

RURAL/URBAN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS APPLICATION FOR 13th NOVEMBER 2019 EXECUTIVE :

Applicant : **Old Milverton Parish Room**

Description of scheme: Electrical service alterations:

1. To provide emergency LED lighting in the premises; at present there is none.
2. To provide external LED lighting to the footpath at the rear of the building from the car park; at present there is none.
3. To improve the lighting level in the hall by installing LED lighting to enable detail tasks to be carried out, for example; W.I. sewing parties.
4. To provide flexibility of lighting by better lighting control (dimmers) to give improved conditions for viewing of slide shows etc.
5. To rationalize existing wiring and remove redundant wiring to reduce the cost of periodic testing.

Evidence of need:

1. It is visually obvious; the Management Committee are aware that the lack of emergency lighting and external footpath lighting are Health and Safety issues that need to be addressed.
2. Poor lighting levels in the hall are visually obvious and also complaints from users; difficulty of speakers having to keep turning the lights off to see the slides and on to read their notes. For some functions the Management Committee have to change the light bulbs in use.

3 years accounts received? 2014 - 2018 accounts have been received along with a recent bank statement for all accounts held (current account 29th July 2019, savings account 2nd September 2019); 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	Year ended	Year ended
	30/09/18	30/09/17	30/09/16	30/09/15	30/09/14
	-£1,223	-£1,005	£4,371	-£4,240	£2,701

Available Funds (cash and reserves)	Year ended	Year ended	Year ended	Year ended	Year ended
	30/09/18	30/09/17	30/09/16	30/09/15	30/09/14
	£7,778	£9,001	£10,005	£5,634	£9,874

Details of membership, fees etc: There is no membership fee; hire cost is £12-£50 per hour (reduction for all day use)

Details of usage:

Regular usage:

- Women's Institute (Avon); monthly, 15+ attendees
- Women's Institute (Old Milverton); monthly, 15+ attendees
- Meditation Classes; monthly, 10+ attendees
- Coffee morning; monthly, 15+ attendees
- Parish Council meetings 6 times per year
- Annual Supper and entertainment event; approx. 40 attendees
- Annual Horticultural Show 300+ attendees
- Annual Village tidy and tea; 30+ attendees

• Ad-hoc private hire by members of the community for children's parties, weddings, wakes and other events usually between 20 to 40 attendees, 20 times per year

Details of Organisations equalities policies: A copy of constitution has been provided which states it is to "encourage the use of the Parish Room by local, charitable or other interested parties, a wide range of users shall be encouraged"

3 quotes provided: Yes

Which of the Council's Corporate Priorities are met? **Evidence**

Reduce anti-social behaviour Whilst the project does not directly impact on this the Parish Room provides regular and ad-hoc activities for the whole community, for example;

- Children's parties
- Meditation classes
- Social evenings

The project will enhance the health & safety and appeal of the premises as a venue for community activities which help to reduce anti-social behaviour.

Reducing obesity, particularly in children Whilst the project does not directly impact on this, it is necessary to provide a safe and secure environment for the users of the premises. This project will address a number of health & safety issues and ensure its continued use. The premises' is particularly well used for children's parties with bouncy castle and games on the lawn which helps to reduce obesity.

Increase opportunities for everyone to enjoy and participate in sports, arts and cultural activities It is necessary to provide a safe and secure environment for the users of the premises; the main aim of the project is to address a number of Health and Safety issues to keep the Parish Room in a usable condition. The Management Committee have identified the present lighting arrangement as being detrimental to the use of the premises for illustrated talks, art classes and sewing classes etc; the project will rectify this issue and ensure that the community continue to have opportunity to enjoy and participate in arts, cultural and social activities.

Engaging and strengthening communities The Parish Room is run by local volunteers and brings together a wide range of people from the community which helps to strengthen and engage the community. If the premises are not maintained as a safe and secure environment there is some risk that activities will decline and community engagement will be weakened.

Targetting disadvantage in rural / urban areas:

Keeping running costs as low as possible (the project will implement modern LED lighting) and increasing the safety and attractiveness of the premises to potential users will increase footfall both of which in turn mean that the Parish Room can maintain the existing low rental rates for users.

Total cost of scheme (including VAT where appropriate) £6,492

Funded by:

Status

Organisations Own Funds £798 Approved

Old Milverton Parish Council £500 Awaiting a decision

Total RUCIS **£5,194**

equates to **80.0%**