outlook.

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully

Mr A Maybury  
Chairman  
Hinstock Allotment Association

Dear Justine and Laura

Thanks again for your answers to our requests for equipment for Market Drayton Cricket Club.

Taking your advice on board, we would like to renew our application for the following equipment which can be used to coach and mentor to the children, youths and juniors of Market Drayton Cricket Club.

- 1) Mobile Nets £318.50
  - 2) Bola Bowling Machine for coaching and Nets practice £1,723.53
  - 3) 2 new rear blades for Toro lawnmower @ £250.00 each = £500 as we have replaced the front three blades.
  - 4) Replacement matting for the all-weather nets £737.25
- Totaling £3,279.28

If possible the covers (this is to cover a specific wicket on which the kids will use to bowl and bat on during a game from the elements of the weather) for the wickets to make it safe as ours have lived out their past by sell date and a roller that your council no longer use or is surplus to their requirements would be greatly appreciated as we have to roll the out field and the square to make it safe and smooth for when the kids play cricket, especially after the field has been used by the footballers at the end of the season.

As I mentioned on the phone we have a number of kids with special needs ie. some form of disability whether it be physical, emotional, mental or from broken homes whom have been put in with foster parents who need a break and security in their lives etc who are in our club. Our club can only succeed with the input and training up of the youth. Looking at this in hindsight 5 of our girls who were trained by our coaches last year made it into the Shropshire team, so we have the will, love, passion and determination to help improve and meet the needs of our youngsters.

We also have two qualified umpires in our club who umpire for Shropshire and will be umpiring a number of games from disability cricket in Loughborough to the touring national South African Cricket Youth team in Bridgnorth.

We are trying our utmost to do absolutely everything possible for our youngsters in our community and we hope that you can help us in this important journey for both our club, the juniors, our town and the game of cricket in general.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Warm regards

Charles Harrison  
Mobile 07799078047  
Market Drayton Cricket Club

## *Drayton Sports & Leisure Club*

### Squash Section

#### Background

We possess the only (three) squash courts in Market Drayton. When the centre was opened in 1975, squash was a popular sport and we had a thriving club. The popularity of the game diminished during the 1990s and this was co-incidental with building and water penetration problems at the centre. As a result, members left to join clubs in Lilleshall, Keele, Shrewsbury and Whitchurch and still attend these centres, which are all some 15 miles away

#### Current Situation

The only the glass-backed court is in use. The quotation for cost of refurbishing the 3 squash courts is approximately £10,000. The English Squash and Racketball Association has re-vitalized the popularity of squash both nationally and locally and has introduced the enjoyable game of Racketball - which has a lower skill threshold and is quickly learnt by players of all ages. They are very keen to re-establish the Market Drayton Club because it is much more cost-effective for them to revitalize existing premises than build new one. They have already entered into an active partnership with us and two productive meetings, on site, have already taken place with the joint aim is to re-establish Market Drayton as a centre for squash and introduce Racketball. We will also benefit from the national and local marketing projects to be designed and funded by the Association. We believe that, given the re-furbished courts, we will be able both to attract past members back to Market Drayton and attract new members, including schoolchildren. This will bring revenue to the club. Such is the motivation of the Squash Association that they have offered us a "matched funding" arrangement for the refurbishment of the squash courts and we will start with work on two courts. Because of the offer, we would like to request **£3000** for the renovation of 2 squash courts and viewing gallery which we can get matched by the English Squash and Racketball Association

### Health and Fitness Section

#### Background

There are two health and fitness centres in Market Drayton. A commercial one in the town centre and ourselves. We have a graduate physical fitness specialist.

#### Current Situation

Currently we have some 50 members. Many, but not all, can be described as "mature adults". We seem to attract older people who can drive to the centre and exercise alongside people of similar dispositions.

We have made application, and we are currently expecting to be granted special status by Shropshire Council and included on their register for the General

## *Drayton Sports & Leisure Club*

Practitioner Referral scheme. Two site meetings have already taken place. This scheme enables local doctors to enroll patients on fitness and health programme to help combat problems related to hypokinetic disease and excessive weight. Currently, there is an under-provision of suitable centres in Shropshire. Although the current equipment is designed for "light commercial use". People referred under the GP scheme will require equipment designed to accommodate increased loading. All equipment requires annual servicing and, where necessary, replacement. The club would like financial support to obtain the following equipment as a beginning to the scheme

- 1 One heavy duty commercial treadmill with both gradient and speed control, to accommodate cardiovascular workouts. A used machine, £1000, is available.
- 2 Two Heart Rate monitors at £30 each = £60
- 3 One "Spinning Bike" at £270 (These bikes allow heavy people to support some of their weight whilst exercising).

**Total £1330**

### Cricket Section

#### Background

We are the only cricket club in Market Drayton and currently have four competitive teams - 1<sup>st</sup>; 2<sup>nd</sup>; Under 17 and Under 15. Two fully qualified coaches, one of whom is the County Coach for youngsters suffering from disabilities and we get upwards of 20 attending each weekly session.

Players of all levels need to practice in the nets but, because the ground conditions vary, practice on natural turf, in addition to artificial carpets, is important. Net Cages, which can be easily rolled out onto the actual wicket, provide for both situations - artificial and natural.

We wish to apply for assistance to purchase a Net Cage. These cages have roller wheels and can be easily rolled out onto the cricket field for use on the grass.

**Cost of £964 .**