

ITEM 6

Report to	Pewsey Area Board
Date of Meeting	22 November 2010
Title of Report	Community Area Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider ten applications seeking 20010/11 Community Area Grant Funding.

1. Burbage & Easton Royal Cricket Club – To purchase a new storage shed. Seeking £3,934. Recommended for approval.
2. Burbage Village Hall – To replace the remaining single glazed village hall external windows. Seeking £1,300. Recommended for approval.
3. Burbage News – To reinvent the Burbage News this will unify all local newsletters. Seeking £1,000.
4. Burbage Parish Council – Construction of footpath from A338 Burbage roundabout, south, to Marr Green Farm Shop. Seeking £1,860. Recommended for approval.
5. Shalbourne Village Hall Committee – To repair and replace eroding stonework forming the entrance to the village hall. Seeking £1,382. Recommended for approval.
6. Shalbourne Recreation Ground – To refurbish and update kitchen at the Club Pavillion. Seeking £2,843. Recommended for approval.
7. Pewsey Vale Bowls Club – To purchase and install an automated watering system for the bowling green. Seeking £4,993. Recommended for approval.
8. Patney Parish Council – To purchase and install new hardwood notice board. Seeking £251. Recommended for approval.
9. Alton Barnes Parish Council – To purchase and install new notice board. Seeking £75. Recommended for approval.
10. Coronation Hall Committee, Alton Barnes – To refurbish the hall floor. Seeking £800. Recommended for approval.

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 decision of an Area Board that is contrary to the funding criteria and/or the officer's recommendation would need to demonstrate that the application in question has a wider community benefit, and give specific reasons as to why this should justify an exception to the criteria.
- 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 £5,377 which leaves a total budget of £27,713.
- 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) or paper versions are available from the Community Area Manager.

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Area Grant Application Pack 20010/11• Pewsey Community Area Plan
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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 fourth is contained in this report the remaining will take place on;

- 10 January 2011
- 7 March 2011 (subject to available funds)

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 £9,274.

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 where applicable – “Officer recommendations”.

8. Officer recommendations

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.1 (85)	Burbage & Easton Royal Cricket Club	To purchase new storage shed	£3,934

- 8.1.1. Officer recommendation is that this application be approved
- 8.1.2. The application meets grant criteria 2010/11
- 8.1.3. The application demonstrates a link to the (20010/11) Community Plan on page 15

increasing levels of obesity; page 25 closure of leisure centre, p26 improving sports and leisure facilities.

- 8.1.4. The applicant is Burbage & Easton Royal Cricket Club, a Sports Club which is a not for profit organisation. There are 15 people involved in the management of the organisation. The Club is contributing £3934 in match funding.
- 8.1.5. The project is to replace a very old shed to keep new equipment safe and secure. The existing shed is not fit for purpose, it is falling down and too small for the amount of equipment. A tractor was damaged recently as there is no method of locking the existing shed.
- 8.1.6. If the Area Board made the decision not to fund the project, or give less than requested the group would have to look at other funding and make cutbacks on the planned expenditure (£4k of improvements and equipment upgrades for 2011).

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.2. (80)	Burbage Village Hall	To replace the single glazed external windows	£1,300

- 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 doesn't demonstrate a specific link to the Pewsey Community Area Plan but it is recognised that village halls are part of the fabric of local communities, and a vital resource for local people for recreation, social events, meetings etc, much of which is included in the Pewsey Community Area Plan. Village halls help to facilitate many of the objectives of the Plan.
- 8.2.4. The applicant is Burbage Village Hall which is a registered charity. The Hall Committee is contributing £1,300 in match funding.
- 8.2.5. The project is to replace the remaining single glazed village hall external windows. This will ensure that all external windows are double glazed and weatherproofed.
- 8.2.6. The project will ensure the continued availability of the hall as a village asset with all that it offers. Heating bills will be reduced, as will carbon emissions and it will provide an enhanced level of security.
- 8.2.7. If the Area Board decided not to approve this application the project could not proceed as it would deplete the reserves of the hall below the minimal level judged prudent by the Management Committee and Auditors.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.3 (88)	Burbage News	To produce a free monthly A5 edition of Burbage News	£1,000

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 doesn't demonstrate a specific link to the Community Plan, however the publication will provide better communications for the village, and an increased awareness of issues and events.

8.3.4 The applicant is Burbage News, a not for profit organisation which is run by two local volunteers, and which uses local volunteers to distribute the newspaper. The organisation has confirmed it is contributing £2,000 in match funding. £3,500 is still to be confirmed.

8.3.5 The project is to provide start up funding to support the production of the newspaper during the first year. The newspaper has been trialled since August to get a view as to whether parishioners would like to receive a monthly publication. The newspaper has received positive reviews. The new Burbage News aims to amalgamate existing publications such as the old bi-monthly Burbage News, and the monthly church magazine.

8.3.6 All the costs incurred so far in producing the trial versions of the magazine, except the printing costs, have been waived by volunteers giving their time for free. The in-kind contribution is approximately £400 per month. Advertising revenue will help towards funding the magazine but there is currently a shortfall in the amount needed for printing costs.

8.3.7 If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project the organisers will try and find funding from other source, although the likelihood of success is not known.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.4 (95)	Burbage Parish Council	Construction of footpath from A338 Burbage roundabout, south, to Marr Green Farm Shop.	£1,860

8.4.1 Officer Recommendation is that this application be approved.

8.4.2 The application meets grant criteria 2010/11

- 8.4.3 There is no specific link to the community plan but the provision of local services is important to rural communities, and access to them is important.
- 8.4.4 The applicant is the Burbage Parish Council. The Parish Council is contributing £2,000 towards the project, of which £1,000 is a donation to them from the Farm Shop.
- 8.4.5 The project is to construct a footpath which will be suitable for mothers and carers of small children and buggies to pass easily and safely.
- 8.4.6 Local people have expressed a need for this footpath, as at the moment people need to walk in the road which is not safe. The installation of the footpath will encourage more residents to use the farm shop. Increased trade would support rural businesses and regenerate the village.
- 8.4.7 If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project it will delay the project significantly. The Parish are able to contribute towards the project but could not afford to fund it in total without raising the precept.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.5 (43)	Shalbourne Village Hall Committee	To repair and replace eroding stonework forming the entrance to the village hall.	£1,382

- 8.5.1 Officer Recommendation is that this application be approved.
- 8.5.2 The application meets grant criteria 2010/11
- 8.5.3 The application doesn't demonstrate a specific link to the Pewsey Community Area Plan but it is recognised that village halls are part of the fabric of local communities, and a vital resource for local people for recreation, social events, meetings etc, much of which is included in the Pewsey Community Area Plan. Village halls help to facilitate many of the objectives of the Plan.
- 8.5.4 The applicant is the Shalbourne Village Hall Committee, a not for profit organisation. The Parish Council is contributing £1,500 towards the project.
- 8.5.5 The project is for the repair and or replacement of eroding stonework forming the entrance to the village hall.
- 8.5.6 The village hall facilities are for the benefit of all. The village hall provides the ideal community meeting place for many types of activity thereby assisting all good community activities and relations.
- 8.5.7 If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project the repairs will not be

able to go ahead and the stonework will further erode.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.6 (89)	Shalbourne Recreation Ground	To refurbish and update kitchen at the Club Pavilion	£2,843

8.6.1 Officer Recommendation is that this application be approved.

8.6.2 The application meets grant criteria 2010/11

8.6.3 There is no specific link to the community plan but the pavilion is an important part of the sports and social facilities provided at the ground. The proposals link well with community aspirations for self sufficient, self-reliant healthy socially inclusive communities envisaged for the future, and builds on progress made (playground refurbishment). Creation of enhanced facilities will lead to greater use of area.

8.6.4 The applicant is the Shalbourne Club, which is a registered charity and has a management group of 14 people. The Club is contributing £2844 towards the project with an additional £600 worth of in kind contribution.

8.6.5 The project is for the refurbishment and updating of the kitchen at the Club pavilion to include the purchase and installation of new cupboards, shelves, sink, table and white goods. There are concerns about safety and the ability to satisfy hygiene regulations. It is hoped that the pavilion will be rebuilt in the future, and the items purchased will be transferred. This may be some time off as funds need to be raised.

8.6.6 The recreation ground is open to everyone without charge and the club takes all such steps to encourage its use. The ground provides the only outdoor facility in the village which free and open access. Free events are held and those which are charged are as reasonable as possible in order to cover costs. The club will be rented out to users.

8.6.7 If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project it will divert funds put towards the rebuild project which the club needs to use to obtain advice and plans.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.70 (82)	Pewsey Vale Bowls Club	To purchase and install an automated watering system for the bowling green	£4,993

8.7.1 Officer Recommendation is that this application be approved.

- 8.7.2 The application meets grant criteria 2010/11
- 8.7.3 The application links with the community plan in that there is a need to improve sports facilities. Section 6.7 page 26
- 8.7.4 The applicant is Pewsey Vales Bowls Club which is a not for profit organisation. The Club is contributing £4,993 towards the project.
- 8.7.5 The project is to purchase and install an automated watering system for the bowling green. This will replace an existing manual system which was ineffective in the long dry spell this spring/summer and is labour intensive for the club's team of volunteer ground staff.
- 8.7.6 The club has 75 members and 300 visiting players. Members of the Club come mainly from Pewsey but there are some members living in surrounding villages including Burbage, Milton Lilbourne, Collingbourne Kingston, Ludgershall, Tidworth, Upavon, Devizes, Woodborough, All Cannings, Marlborough and Mildenhall.
- 8.7.7 The club currently have reserves but around £3000 of working capital is needed throughout the winter months to undertake normal green maintenance, maintain machinery, purchase environment friendly fertilisers and sprays, heat and power for the clubhouse.
- 8.7.8 If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project the club could purchase it from their reserves but the working capital would then fall to a level that would make it difficult to sustain outgoings over the winter months.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.8 (83)	Patney Parish Council	To purchase and install a new hardwood noticeboard	£251

- 8.8.1 Officer Recommendation is that this application be approved.
- 8.8.2 The application meets grant criteria 2010/11.
- 8.8.3 The application has no direct link with the Pewsey Community Area Plan, however it is recognised that communication in rural villages is vital, and notice boards provide a much needed resource for the community.
- 8.8.4 The applicant is Patney Parish Council who are match funding with £251.
- 8.8.5 The project is to purchase a new notice board to replace the existing one which is in poor condition.

8.8.6 The village has approximately 140 residents. The notice board is an important means for communicating as the village has no village hall, post office or shop.

8.8.7 If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project the project would be delayed. The precept is current very low, and if this needed to be added it would be a 50% increase. The Parish Council reserves are low.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.9 (70)	Alton Barnes Parish Council	To make a new Parish Council noticeboard	£75

8.9.1 Officer Recommendation is that this application be approved.

8.9.2 The application meets grant criteria 2010/11

8.9.3 The application has no direct link with the Pewsey Community Area Plan, however it is recognised that communication in rural villages is vital, and notice boards provide a much needed resource for the community.

8.9.4 The applicant is Alton Barnes Parish Council who are match funding with £75.

8.9.5 The project is to replace the current damaged notice board. Due to the age of the existing board and the amount of materials needed to refurbish it, the parish Council decided it would be cheaper to replace with a new notice board rather than attempt a repair.

8.9.6 If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project there will be a significant delay while other funding is sought.

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding requested
8.10 (79)	Coronation Hall Committee, Alton Barnes	Refurbishment of the hall floor	£800

8.10.1 Officer Recommendation is that this application be approved.

8.10.2 The application meets grant criteria 2010/11

8.10.3 The application doesn't demonstrate a specific link to the Pewsey Community Area Plan but it is recognised that village halls are part of the fabric of local communities, and a vital resource for local people for recreation, social events, meetings etc, much of which is included in the Pewsey Community Area Plan. Village halls help

to facilitate many of the objectives of the Plan.

8.10.4 The applicant is the Coronation Hall Committee, a not for profit organisation. The applicant is not providing any match funding towards the project.

8.10.5 The project is to refurbish the hall floor which will involve sanding down, cleaning, oiling and buffing processes.

8.10.6 If the Area Board makes a decision not to fund the project the Committee would have to delay the project until they have built up enough funds, which could take some time.

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

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Appendices – <i>available online only.</i>	Grant Application forms