

Minutes

OF A MEETING OF THE



Listening Learning Leading

Communities Capital Grant Scheme Panel

HELD AT 10.00 AM ON MONDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2016

MEETING ROOM 1, 135 EASTERN AVENUE, MILTON PARK, MILTON,
ABINGDON, OX14 4SB

Present

David Dodds (Chairman)

Joan Bland, Stefan Gawrysiak, Paul Harrison, Imran Lokhon, Jeannette Matelot and Richard Pullen

Apologies:

Pat Dawe tendered apologies.

Officers

Carole Cumming, Sophie Milton and Ron Schrieber

Also present:

Elizabeth Gillespie, Cabinet member for development management, building control and housing, and grants:

8 Declaration of interests

None.

9 Minutes

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2015 as a correct record and agree that the Chairman signs them as such.

10 Community Capital Grants - grant policy and procedures rules

The grant policy and procedure rules were noted.

11 Bids for funding for the Community Capital Grants scheme and officer recommendations

The panel received a brief overview from officers on each application and heard addresses from representatives of the applicants and answers to questions as summarised below.

St Leonard and St Catherine Church, Drayton St Leonard – Church bell restoration

Hilary Rogers, a representative of the church, spoke in support of the application. She reported that the project was being funded by an appeal rather than from church funds and explained that the new, lighter bells could be used throughout the year rather than only in summer. They could also be rung by younger children.

Shiplake Memorial Hall and Institute – Window and door replacements

The grants officer outlined this proposal and reported that the energy strategy and projects officer had recommended that the applicants investigate the costs and benefits of alternative window options before proceeding with the project.

Garsington Parish Council – Play area improvements

The grants officer outlined this proposal and reported that the applicants had now claimed the grant awarded by the council in 2014/15 for defibrillators.

The Merry Bells Village Hall, Wheatley – Exterior repairs

The grants officer outlined this proposal and reported that this was the first stage of a series of improvements but, as yet, no details of estimated future expenditure had been provided.

Dorchester Parish Council – Re-covering flat roof of sports pavilion

The grants officer outlined this proposal which would enable continued use of the building.

Wallingford Sports Trust – Replacement changing rooms

The grants officer outlined this proposal and reported that, if this application was successful, then the council's previous award of £100,000 in 2014 towards the project would be withdrawn.

Didcot All Saints' Church PCC – Rebuilding a boundary wall

The grants officer outlined this proposal and reported that it didn't appear to offer any direct benefit to the community or allow any community activities to take place.

Harpsden Cricket Club – Astroturf surface, pitch covers and roller engine

The grants officer outlined this proposal and reported that the total cost of the project could be broken down as follows:

astroturf surface	£ 3,456
pitch covers	£ 4,680
roller engine	£ 4,410
total	£12,546

Allsorts Preschool, Brightwell-Cum-Sotwell – Garden improvements

Sally Jackson, a representative of Allsorts preschool, spoke in support of the application. She reported on the proposed improvements which would provide shelter and shade so enabling greater use of the garden. In response to members' questions, she reported that the preschool was currently only open in term time but that the feasibility of opening during the summer holidays was being investigated

Little Milton Parish Council – Three defibrillators

The grants officer outlined this proposal.

Watlington Parish Council – Play area improvements

The grants officer outlined this proposal and confirmed that the application was for a different play area than the one the council previously funded.

Horspath Parish Council – Two defibrillators

The grants officer outlined this proposal.

Marsh Baldon Parish Council – One defibrillator

The grants officer outlined this proposal.

Warborough Parish Council – Refurbishment of tennis courts

Councillor Paul Duncan, a representative of Warborough Parish Council and Charles Humphries, a representative of Shillingford and Warborough Tennis Association (SWATA), spoke in support of the application. They reported that the parish council was providing £3,000 towards the project with SWATA contributing £11,167.

In response to members' questions, Mr Humphries reported that approximately 25% of the local community were members of SWATA and it was likely that it would seek Lawn Tennis Association affiliation in the near future.

Goring Heath Parish Council – Play area improvements and purchase of a defibrillator

The grants officer outlined this proposal.

Chinnor Parish Council – Play area improvements

Ian White, ward councillor and Jo Wills, representing Chinnor Parish Council, spoke in support of this application. They reported that there was a lack of local facilities for teenagers and that most of the parish council's reserves were committed to other projects.

Stadhampton Parish Council – Pavilion upgrade and sport equipment

Timothy Perera and Councillors Tony Brandon and Ann Stead, representing Stadhampton Parish Council, spoke in support of this application and reported that the pavilion had been underused for approximately 12 years.

The grants officer reported on additional information received regarding the funding of this project.

Long Wittenham Football Club – Pavilion improvements

The grants officer outlined this proposal and reported that the club had provided some additional information about their ability to secure additional funding.

Benson Parish Council – New front doors for the parish hall

The grants officer outlined this proposal.

Towersey Playing Fields Management Committee – Mobile goal posts

The grants officer outlined this proposal.

Sonning Common Parish Council – Landscaping of skatepark and replacement village bins

The grants officer outlined this proposal. It was noted that the proposals would improve the skatepark and increase its use whilst all village centre users would benefit from improved litter facilities.

12 Panel review scores

The panel considered the applications, taking into account the report of the grants officer on each application, the presentations from the registered public speakers and site photographs.

Using the scoring matrix set out in the report and taking account of the grant officer's provisional scores, the panel awarded scores for each application.

After discussion the panel agreed the grants officer's recommended scores for all applications except for the following:

St Leonard and St Catherine Church, Drayton St Leonard – Church bell restoration

Increase new facilities or activities score from 6 to 10 points
Increase community benefit score from 6 to 10 points
Increase organisation's contribution score from -4 to 0 points

Allsorts Preschool, Brightwell-Cum-Sotwell – Garden improvements

Increase new facilities or activities score from 8 to 11 points

Warborough Parish Council – Refurbishment of tennis courts

Increase new facilities or activities score from 9 to 10 points
 Increase community benefit score from 8 to 10 points

Chinnor Parish Council – Play area improvements

Increase new facilities or activities score from 11 to 12 points
 Increase community benefit score from 11 to 12 points
 Increase organisation’s contribution score from -4 to -2 points

Stadhampton Parish Council – Pavilion upgrade and sport equipment

Increase new facilities or activities score from 10 to 12 points
 Increase organisation’s contribution score from -4 to 0 points

Long Wittenham Football Club – Pavilion improvements

Increase funding the project score from 6 to 8 points

Sonning Common Parish Council – Landscaping of skatepark and replacement village bins

Increase new facilities or activities score from 8 to 10 points
 Increase community benefit score from 9 to 10 points
 Increase organisation’s contribution score from -4 to 0 points

The final scores as agreed were:

Ref	Organisation	Project description	New facilities or activities (max 14)	Community benefit	Funding the project (max 14)	Organisation's contribution	Total (out of 42)
SCap\11	St Leonard and St Catherine Church, Drayton St Leonard	Church bell restoration	10	10	14	0	34
SCap\12	Shiplake Memorial Hall and Institute	Window and door replacements	10	14	14	-4	34
SCap\18	Garsington Parish Council	Play area improvements	10	11	14	-4	31
SCap\19	The Merry Bells Village Hall, Wheatley	Exterior repairs	6	10	14	-4	26

SCap\ 20	Dorchester Parish Council	Re-covering flat roof of sports pavilion	6	11	14	-4	27
SCap\ 22	Wallingford Sports Trust	Replacement changing rooms	14	12	14	0	40
SCap\ 28	Didcot All Saints' Church PCC	Rebuilding a boundary wall	1	1	12	-4	10
SCap\ 34	Harpsden Cricket club	Astroturf surface, pitch covers and roller engine	11	6	12	0	29
SCap\ 44	Allsorts Preschool, Brightwell- Cum-Sotwell	Garden improvements	11	6	14	0	31
SCap\ 45	Little Milton Parish Council	Three defibrillators	14	14	14	-2	40
SCap\ 48	Watlington Parish Council	Play area improvements	10	11	10	0	31
SCap\ 49	Horspath Parish Council	Two defibrillators	14	14	14	-4	38
SCap\ 50	Marsh Baldon Parish Council	One defibrillator	14	14	14	-4	38
SCap\ 51	Warborough Parish Council	Refurbishment of tennis courts	10	10	14	-4	30
SCap\ 56	Goring Heath Parish Council	Play area improvements and purchase of a defibrillator	12	11	10	0	33
SCap\ 57	Chinnor Parish Council	Play area improvements	12	12	10	-2	32
SCap\ 59	Stadhampton Parish Council	Pavilion upgrade and sport equipment	12	12	10	0	34

SCap\ 61	Long Wittenham Football Club	Pavilion improvements	11	10	8	0	29
SCap\ 65	Benson Parish Council	New front doors for the parish hall	10	14	10	-4	30
SCap\ 66	Towersey Playing Fields Management Committee	Mobile goal posts	10	10	14	-2	32
SCap\ 70	Sonning Common Parish Council	Landscaping of skatepark and replacement village bins	10	10	14	-4	30

13 Award recommendations

RESOLVED: to

- a) agree that both projects recommended for medium priority awards (15-28 points) should receive 75% of the amount requested.
- b) recommend that the cabinet member for development management, building control and housing, and grants make the following capital grant award decisions:
 1. to award St Leonard and St Catherine Church, Drayton St Leonard up to £9,900 towards the church bell restoration as set out in its application.
 2. to award Shiplake Memorial Hall and Institute up to £4,205 towards the window and door replacements as set out in its application.
 3. to award Garsington Parish council up to £8,739 towards the play area improvements as set out in its application.
 4. to award The Merry Bells Village Hall, Wheatley up to £7,500 towards the exterior repairs as set out in its application.
 5. to award Dorchester Parish Council up to £1,875 towards re-covering the flat roof of the sports pavilion as set out in its application.
 6. to award Wallingford Sports Trust up to £187,074 towards replacement changing rooms as set out in its application.
 7. not to award a grant to Didcot All Saints' Church PCC towards rebuilding a boundary wall as set out in its application.
 8. to award Harpsden Cricket Club up to £6,273 towards a new astroturf surface, pitch covers and roller engine as set out in its application.
 9. to award Allsorts Preschool, Brightwell-Cum-Sotwell up to £4,173 towards garden improvements as set out in its application.

10. to award Little Milton Parish Council up to £2,373 towards three defibrillators as set out in its application.
11. to award Watlington Parish Council up to £9,998 towards play area improvements as set out in its application.
12. to award Horspath Parish Council up to £1,382 towards two defibrillators as set out in its application.
13. to award Marsh Baldon Parish Council up to £1,000 towards one defibrillator as set out in its application.
14. to award Warborough Parish Council up to £14,167 towards the refurbishment of tennis courts as set out in its application.
15. to award Goring Heath Parish Council up to £9,575 towards play area improvements and one defibrillator as set out in its application.
16. to award Chinnor Parish Council up to £17,354 towards play area improvements as set out in its application.
17. to award Stadhampton Parish Council up to £12,445 towards a pavilion upgrade and sport equipment as set out in its application.
18. to award Long Wittenham Football Club up to £5,610 towards pavilion improvements as set out in its application, with a special condition that any payments will not be released until it has secured all its other funding.
19. to award Benson Parish Council up to £5,335 towards new front doors for the parish hall as set out in its application.
20. to award Towersey Playing Fields Management Committee up to £1,550 towards mobile goal posts as set out in its application.
21. to award Sonning Common Parish Council up to £12,493 towards landscaping of skatepark and replacement village bins as set out in its application.

The meeting closed at 1.20 pm

Chairman

Date