

Report to Amesbury Area Board
Date of Meeting 21 February 2013
Title of Report Area Board Grants (2) – 2 Late Grants

Purpose of Report

To ask Councillors to consider :

(A) 2 late Grant Applications seeking 2012/13 Community Area Grant Funding

1. Durrington Town Council – Acquisition of Land to Join Two Public Footpaths
Funding sought : £ 3,500 :

Recommendation – grant £2,175 as a contribution towards the purchase, legal and reinstatement costs.

2. Figheidean Parish Council – Barrier Posts for Recreation Ground
Funding sought : £385
Recommended for **Approval**

1. Main Considerations

- 1.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in 2012/13 are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
- 1.2. There will be 6 rounds of funding during 2012/2013. These are listed as below:
 - 24th May
 - 19th July
 - 20th September
 - 22 November 2013
 - 31 January 2013
 - 21 February 2013

2. Environmental & Community Implications

- 2.1. Area Board Grants 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.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1. Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Amesbury Area Board.
- 3.2. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations in this and the main grants report, the Amesbury Area Board will have an overspend of £3,393.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

5. HR Implications

- 5.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

6. Equality and Inclusion Implications

- 6.1. Community Area Grants and Small Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, town and parish council's equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes, where they meet the funding criteria.
- 6.2. Implications relating to individual grant applications are outlined within section 8 – "Officer Recommendations".

7. Officer recommendations

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7.1	Durrington Town Council	Acquisition of Land to Join Two Public Footpaths	£3,500

- 7.1.1. With the exception of the request for assistance to fund ongoing maintenance of the land, this application complies with the community area grant scheme's criteria, and the officer's recommendation is therefore to approve a grant of £2,175, which represents 50% of the purchase, legal and reinstatement costs.
- 7.1.2. The application explains that, at the planning stage, Wiltshire Council was unable to purchase this strip of land, and it became the ownership of a private resident, who has approached Wiltshire Council and Durrington Town Council with an offer to sell.
- 7.1.3. The purchase cost of the land has been derived from independent sources, one commissioned by the town council and one by Wiltshire Council. The former quotes £3,000 as the purchase cost, and the latter concludes that the land is of no intrinsic value to Wiltshire Council, as there is no market for it.
- 7.1.4. Consequently, technical officer advice is that the "value" of the land is associated with the fact that, by owning it, Durrington Town Council can resolve a local issue and ensure a safe pedestrian access to village amenities, as well as resolve the breakdown in community relations between the new and old residential estates.
- 7.1.5. The Area Board has the authority to make decisions involving the discharge of executive functions, i.e. to spend money on the purchase of land, provided the decision does not:
- have a significant impact outside of the area concerned
 - impact significantly on the overall resources of the Council
 - contradict any policy or service standard set by the Council
 - involve the taking of regulatory or quasi-judicial decisions
 - relate to the exercise of functions in respect of any particular person, including any individual member of staff

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7.2	Figcheldean Parish Council	New Barrier Posts and Chain Access for Recreation Ground	£385

7.2.1 This application meets the community area grant scheme's criteria and the officer's recommendation is therefore to **approve**.

7.2.2 Damage is being caused to the grass area of the recreation ground in Figcheldean by the careless driving of vehicles by certain individuals. The parish council is asking the area board to contribute towards the cost of new barrier posts and a chain access.

Appendix (online):	Appendix 1 Grant Application – Durrington Town Council Appendix 2 Grant Application – Figcheldean Parish Council
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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