

**RURAL/URBAN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS APPLICATION FOR 13th NOVEMBER 2013 EXECUTIVE :**

<b>Applicant :</b>	<b>Baginton Village Hall</b>		
<b>Description of scheme:</b>	Resurface the car park - the existing car park, which is approximately 50 years old, is currently in a poor condition; white lines indicating parking spaces have worn away, the bottom corner is becoming overgrown with weeds, yellow hatching and lines indicating "no parking" have also worn away and the surface is uneven with several pot holes. In wet weather conditions the pot holes create a health & safety hazard for residents, especially those that are elderly and disabled, as there is a risk of people falling over and injuring themselves. The collection of rainwater in the pot holes and the uneven dips in the surface leads to further deterioration of the condition of the car park; repairs have been made to pot holes over recent years but with this constant deterioration the same problems re-occur. The project is to resurface the car park to maintain clear white lines and yellow lines / hatching to indicate where visitors can safely park, to create a smooth even surface to remove health & safety risks for visitors and also create two or three disabled parking spaces to give greater access to disabled visitors. Successful completion of this project will also remove the potential risk of increasing on-street parking outside the village hall which is diagonally opposite to a children's play ground.		
<b>Evidence of need:</b>	There is obvious deterioration to the car park surface - photographs have been taken to capture this. The various pot holes and dips in the surface create a visible health and safety hazard for visitors especially for elderly and disabled members of the community.		
<b>3 years accounts received?</b>	2008 - 2012 income & expenditure accounts have been received, along with a recent bank statement		
<b>Financial Performance; minus figure = deficit</b>	<b>Year ended</b> 31/12/12  £1058	<b>Year ended</b> 31/12/11  -£6,123	<b>Year ended</b> 31/12/10  £3,259
<b>Available Funds ( cash and reserves )</b>	<b>Year ended</b> 31/12/12  £17,669	<b>Year ended</b> 31/12/11  £16,582	<b>Year ended</b> 31/12/10  £22,637
<b>Details of membership, fees etc:</b>	There is no membership for the hall, however, it is hired out to various groups and individuals.		
<b>Details of usage:</b>	<p>Groups and individuals hire the hall for both regular and ad-hoc events, for example;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Parent and Toddler Group - weekly, attended by approx 20 parents with their children</li> <li>* Art Group - weekly, attended by approx 28 people</li> <li>* Card making club - weekly, attended by approx 12 people</li> <li>* Yoga class - weekly, attended by approx 10 people</li> <li>* Baginton dog training club - weekly, attended by approx 8 people</li> <li>* WI - monthly, attended by approx 37 members</li> <li>* Lucy Price lunches - monthly, attended by approx 20 people</li> <li>* Weddings - approx 3 or 4 a year which can attract between 100 - 150 people per event</li> <li>* Dog club events (attract visitors from the local community and nationally) - approx 30 a year</li> <li>* Ad-hoc events such as "Meccano" Group (large group of people), doctors meeting, barn dances, electoral poll station, Christmas parties, birthday parties etc.</li> </ul>		
<b>Details of Organisations equalities policies:</b>	There is no actual written policy, however, there is no discrimination against would-be hirers. The hall has a disabled toilet and ramp and as part of the project are going to provide 2 or 3 disabled parking spaces.		
<b>3 quotes provided:</b>	Yes - three quotes have been received		
<b>Which of the Council's Corporate Priorities are met?</b>	<b>Evidence</b>		
<b>Reduce Anti Social Behaviour</b>	Whilst the car park does not directly affect this issue, Baginton Village Hall does organise and pay for swimming lessons for local children and also organises children's football matches in a nearby field. Provision of these activities helps towards reducing anti-social behaviour.		
<b>Reducing Obesity, particularly in children</b>	Whilst the car park does not directly affect this issue, Baginton Village Hall organises swimming and football activities for local children therefore giving children the opportunity to keep active, stay fit and help reduce obesity. Weekly yoga classes are also held in the hall.		
<b>Increase opportunities for everyone to enjoy and participate in sports, arts and cultural activities</b>	The provision of a clean, even, hard surfaced car park will make the Village Hall more attractive to users and may attract increased interest to use the facilities (i.e. weddings, parties, club events) potentially creating more opportunity for the community to access arts and cultural activities. Provision of 2 or 3 disabled parking spaces near the entrance will provide greater opportunity for disabled members of the community to attend clubs / events. Provision of a safer, even surfaced car park will better enable more elderly members of the community to attend events especially in poorer weather conditions as Health & Safety fears such as tripping and falling will be reduced / removed.		
<b>Engaging and strengthening Communities</b>	<p>This project will ensure that there is always adequate off-street parking capacity regardless of the size of events being held, facilitating greater access to the facility for the whole community. Events that attract visitors from across the country can benefit the community through;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Increased income for the hall which is re-invested in the service provision for the community</li> <li>* Creating opportunities for local businesses (shops, pub restaurants) and attractions (Lunt Fort) to increase their income</li> </ul> <p>Examples of events held;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Host on average 3 or 4 weddings a year; the last event catered for approx 100-150 guests</li> <li>* Host on average 30 dog club events per year which are attended by owners both local and nationally</li> <li>* Hold annual May and Christmas fayre's which attract around 200 people from across the community / region</li> <li>* Host ad-hoc large "Meccano" (the construction kit) groups which are attended by people from both the local community and throughout the region</li> </ul> <p>This all helps to engage and strengthen the community.</p>		
<b>Total cost of scheme (including VAT where appropriate)</b>	£15,000		
<b>Funded by:</b>	<b>Status</b>		
<b>Parish Council</b>	£500	Approved	
<b>Own Funds</b>	£7,000	Approved	

<b>Total RUCIS equates to</b>	<b>£7,500 50.0%</b>
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