

Loppington Parish Council

Community Benefit Fund Applications

Committee Date: 8th December 2020

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. Funding Request

For the period September/November 2020, a letter was received (dated 7th September 2020 & received November 2020) from an individual which asks whether the Parish Council would, in principle, consider support for a Book of Memories which will be a companion publication to the History of Loppington but a more personal record of life in the Parish. The project is described as for the benefit of the community in the Parish of Loppington and any profit to be donated to Loppington Village Hall and the Parish Church.

4. Legal Authority

Local Government Act 1972 s137 Power of local authorities to incur expenditure for certain purposes not otherwise authorized

This power allows the Parish Council to incur expenditure where they consider the project to be in the interest of or direct benefit to residents of Loppington Parish.

The Parish Council may not incur expenditure to individuals and will require an application from a properly constituted organization.

5. Recommendation

To allow the Parish Council to support this request:

- a) Once details of progress of the project and costs are received, that the Parish Council place the order for printing so that it receives the invoice in the Parish Council name for payment. The sale of the book and income received to be managed by the Village Hall Committee or PCC
OR
- b) Given that profits from the sale of the book are to be applied for the benefit of either the PCC or Village Hall, request a formal application from either the Village Hall Committee or PCC.

6. Decision Required

- a) Whether or not the Parish Council, in principle supports the Project, and
- b) Establish the preferred method of financial support