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| <b>Report to</b>       | <b>Pewsey Area Board</b>     |
| <b>Date of Meeting</b> | <b>5 July 2010</b>           |
| <b>Title of Report</b> | <b>Community Area Grants</b> |

## **Purpose of Report**

To ask Councillors to consider five applications seeking 20010/11 Community Area Grant Funding and change of use of a grant that has already been awarded.

1. Milton Lilbourne Parish Council, installation of community seating to cater for aging community with bench around tulip tree to overlook recreation ground. Seeking £2,850. Recommended for deferral until two further quotes are provided.
2. Burbage Village Hall, resurfacing of car park. Seeking £1,000. Recommended for approval.
3. Upavon Village Hall, redecoration of kitchen, toilets and passage following recent refurbishment. Seeking £850. Recommended for approval.
4. Grafton Goslings, purchase of stackable children's tables and materials for gates to make the outside area secure for children to play. Seeking £989. Recommended for approval.
5. Wilcot Cricket Club, Replacement of roof, toilets and showers and repaint interior. Seeking £1,915. Recommended for approval on condition of confirmation of match funding (currently provisional).

and

6. To consider change of use to a grant that has already been awarded to Pewsey Parish Council. The application was for funding towards removal of existing play equipment and re-siting to a new play area, and fencing at the new area. The Parish Council are unable to re-site existing equipment as it will not meet health and safety requirements so have asked to use that element of the grant towards the purchase of new equipment. The Officer recommendation is to approve this request.

## 1. Background

- 1.1. Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Community Services (27 February 2010). Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Grants Guidance for funding.
- 1.2. In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, any recommendation of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria would need the approval of the Leader, the appropriate Cabinet Member or the Cabinet.
- 1.3. In accordance with the Area Board Grants Guidance officers are required to provide recommendations in their report, however, the decision to support applications and to what level is made by Wiltshire Councillors on this Area Board.
- 1.4. Funding applications will be considered at every Area Board meeting (providing there is money available).
- 1.5. Pewsey Area Board has been allocated a 2010/2011 budget of £44,949 for community grants, community partnership core funding and councillor led initiatives. The carry forward from the 2009/2010 budget is £38. This gives a total budget of £44,987 for 2010/2011. At the last meeting the Area Board approved grants totalling £5,166 which leaves a total budget of £39,821.
- 1.6. A decision has been made in 2010/2011 that paper copies of funding applications will no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce volume of paper used. However, the application forms will be available on the Wiltshire Council web site and hard copies available upon request.
- 1.7. The 2010/2011 funding criteria and application forms are available on the council's website ([www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards)) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

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| <b>Background documents used in the preparation of this Report</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community Area Grant Application Pack 20010/11</li><li>• Pewsey Community Area Plan</li><li>• Letter from Pewsey Parish Council dated 28 May 2010</li></ul> |
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## 2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2010/11 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 2.2. There will be six rounds of funding during 20010/11. The second is contained in this report the remaining will take place on;

- 6 September 2010
- 22 November 2010
- 10 January 2011
- 7 March 2011

### 3. Environmental & Community Implications

Community Area Grants will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

### 4. Financial Implications

4.1. Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Pewsey Area Board.

4.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Pewsey Area Board will have a balance of £32,217

### 5. Legal Implications

5.1. There are no specific Legal implications related to this report.

### 6. HR Implications

6.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

### 7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

7.1. Community Area Grants give all local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils an equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes.

7.2. Implications relating to individual grant applications are outlined within section 8 – “Officer Recommendations”.

### 8. Officer recommendations

| Ref         | Applicant                       | Project proposal  | Funding requested |
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| 8.1<br>(30) | Milton Lilbourne Parish Council | installation of community seating to cater for aging community with bench around tulip tree to overlook recreation ground | £2,850            |

8.1.1. Officer recommendation is that this application be deferred until two further quotes are supplied (see 8.1.2 below).

8.1.2. The application does not meet all of the grant criteria 2010/11. Only one quote has

been provided for supply and one for installation – the criteria states that three quotes are required for projects with total costs above £5,000.

- 8.1.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan on page 8 (investment in outdoor leisure facilities) Page 14/15 (Activities for older people)
- 8.1.4. The applicant is Milton Lilbourne Parish Council who are contributing £2,850 towards this project. The total project costs are £5,699.
- 8.1.5. The project is to provide recreational seating in the centre of the village which will overlook 4.4 acres of recreational ground in a peaceful setting around a mature tulip tree. One of the main features is to cater for an aging community and to allow them greater access to the countryside where they will have the ability to relax and sit in tranquil and harmonious surroundings.
- 8.1.6. The facility will provide benefits to both the young and the old in the community and provide a facility that they currently do not have access to. The bench will seat up to 8 people.
- 8.1.7. If the Area Board made the decision not to fund the project then the seating would not be provided.

| Ref          | Applicant            | Project proposal  | Funding requested |
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| 8.2.<br>(18) | Burbage Village Hall | Resurfacing of car park (which is used to access recycling point) | £1,000            |

- 8.2.1. Officer recommendation is that this application be approved.
- 8.2.2. The application meets grant criteria 2010/11
- 8.2.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan on page 34 – (promoting recycling).
- 8.2.4. The applicant is Burbage Village Hall which is providing £1,000 match funding.
- 8.2.5. The project is for the resurfacing of the car park. The degradation of the surface is caused primarily by drivers accessing the recycling bins and the heavy lorries that empty them. There is no other suitable location within the village where they could be sited. Total project cost is £2,000
- 8.2.6. The project will provide safe access for all users and secure continuity of good community relations, enhance the promotion of recycling and offer continuing access to skip facilities.
- 8.2.7. If the Area Board decided not to approve this application there is a possibility that the recycling skips would have to be removed from the site.

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| 8.3.<br>(17) | Upavon Village Hall | Redecoration of kitchen, toilets and passage | £850              |

8.3.1. Officer Recommendation is that this application be approved.

8.3.2. The application meets grant criteria 2010/11

8.3.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan on Page 5 – (maintain viable communities)

8.3.4. The applicant is the Upavon Village Hall, a not for profit organisation.

8.3.5. The project is to redecorate the kitchen, toilets and passage following refurbishment. The total project cost is £850.

8.3.6. The hall was built in 1911 and needs constant maintenance – it relies on income from hire and a small grant from the Parish Council.

8.3.7. The hall is available for hire by all residents of Upavon and the surrounding area. It is also available for other organisations.

8.3.8. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project it is unlikely to proceed.

| Ref          | Applicant        | Project proposal   | Funding requested |
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| 8.4.<br>(28) | Grafton Goslings | Purchase of stackable children's tables and materials for gates to make the outside area secure for children to play | £989              |

8.4.1. Officer Recommendation is that this application be approved.

8.4.2. The application meets grant criteria 2010/11

8.4.3. The application contributes to the Pewsey Community Plan Page 22 (supporting parents, opportunities for volunteering).

8.4.4. The applicant is a not for profit organisation that is just setting up.

8.4.5. The project is for equipment for a new toddler group in Grafton – specifically it is for stackable tables and materials for gates to make the outside area secure for children to play. Total project costs £989.

8.4.6. Grafton Goslings will extend the range of children's services available in Grafton parish and therefore ensure that Grafton is a thriving and resilient community in its own right, rather than merely being a dormitory community to neighbouring towns

and villages.

8.4.7. Parents or carers and children attending Grafton Goslings will interact with others in the community and build local support networks – reducing the likelihood of social isolation and/or the need to travel to other communities for children’s activities.

8.4.8. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project the appeal to parents would be limited if they were unable to use the outdoor space. Suitable tables are required so that children can participate safely and sociably at snack time and for craft and table top activities.

| Ref          | Applicant           | Project proposal  | Funding requested |
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| 8.5.<br>(27) | Wilcot Cricket Club | Replacement of roof to changing room, replacement toilets, showers and repainting of interior | £1,915            |

8.5.1. Officer Recommendation is that this application be approved on condition of confirmation of match funding (currently provisional).

8.5.2. The application meets grant criteria 2010/11

8.5.3. The application demonstrates a link to the Community Plan on Page 26 Improving sports, play and leisure facilities.

8.5.4. The project will be of great benefit to many people in the village. All ages from young to elderly watch the cricket which is in the heart of the village. The Cricket club supports the local pub as they use it for match refreshments and meetings. A local company will be used to do the work.

8.5.5. The applicant is the Wilcot Cricket Club which is a not for profit organisation. The Club is contributing £1,915 towards the project.

8.5.6. The project is to repair the roof, replace toilets and showers and repaint the interior.

8.5.7. If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project the club would have to try to approach other sources of fundraising.

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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