



Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

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Scrutiny Commission 2 July 2020

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL PARISH WARDS

PARISH AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVE FUND ALLOCATION OF GRANTS 2020/2021

Report of Director of (Environment and Planning)

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To request the Scrutiny Commission endorses the allocation of funding for the Parish and Community Initiative Fund 2020/21.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Scrutiny Commission endorses the funding allocations of £136,914 for 33 schemes as detailed in section 3.3.
- 2.2 That the Scrutiny Commission recommend to SLT a further £5,479 be allocated to fund the application as detailed in section 3.4.
- 2.3 That the Scrutiny Commission endorses the carry forward request of £36,571 allowing 6 previous years scheme to be completed and continue to be funded as detailed in section 3.6.
- 2.4 If endorsed the Scrutiny Commission agree the budget is phased £150,000 in 2020/21 and £28,964 in 2021/22
- 2.5 The agreement of a one off supplementary of £2,000 funded from the developing communities fund payable to the Rural Communities Council to assist in future scheme development.

3. BACKGROUND TO THE REPORT

- 3.1 Since 2005 the Parish Community Initiative Fund has distributed over £1,390,864 towards 375 local parishes' or voluntary organisations' schemes.

3.2 In 2019/20 the scheme received 42 applications from across the Borough and a total of £150,457 was awarded to 41 schemes.

3.3 Applications for 2020/21:

The table in Appendix 1 of this report provides an objective scoring summary from the assessments made of all the applications by the following Officers:

Ian Pinfold – Green Space Manager, Paul Scragg – Senior Green Space Officer, Susan Chambers Green Space Officer, Graham Chilvers Health and Recreation Manager and Daniel Britton Economic Regeneration Officer.

This report has also been circulated for comment to Matt Bowers – Director (Environment and Planning), Edwina Grant – Strategic and Community Planning Manager and Caroline Roffey – Head of Street Scene Services.

The grant will fund a maximum of 50% of the project costs. Each Parish is eligible for up to £12,000 worth of grants. Each applicant must seek support from their Parish Council and Borough Councillor. Only capital items are funded, the lowest submitted quote has been used to calculate the maximum eligible grant, unless a good reason has been provided for using a higher quote.

There is a total budget available of £150,000. 36 applications were initially received requesting a total of £153,833. 2 Applications from Cadeby for £1,020 and Witherley for £1,000 were withdrawn prior to the assessment period. Resulting in a revised total request of £151,813.

Based on the information in Appendix 1 officers recommend funding the following schemes totalling £136,914. (Applications are set out in alphabetical order by parish and parish name is given in brackets).

1. Community Bridge – Bagworth Whistlestop Bridge Club (Bagworth and Thornton)
Outline: Funding towards a card dealing machine for the Bridge Club. £1,000
2. Repair of church walls, Chancel and roof – Thornton, Bagworth and Stanton Parochial Church Council (Bagworth and Thornton)
Outline: repointing works to external church walls, the replacement of some wooden gables and repairs to the chancel roof. £11,000 (This scheme scored highest out of the 2 for the Parish)
3. Meeting Point Community Support Group – Elohim Church (Barlestone)
Outline: Alteration to access ramp to provide safe access for wheelchairs and pushchairs, new carpet tiles and new play items for mother and toddler group. £2,800
4. Installation of CCTV coverage for park and community centre – Barlestone Parish Council (Barlestone).
Outline: The installation of new CCTV to cover Bosworth Road Car park and Barlestone Community Centre Car park. £5,014
5. Play area improvements – Barwell Parish Council (Barwell)
Outline: Replacement of safety surfacing at Barwell Park. £4,100
6. Cemetery CCTV and alarm upgrade– Barwell Parish Council (Barwell)
Outline: Installation of additional detectors, upgrade of intruder alarm and closed circuit TV to prevent vandalism and anti-social behaviour at Barwell Cemetery. £1,412

7. Improved facilities and access for the disabled – Hinckley Tennis Club (Barwell)
Outline: The installation of a disabled toilet and glass fronted building allowing access to disabled users. £4,000
8. Restoring biodiversity and landscaping – Burbage Parish Council (Burbage)
Outline: The creation of wildflower areas, native tree planting and installation of bat and bird boxes at Far Lash, Courting Stiles, Sketchley Hill Farm and Britannia Road Recreation Grounds. £4,956
9. Church Hall Heating upgrade – Cadeby Parish Council (Cadeby)
Outline: New heating system at the Church Hall to improve efficiency and comfort for users. £2,696
10. New chairs – Desford Parochial Church Council (Desford)
Outline: Replacement of old second hand chairs with new ones. £2,309
11. Stiles Project – Desford Community Action Group (Desford)
Outline: The replacement of stiles with kissing gates to improve access for all. £900
12. Keep Desford Beautiful – Desford Parish Council (Desford)
Outline: A new lawn mower for the Desford in Bloom volunteers. £233
13. Electric Vehicle Charging Point – Sport in Desford (Desford)
Outline: The installation of electric vehicle charging points at the sport in Desford car park for use by members and the general public. £5,424
14. Foyer re-flooring & provision of tea/coffee bar – Desford Free Church (Desford)
Outline: Removal and replace old car park and install new tea/coffee bar for use by community groups. £1,668
15. Bus Shelters – Groby Parish Council (Groby)
Outline: The installation of 2 x bus shelters in Groby and Fieldhead. £3,075
16. Refurbishment of allotment car park– Groby Allotment Society (Groby)
Outline: The levelling and resurfacing of the car park at Ratby road allotments. £3,435
17. New picnic Tables – Groby Community Library Group (Groby)
Outline: The installation of 3 x picnic tables in the outside area of the library for use by library users and the general public. £860
18. Play trail replacement – Brookvale Groby Learning Trust (Groby)
Outline: The replacement of a wooden play trail at Brookvale Campus for use by children and the general public. £1,591
19. Replacement Verticutter – Market Bosworth Bowling Club (Market Bosworth)
Outline: The purchase of a scarifier for the bowls club. £2,850
20. Achieving our goals – Market Bosworth Sports Club (Market Bosworth)
Outline: 2 x New sets of goalposts for the club. £789
21. Repair to windows at Copt oak Church – Copt Oak Parochial Church Council (Markfield)

Outline: Repairs to 5 windows where the saddle bars holding them in place have become corroded. £2,000

22. Improvement of Launde Road Public Open Space – Markfield Parish Council (Markfield)

Outline: Construction of 150lm of pathway within the public open space to improve access for all. £7,968

23. Church Central Heating System – Newbold Verdon Baptist Church (Newbold Verdon)

Outline: The installation of a new central heating system at the church. £5,250

24. Newbold Verdon Sports and Social Club main hall – Newbold Verdon Sports and Social Club (Newbold Verdon)

Outline: The refurbishment of the main hall, including new carpets, decorating and the installation of blinds. £6,750 (this project scored highest out of the 2 applications for the Parish).

25. Parish Council Signs – Osbaston Parish Council (Osbaston)

Outline: 3 New village gateway signs to give the village an identity. £1,262

26. Replacement of Street Lamps – Peckleton Parish Council (Peckleton)

Outline: The replacement of 49 lamp columns with LED lanterns to ensure continued maintenance by LCC. £12,000

27. Church Improvements – St Philip and St James Church (Ratby)

Outline: Building works including stonework repairs, repointing, gutter repairs, roof slating repairs and new glazing to windows. £12,000

28. Shackerstone Cemetery Extension – Shackerstone Parish Council (Shackerstone)

Outline: Landscaping works to create an extension to St Peter's Church to provide further burial capacity for the village. £11,600

29. Sibson Village Hall and Lighting renovation – Sheepy parish Council (Sheepy)

Outline: To update the outdated and inefficient heating and lighting at Sibson Village Hall. £3,701

30. All Saints Sheepy Magna - Projector – All Saints Church Project (Sheepy)

Outline: A high quality laser projector to enable the showing of video and data for services and for use at other functions by the wider community. £3,822

31. Internal insulation of the main hall ceiling – Without Walls Christian Fellowship (Stanton under Bardon)

Outline: Supply and install insulation to main hall ceiling and install UPVC covering. £5,750

32. Village Heartbeats – Sutton Cheney Parish Council (Sutton Cheney)

Outline: the purchase and installation of 2 community public access defibrillators to be located in central village locations at Sutton Cheney and Shenton. £1,862

33. Fenny Drayton Village Sign – Fenny Drayton Village Sign Committee (Witherley)

Outline: A new historical sign for the village of Fenny Drayton. £2,837

3.4 The following schemes could be considered for extra funding but this would exceed the criteria of a maximum of £12,000 per parish.

1. Church Central Heating System – Newbold Verdon Baptist Church (Newbold Verdon)
Outline: The installation of a new central heating system at the church. An additional £4,750 (This would increase the total grant award to £10,000 for this application and to £16,750 for the Parish).
 2. Community Bridge – Bagworth Whistlestop Bridge Club (Bagworth and Thornton)
Outline: Funding towards a card dealing machine for the Bridge Club. An additional £729 (This would increase the total grant award to £1,729 for this application and £12,729 for the Parish)
- 3.5 It is recommended that the following application is rejected because it is considered to wholly comprise of the maintenance of the bowling green and therefore does not qualify as a capital scheme.
1. Renovation of the bowls green – Sport in Desford (Desford)
Outline: Apply moss killer, spike, deep scarify, overseed, top dress and apply fertiliser to bowls green. £1,450
- 3.6 As part of the review of funding streams carried out over the last year, a recommendation was made and accepted by SLT that some communities needed support to develop their projects to lead to better applications. The Rural Communities Council have been contracted to work with communities on neighbourhood planning and developing communities. As part of this work they will assist parishes to identify projects for future funding opportunities and work up the application forms. This will lead to better quality projects and submissions. The cost of this support is £2,000 which can be met from the budget.
- 3.7 Previous Years Applications
- There are 5 application totalling £31,213, which were approved in 2019 where the projects have been delayed. These projects will be completed in 2020/21. The projects are:
1. Replacement Barge Boards Cemetery Chapel – Barwell parish Council (Barwell)
Outline: The cemetery chapel barge boards need to be replaced due to rotten timbers. £3,325
Reason: Works need to take place in dryer weather.
 2. BMX Track – Barwell Parish Council (Barwell)
Outline: The installation of a new BMX track at Barwell Park. £1,525
Reason: Ground conditions have been too wet to proceed.
 3. Rugby Road Recreation Ground Footpath – Burbage Parish Council (Burbage)
Outline: A new 2m wide Breedon Gravel footpath to form a full circuit of the open space at Rugby Road Recreation Ground. £8,695
Reason: The project has been delayed due to issues with the adoption of the site.
 4. Sports Hall Floor replacement – Bosworth Academy (Desford)
Outline: The replacement of the sports hall floor with a more up to date surface. £7,668
Reason: Delay to start of project due to unforeseen circumstances, works planned for Easter 2020.
 5. Construction of new footpath – Earl Shilton Parish Council (Earl Shilton)

Outline: A new surfaced footpath around the perimeter of Maple Way Park. £10,000
Reason: Ground conditions have been too wet to proceed.

There has been 1 project where the works have been completed however the applicant has agreed to pay the contractor over a 5 year period. It has therefore been agreed that the grant will also be paid over a 5 year period on receipt of an invoice from the contractor. This project is:

1. Streetlight Improvement Scheme – Sutton Cheney Parish Council (Sutton Cheney)
Outline: The conversation of 21 streetlights to LED lanterns. £6,698 (Total grant awarded)
£1,339.60 has been paid this year. The remaining £5,358.40 is to be carried forward and paid in equal amounts over the next 4 years.

4. EXEMPTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ACCESS TO INFORMATION PROCEDURE RULES

- 4.1 This report will be taken in open session.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS [AG]

- 5.1 The total capital budget for 2020/21 is £150,000. The total grants recommended for approval is £142,393 (£136,914 for 33 schemes and £5,479 for installation of new central heating system at Newbold Verdon church and a card dealing machine for Bagworth Whistelstop Bridge Club).
- 5.2 If the carry forward of the projects in 3.7 of £36,571 is approved the revised requirement for 2020/21 will be £178,964.
- 5.3 Based on historical trends and potential delays a more realistic assessment would be a requirement of £150,000 in 2020/21 and rephrase the additional £28,964 into 2021/22.
- 5.4 SLT agrees a one off revenue cost of £2,000 to the Rural Communities Council to assist in future scheme development. This is to be funded from the developing communities fund.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS MR

- 6.1 The Council is able to utilise the General Power of Competence under the Localism Act 2011 which empowers it to do anything an individual generally may do.
- 6.2 Additionally there is a specific power in section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 to contribute to the expenses of voluntary bodies or parish councils incurred in the provision by them of recreational facilities.
- 6.3 These Acts together provide the authority for the Council to provide the financial assistance set out in the report

7. CORPORATE PLAN IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The Parish & Community Initiative fund supports parishes and community groups to achieve the following aims and objectives of the Corporate Performance Plan:

- Creating a vibrant place to work and live
- Empowering Communities
- Providing value for money and pro-active services

8. CONSULTATION

8.1 Scrutiny Commission is consulted as part of the decision to agree grant applications.

8.2 Parish Councils and other applicants have previously been consulted on this funding scheme.

9. RISK IMPLICATIONS

9.1 It is the Council's policy to proactively identify and manage significant risks which may prevent delivery of business objectives.

9.2 It is not possible to eliminate or manage all risks all of the time and risks will remain which have not been identified. However, it is the officer's opinion based on the information available, that the significant risks associated with this decision / project have been identified, assessed and that controls are in place to manage them effectively.

9.3 The following significant risks associated with this report / decisions were identified from this assessment:

Management of significant (Net Red) Risks		
Risk Description	Mitigating actions	Owner
The projects rely on third party delivery and there is therefore a risk that some of the projects may not be delivered	Only projects that are likely to be completed in the following 12 months are recommended for funding	Paul Scragg
Certain projects have conditions attached.	Applicants are required to meet condition, before final grant is awarded.	Paul Scragg
Misuse of funds	Funding for projects is only released once scheme is completed and evidence of completion and payment of the works is received.	Paul Scragg

10. KNOWING YOUR COMMUNITY – EQUALITY AND RURAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 All grants are awarded to the rural areas, and parish council support is sought for each application.

10.2 Equalities issues are considered as part of the assessment process.

11. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

11.1 By submitting this report, the report author has taken the following into account:

- Community Safety implications
- Environmental implications
- ICT implications
- Asset Management implications
- Procurement implications
- Human Resources implications
- Planning implications
- Data Protection implications
- Voluntary Sector

Background papers: Appendix 1 attached

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Name of Scheme	Parish	Max Eligible Grant	Total Scheme Cost	Amount of Grant Applied for	Assessed by	Assessor 1 Score	Assessor 2 Score	Average Score	Assessor Recommendation
Community Bridge	Bagworth and Thornton	1,750	3,500	1,750	SC/DB	32	33	32.5	1,000 See section 3.4
Repair of church wall, chancel and roof	Bagworth and Thornton	11,483	22,967	11,000	DB/IP	38	39	38.5	11,000
Meeting Point –community support group	Barlestone	2,846	5,693	2,800	PS/SC	46	47	46.5	2,800
Installation of CCTV coverage for parks and community centre	Balestone	5,158	10,316	5,158	IP/GC	46	47	46.5	5,014
Replacement safety surfacing	Barwell	5,401	10,803	5,401	IP/GC	60	59	59.5	4,100
Cemetery CCTV and Alarm Upgrade	Barwell	1,412	2,825	1,412	IP/GC	46	46	46	1,412
Improved facilities and access for disabled	Barwell	10,909	21,819	4,000	GC/PS	62	54	59	4,000
Restoring biodiversity and landscaping	Burbage	5,000	10,000	5,000	PS/SC	49	48	48.5	4,956
Church Hall Heating upgrade	Cadeby	2,500	5,000	2,500	PS/SC	53	60	56.5	2,696
Replacement of old second hand chairs with new ones	Desford	2,384	4768	2384	GC/PS	63	41	52	2,309
Stiles Project	Desford	900	1,800	900	GC/PS	66	61	63.5	900
Keep Desford beautiful	Desford	280	560	280	IP/GC	53	54	53.5	233
Electrical Vehicle Charging Point	Desford	5,438	10,877	5,438	GC/PS	65	52	58.5	5,424
Renovation of bowls green	Desford	1,450	2,900	1,450	GC/PS	70	60	65	1,450 rejected see section 3.5
Foyer re-flooring and provision of a tea/coffee bar	Desford	1,668	3,337	1,668	GC/PS	69	62	65.5	1,668
Bus Shelters	Grobby	3,075	6,150	3,075	PS/SC	38	38	38	3,075
Refurbishment of allotment car park	Grobby	3,435	6,871	3,435	PS/SC	38	39	38.5	3,435
3 x New Picnic Tables	Grobby	888	1,777	888	PS/SC	59	60	59.5	860
Brookvale Groby learning campus play trail replacement	Grobby	1,647	3,294	1,647	PS/SC	55	55	55	1,591
Replacement verticutter	Market Bosworth	2,850	5,700	2,850	IP/GC	56	56	56	2,850
Achieving our goals	Market Bosworth	1,994	3,988	789	IP/GC	46	46	46	789

Repairs to windows at Copt Oak Church	Markfield	8,890	17,780	2,000	DB/IP	44	44	44	2,000
Improvement of Launde Road Public Open Space	Markfield	7,968	15,937	12,000	IP/GC	58	58	58	7,968
Newbold Verdon Baptist Church Central Heating System	Newbold Verdon	10,410	20,820	10,000	DB/IP	53	55	54	5,250 see section 3.4
Newbold Verdon Sports and Social Club Main Hall	Newbold Verdon	6,750	13,500	6,750	SC/DB	58	58	58	6,750
Parish Council Signs	Osbaston	1,262	2,524	1,800	SC/DB	35	35	35	1,262
Replacement of Street lamps	Peckleton	12,000	27,796	12,000	SC/DB	44	42	43	12,000
Church Improvements	Ratby	12,000	51,129	12,000	DB/IP	45	47	46	12,000
Shackerstone Cemetery extension	Shackerstone	11,600	23,200	11,600	PS/SC	56	54	55	11,600
Sibson Village hall heating and lighting renovation	Sheepy	3,701	7,403	3,702	SC/DB	64	63	63.5	3,701
All Saints Sheepy Magna	Sheepy	3,821	7,642	3,821	DB/IP	48	48	48	3,822
Internal insulation of the main hall ceiling	Stanton-under-Bardon	5,750	11,500	5,750	DB/IP	36	36	36	5,750
Village Heartbeats	Sutton Cheney	1,862	3,725	1,862	SC/DB	50	50	50	1,862
Fenny Drayton Village Sign	Witherley	2,837	5,675	2,837	SC/DB	38	37	37.5	2,837