

Odcombe Play Area Grant Application (Executive Decision)

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Purpose of the Report

To consider funding towards the last Phase of the redevelopment of Odcombe Play Area.

Public Interest

Community grants are available in each area to voluntary and charitable organisations, not-for-profit groups, Parish or Town councils and other organisations that benefit the wider community. Applications are encouraged that meet a clearly identified local need.

Recommendation

That members consider this application for £4053 from the community grants budget.

Background

The Parish Council has almost completed the refurbishment of the play area situated at the Odcombe Recreation Ground. The Parish Council has spent in excess of £11,000 to date on the project (of which £3250 was received in grants including funding from the Warburton and Clarkes Trusts). The refurbishment has included new items of equipment, repainting of the existing play equipment and planting of a hedge around the play area.

Project

The Parish Council has consulted with parishioners extensively on the project, by means of a working party and also by using social media, to ensure that the play equipment chosen was what was wanted. To finish off the project the Parish Council needs to replace two small spring riders, which are at the end of their life. During the consultation, it became apparent that parents and children would like a "Mayflower Springer" installed.

The 'Mayflower' equipment is the shape of a ship and is designed to encourage children to use their imagination and role play games. Being easily accessible to all, the Mayflower supports inclusive and social play. This application is for 50% of the cost of this piece of equipment which equates to 21% of the total redevelopment project.

The NDO recommends approval of this application as the Parish has consulted widely with parishioners to make sure that the project meets their needs. The project will help to ensure that parents and other guardians will not need to drive from the village to the town to find suitable play activities, thus reducing the amount of travel.

Ward Members Comments

Both ward members support the application.

Cllr Bakewell commented that the Parish Council have gone to great lengths to engage the community in the development of the recreation area. The community have responded well to this and I am delighted that this project is moving forward with some new replacement equipment, which I am sure will be well used.

Assessment Scoring

Below is the summary table from the grant assessment form. It is recommended that funding is only awarded to projects scoring 22 points or more.

Category	Score	Maximum score
A Eligibility	Y	
B Equalities Impact	2	7
C Evidence of Need	5	5
D Capacity of Organisation	12	15
E Financial need	4	7
F Innovation	1	3
<i>Grand Total</i>	24	37

Funding Breakdown

Funding Sources	% Funding of the Total Project Cost	Amount of Funding (£)	Status
Parish Council	50	4054	Secured
SSDC Area South Grants	50	4053	This application
Total Project Cost	100%	8107	

Financial Implications

The uncommitted 2015/16 grants budget stands at £10,800. If members agree this award of £4053, it will leave £6747 in the budget for this year.

Corporate Priority Implications

The project contributes to the following Key Target Area:

Theme 3:- Improve the Housing, Health and Well-being

3.20 Increase children and young people's satisfaction with parks and play areas and adult participation in sport and active recreation.

Carbon Emissions & Adapting to Climate Change Implications (NI188)

None

Equality and Diversity Implications

None.

Background Papers: None