

RURAL/URBAN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS APPLICATION FOR 7TH FEBRUARY 2018 EXECUTIVE :

Applicant : Lapworth Cricket Club

Description of scheme: The current cricket square mower and roller are both at the end of their life span and need replacing; the new mower will have a minimum 20 year life span and the new roller will likely have a 30+ year life span. The mower is one of the most important pieces of equipment as the cricket square is cut at least once a week from April to September to prepare the wicket and keep it in peak condition; the club play in excess of 50 home matches a season. The new mower will also incorporate a scarifier and verti-cutter which are jobs currently undertaken on a weekly basis by hand. The roller is also an essential piece of equipment to prepare a first class cricket wicket as demanded by the management of the Cotswold Hills League for all clubs playing in the premier division.

Evidence of need: The need is visually obvious as both the existing mower and roller are very old and although still operating the club have to spend large sums of money each year to keep the equipment running, this is no longer sustainable. The money that would normally be spent each year on repairs will be ploughed back into the club by way of introducing more training facilities and the purchase of equipment for the growing junior section and the new women's section.

3 years accounts received? 2014 - 2016 accounts have been received, along with a recent bank statements covering the period 1st September to 1st December 2017; this evidences sufficient cash reserves to meet the contribution stated on the application form.

Financial Performance; minus figure = deficit	Year ended 31/10/16 £6,131	Year ended 31/10/15 £3,508	Year ended 31/10/14 £4,495
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Available Funds (cash and reserves)	Year ended 31/10/16 £12,085	Year ended 31/10/15 £16,496	Year ended 31/10/14 £12,133
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Details of membership, fees etc: The club has the following classes of membership: Full Member – playing £70pa, Full Member – non-playing £35pa, Students – (u21) £35pa and Junior Member – (u18) £25pa. Players pay a match fee of £7 per game to cover teas and other costs, Juniors pay £3 per game.

Details of usage: Lapworth Cricket Club is the only sports club in the village with over 60 playing members:

REGULAR USE

- * Saturday 1st XI playing in the Cotswold Hills League Premier Division; every week between May and September, 12-14 players involved each week
 - * Saturday 2nd XI playing in the Cotswold Hills League Division 6; every week between May and September, 12-14 players involved each week
 - * Sunday XI playing friendly fixtures against local clubs; every week between April and September, 12-14 players involved each week
 - * Mid-week XI playing in the Shirley Mid-Week League; every week between May and August, 12-13 players involved each week
 - * Club practice night every Tuesday evening between April and September, 18 - 25 players involved each week
 - * Junior section (5 to 8 years old) meets every Friday between May to September, 15-20 children involved each week
- Each of the teams noted above has players from within the local community of all ages ranging from 16 to 60 years old.

AD-HOC USE

- * When the ground isn't being used by the club's teams on Sunday's and mid-week, it is hired out to other local teams, approx 12 times per season
- * Members social events are held such as quiz nights, curry nights, BBQ's; approx. 5 events per year (approx. 30 people attending)
- * Lapworth Guides; approx 2 activities per year, approx 20 people
- * Annual fun day which includes a number of Lapworth groups and organisations in the planning and running of the day such as WI, Lapworth Players, History Group, Brownies & Guides, Lees Chapel etc. The event attracts in excess of 750 adults & children.
- * The clubhouse is also hired by individual members of the community for events such as birthdays, anniversaries and christenings; there are approx 3 to 4 events per year with approx 50 to 100 people attending each event

Details of Organisations equalities policies: Lapworth Cricket Club's Constitution rule 5.1 states: Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation religion or other beliefs. A copy of the constitution has been provided.

3 quotes provided: Yes - three quotes have been received for each aspect of the project (6 quotes in total)

Which of the Council's Corporate Priorities are met?

Reduce anti-social behaviour

Evidence

Although the project doesn't directly impact on this, without the club there would be no sports activities within the village which would potentially increase anti-social behaviour. Currently the club has.....

- Three senior teams who play regular competitive matches
- A thriving junior section that meets weekly throughout the season
- Ad-hoc usage by Lapworth Guides and Brownies

The clubhouse is also hired for ad-hoc events and members hold several social events each year. The club are keen to increase membership and are now actively targeting local youth with a club objective of running a 3rd Saturday XI within the next three years. It is envisaged that this team will be primarily made up of young players in the 14 – 17 age bracket; it is anticipated that an increase in membership in particular the local youth will give them a purpose in life. This all helps to potentially reduce anti-social behaviour.

Reducing obesity, particularly in children

Although the project doesn't directly impact on this, without the club there would be no sports activities within the village which would potentially increase obesity. Currently the club has.....

- Three senior teams who play regular competitive matches
- Plans to further develop and grow the junior section with its own practice nights and ultimately junior teams of various age groups
- Plans to develop a women's soft ball section

With the assistance of their four qualified ECB coaches a programme of training activities encourage young people to live a more active life. This all helps to potentially reduce obesity, including within children.

Increase opportunities for everyone to enjoy and participate in sports, arts and cultural activities

The project will help to increase opportunities for the community to enjoy sports cultural activities, for example:

- The plan to develop the junior section will include playing matches against local teams
- The plan to develop a women's soft ball section will include playing tournaments

Both of the above will lead to increased usage of the cricket square that requires the new equipment to keep it in peak condition.

Engaging and strengthening communities

The club has links with the following organisations/groups; WI, Elderberries, History Group, Brownies, Girl Guides, Lapworth Players, Scarecrow Festival and PTA. A pleasant well maintained facility will continue to ensure that the club can achieve their objective of being the focal point of the community. The club is also managed and run by a wide range of volunteers from the local community and the activities that are available also bring together a wide range of people from the community, for example; competitive cricket teams, social events, Guides and Brownies, Fun Day. This all helps to engage and strengthen the community.

Targetting disadvantage in rural / urban areas:

The club offer a reduced membership fee for students (U21's) as well as cheaper rates for juniors. There are no bus services in the village, as a result the club offers sporting facilities to those members and families of the local community who do not have access to their own means of transportation.

- The nearest sporting facilities outside of Lapworth are at Hockley Heath where they play football on the recreation ground and you have to travel much further a field to Claverdon if you want to participate in Rugby.
- The nearest cricket clubs to Lapworth Cricket Club's Melson Memorial Park ground are Dorridge CC and Rowington CC. Neither of these two venues have any public transportation links with Lapworth which is approx. 2 miles from each club both served by very busy roads with little or no pedestrian provision. Neither of these two venues have any public transport links with Lapworth which is approx 2 miles away from each club, both served by very busy roads with little or no pedestrian provision.

Total cost of scheme (including VAT where appropriate)

£20,958

Including VAT

Funded by:

Status

Lapworth Parish Council

£250

Approved

Own Funds

£10,229

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Total RUCIS

£10,479

equates to

50.0%