

Loppington Parish Council

Community Benefit Fund Applications

Committee Date: 9th July 2019

In accordance with s139 Local Government Act 1972 Loppington Parish Council (the Council) is in receipt of funding to be applied to Community Projects for the benefit of the communities of the Parish Council and which has been approved by a meeting of the Parish Councillors prior to the allocation of any payment.

Recommendation

That the Council consider the applications received, and in accordance with the Council's Grants Policy (under review), award funding to those organisations and their projects that provide a benefit to the communities of the Parish Council (the Approved Projects)

1. Small Grants

In accordance with the Council's Grants Policy (under review) the Council may allocate Community Benefit Fund annually to small projects or single community events.

2. Intermediary Grants

In accordance with the Council's Grants Policy (under review) the Council may allocate Community Benefit Fund annually to clearly defined or ongoing Community Projects

3. Major Grants

In accordance with the Council's Grants Policy (under review) the Council may award grants to charities, clubs or societies to help with the cost of clearly defined or ongoing Community Projects.

For the period May/June, one application was received from the following organisations/groups (see appendix A)

Organisation	Previously allocated amount	Amount this application	TOTAL
Wem Tennis Club	None	Contribution	
TOTAL	-		

Clerk

Loppington Parish Council

1st July 2019

Applicant :	Wem Tennis Club	Ref:
Project Title:	Improvement of Club Facilities	
Project Cost:	Resurfacing of Tennis Courts £25,000	
	Replacement of Club House £20,000 plus Groundworks	
Total Project Cost	£50,000	
Project Summary:	<p>Improvement of Club facilities; including resurfacing the 3 of 4 courts and replacement of the Club house.</p> <p>Wem Tennis Club, provides facilities for people of all ages from Wem and the surrounding parishes to enjoy the game of tennis.</p> <p>The Club has four all weather floodlit courts on Wem Recreation Ground, run by Club members on a voluntary basis under the umbrella of the Wem Sports and Social Association (a registered charity).</p> <p>The Club currently has 102 members of which there are 60 juniors who all receive coaching</p> <p>The Club already has £20,000 towards the project and is working with Tennis Shropshire, the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) and Sport England and is hopeful of securing £30,000 in the form of grant and loan funding from these bodies together with additional fund-raising activities.</p> <p>The planning application for the new Clubhouse and additional floodlighting has just been submitted to Shropshire Council</p>	
Background Papers	E- mail dated 20 th June 2019 and copy of Club accounts (circulated to members 25/6/19)	
Amount Requested:	Contribution	
Legal Authority:	<p>Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19</p> <p>A local authority (the Council) may provide, inside or outside its area, such recreational facilities as it thinks fit including tennis courts, premises including buildings for the use of clubs or societies having athletic, social or recreational objects, and such facilities in connection with recreational facilities as the authority (the Council) consider appropriate.</p>	

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19

(1)A local authority may provide, inside or outside its area, such recreational facilities as it thinks fit and, without prejudice to the generality of the powers conferred by the preceding provisions of this subsection, those powers include in particular powers to provide—

- (a)indoor facilities consisting of sports centres, swimming pools, skating rinks, tennis, squash and badminton courts, bowling centres, dance studios and riding schools;
- (b)outdoor facilities consisting of pitches for team games, athletics grounds, swimming pools, tennis courts, cycle tracks, golf courses, bowling greens, riding schools, camp sites and facilities for gliding;
- (c)facilities for boating and water ski-ing on inland and coastal waters and for fishing in such waters;
- (d)premises for the use of clubs or societies having athletic, social or recreational objects;
- (e)staff, including instructors, in connection with any such facilities or premises as are mentioned in the preceding paragraphs and in connection with any other recreational facilities provided by the authority;
- (f)such facilities in connection with any other recreational facilities as the authority considers it appropriate to provide including, without prejudice to the generality of the preceding provisions of this paragraph, facilities by way of parking spaces and places at which food, drink and tobacco may be bought from the authority or another person;and it is hereby declared that the powers conferred by this subsection to provide facilities include powers to provide buildings, equipment, supplies and assistance of any kind.

(2)A local authority may make any facilities provided by it in pursuance of the preceding subsection available for use by such persons as the authority thinks fit either without charge or on payment of such charges as the authority thinks fit.

(3)A local authority may contribute—

- (a)by way of grant or loan towards the expenses incurred or to be incurred by any voluntary organisation in providing any recreational facilities which the authority has power to provide by virtue of subsection (1) of this section; and
- (b)by way of grant towards the expenses incurred or to be incurred by any other local authority in providing such facilities;and in this subsection “voluntary organisation” means any person carrying on or proposing to carry on an undertaking otherwise than for profit.

F1(4).

(5)Any property which, immediately before the date when this subsection comes into force, is held by a local authority F2. . . for the purposes of section 221(b) of the M1Public Health Act 1936 or F2. . . section 4 of the M2Physical Training and Recreation Act 1937 or, in pursuance of section 144(1)(b) of the M3Local Government Act, 1972, for the purposes of recreation shall on and after that date be held by the local authority for the purposes of this section F2. . .

[F3(5A).]

X1(6)In section 222(1) of the Public Health Act 1936 (which relates to charges in respect of any baths, wash-house, swimming bath or bathing place under the management of a local authority) for the words “washhouse, swimming bath or bathing place” there shall be substituted the words “ or washhouse ”.