

RURAL/URBAN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS APPLICATION FOR 8TH MARCH 2017 EXECUTIVE :

Applicant :	Barford, Sherbourne & Wasperton Joint Parish Council									
Description of scheme:	Improvements to the flooring area on Barford village green around the toddler's play area, public seating and recreational area by the village hall, post office and community village shop. In times of rainfall, the current area is completely muddy and unsafe especially with the volume of use. The attempted reseeding of grass has not worked, it needs a safe all-weather green surface and base installing which will blend into adjoining grass areas making it safe for use and ensuring that the toddler's play area is also safe to use; this will also encourage more use. Volumes have increased in 8 years due to rising numbers of local school and housing populations plus the public seeing Barford as a "destination" to visit and enjoy. The project will provide a bonded rubber mulch flooring area of almost 200sqm plus French drainage which will be porous and SUDS compliant all on new solid foundations for longevity.									
Evidence of need:	The Board of the Village Community Shop raised their concerns of the state of repair of the village green as it is outside the shop and it could potentially be unsafe underfoot if not repaired quickly. The use of the village green, village shop and memorial hall are all featured as strong components of the adopted Parish Plan. The issues with the current grass flooring were discussed by the Joint Parish Council (JPC) at their meetings in October and November 2016. Visual observations by the JPC Committee have raised the concern of potential Health & Safety issues of members of the public slipping underfoot as it has heavy use on a daily basis.									
3 years accounts received?	2014 - 2016 accounts have been received; this evidences sufficient cash reserves to meet the contribution stated on the application form.									
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Details of membership, fees etc:	None									
Details of usage:	There is a village green (managed by the Joint Parish Council) in the heart of Barford alongside the Memorial Hall in High St (CV35 8EN). On the village green is a small children's play area with equipment, seating and place for bikes. There is a growth in numbers of people visiting the village shop especially school children and parents from school as well as the Hall all due to growing population of the village.									
Details of Organisations equalities policies:	The JPC has provided a copy of its Equality Policy, a highlight of this policy is as follows: "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									
Which of the Council's Corporate Priorities are met?	Evidence									
Reduce anti-social behaviour	Provision of this facility engages people of all ages and helps to reduce instances of anti- social behaviour as it helps give young children and parents "something to do" and enjoy in the village without travelling elsewhere. If this work isn't undertaken, the area will potentially become unusable at certain times of the year because of Health & Safety issues due to unsafe ground conditions; this in turn could potentially impact on anti-social behaviour within the village as there would be less activity to occupy the community.									
Reducing obesity, particularly in children	The play area provides opportunity for outdoor activity and exercise; a safe all-weather play area will encourage children to play outside and undertake physical activity all year round which will help to reduce obesity. If this work isn't undertaken, the area will potentially become unusable at certain times of the year because of Health & Safety issues due to unsafe ground conditions; this in turn could potentially impact on children's health and wellbeing.									
Increase opportunities for everyone to enjoy and participate in sports, arts and cultural activities	The project will install all-weather flooring which will increase opportunities for children to undertake outdoor physical activity and for parents, grand-parents, friends etc to socialise with one another as the facility will be usable all-year round.									

Engaging and strengthening communities

The area is used by the local public who then in turn use the adjoining post office, Memorial Hall and village shop all of which are mainly run by a long list of over 80 volunteers. If this work isn't undertaken, the area will potentially become unusable at certain times of the year because of Health & Safety issues due to unsafe ground conditions; this in turn could weaken and disengage the community if at certain times of the year the facility isn't usable and residents either stay in at home or have to travel elsewhere.

Total cost of scheme (including VAT where appropriate)

£10,775 Excluding VAT - the Joint Parish Council will be reclaiming VAT

Funded by:

Status

Organisations Own Funds

£5,387 Approved - applicant is the Joint Parish Council

Total RUCIS

£5,387

equates to

50.0%