

RURAL/URBAN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS APPLICATION FOR 3rd DECEMBER 2014 EXECUTIVE :

Applicant :

Barford, Sherbourne & Wasperton Joint Parish Council

Description of scheme:

This project is the first stage of an overall three phase project, the other two projects / phases are as follows; Phase 2 – Create a perimeter exercise track, upgrade lane access and bike racks (estimated costs of £100,000) and Phase 3 – Build a multi-sports court, tennis courts and toilets (estimated costs of £250,000). This application is specifically for phase 1 of the development of The King George's Playing Field Scheme which is to replace, upgrade and extend the limited play area currently provided at the site, which will include a new safety floor and new play equipment. This will provide modern play facilities for children of all ages up to teenagers. It's important to note that although this is part of a big development scheme, it is in itself a stand-alone project which will deliver a facility to the community and contributes to the Council's Sustainable Community Strategy.

Evidence of need:

In 2005 the Barford Parish Plan identified the need for increased sports and recreational facilities to be provided within the community, in 2010 the JPC launched a review to establish the future needs of the community for all ages in order that the JPC-owned playing field could get wider use for all ages, this included:

1. Meetings with staff, governors and consultation with parents and pupils at the adjoining Barford St Peter's Primary and Pre school.
2. Staging a public exhibition giving a range of options, display of equipment, site surveys and detailed questionnaire for the residents of the 3 villages.
3. A door to door leaflet drop to 500 households advising that the project is underway for the community to be aware of and submit their ideas.
4. Letters to all parents/carers of 150 children attending the village primary and pre-school who use the existing playing field.
5. Discussions with local toddlers group and nursery school who have limited outside recreational facilities for younger children in the village.
6. Attendance of over 100 people at a public exhibition in March 2014 with further attendance in May, July and August exhibitions in the village.
7. Completion of 128 surveys from local residents.
8. Report on the project at the annual Parish meeting of residents on 6th April 2014.
9. Further residents' exhibition to look at draft proposals and layout of the scheme on 18th May 2014.

The results of the community survey gave very positive support for the project; 91% of residents felt that the playing field facilities needed to be upgraded with additional facilities provided and all but one of the responses supported improvements to play facilities for children and/or teenagers. There are also letters of support from; Barford Cricket Club, Barford St Peter's Primary and Pre Schools, Barford Community Charity, Beehive Nursery (Barford), CSW Sport and Warwick Tennis club.

3 years accounts received?

2011 - 2013 accounting statements, financial reports and asset statements have been received, along with recent bank statements for the two bank accounts held covering the period June 2014. This evidences sufficient cash reserves to meet the contribution stated on the application form.

Financial Performance; minus figure = deficit

Year ended	Year ended	Year ended
31/3/13	31/3/12	31/3/11
£7,848	£6,809	£174

Available Funds (cash and reserves)

Year ended	Year ended	Year ended
31/3/13	31/3/12	31/3/11
£46,004	£38,157	£31,348

Details of membership, fees etc:

None

Details of usage:

King George's field in Barford currently includes a small play area for under 10's, a skateboard park and a grass football pitch. However, the current facilities are not well used by the community; the football pitch has been unused for some years, the young children's play equipment has limitations and needs upgrading leaving children with very few play facilities in the village. The access to the playing field is limited because of the poor surface to the lane and does not cater for wheel chair users, pushchairs, prams or mobility scooters therefore excluding them from being able to gain entry to the playing field. Overall usage is currently very low level; approximately 10 to 20 people per day

Details of Organisations equalities policies:

The Joint Parish Council have provided a copy of their equality policy; the JPC understands its obligations under the Equality Act 2010 and is fully committed to its duty, imposed by Section 149 of the 2010 Act. The JPC is committed to the principle of equal opportunities and declares its opposition to any form of less favourable treatment, whether through direct or indirect discrimination, on the grounds of the protected characteristics as specified in the Equality Act 2010.

3 quotes provided:

Yes - three quotes have been received.

Which of the Council's Corporate Priorities are met?

Evidence

Reduce anti-social behaviour

This project (phase 1 of the overall three phase project) will provide a play facility that can be used by children of all ages; provision of play activity facilities will help to alleviate boredom and therefore help to reduce anti-social behaviour.

Reducing obesity, particularly in children

Play equipment has inbuilt fitness as well as imaginary play elements and is designed to try and include all levels of ability. The new equipment will encourage a wide range of children from the community to get outside into the fresh air and participate; the Governing Body of Barford St Peter's (VA) Primary and Pre-School has been consulted and supports the project as the facility will be used by the 150 children at the school for extra curricular activities and after school clubs. This all helps to reduce child obesity.

Increase opportunities for everyone to enjoy and participate in sports, arts and cultural activities	Currently there are no active sports facilities except a small limited and outdated play area and a skate park. The overall three phase project is an ambitious scheme which will increase opportunities for the whole community to participate in sporting activities and exercise, proposals include; improvements to the lane to enable greater access for wheel chair users, prams and mobility scooters, a perimeter exercise track, bike racks, a multi sports surface, tennis courts and an upgrade of the access lane. Specifically this project will provide enhanced play facilities for children of all ages in the local community which will increase opportunity to enjoy and participate in sporting / play / exercise activity.	
Engaging and strengthening communities	This project will provide a play facility that will encourage a wide range of members of the community to get out and participate in activities; young people, parents, grandparents, playgroups will all use the facility to meet in and spend time together, thus helping to further engage and strengthen the community.	
Targeting disadvantage in rural / urban areas:	Currently, there are no active sports / play facilities in any of the three villages and no leisure or recreational facilities in the village for children over the age of 12 (apart from limited skate park facilities). The nearest all weather sports facilities are at Warwick and Wellesbourne both of which are 4 miles away from the three villages.	
Total cost of scheme (including VAT where appropriate)	£100,000	
Funded by:	Status	
Parish Council (Own Funds)	£10,000	Approved
SITA	£60,000	An application has been made, now waiting for a decision
Total RUCIS	£30,000	
equates to	30.0%	