

RURAL/URBAN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS APPLICATION FOR 7th AUGUST 2013 EXECUTIVE :

Applicant : **Leek Wootton Sports Club**

Description of scheme: Resurface the car park - the existing car parking has "developed" since the sports club building was erected in the mid 1960's with a mixture of rubble, shale etc. It is now very uneven, very dusty in dry conditions, puddles in wet weather and lethal underfoot in icy weather. The project is to resurface the car park to include lines to create more parking spaces and also two disabled parking spaces.

Evidence of need: There have been verbal complaints from users particularly in bad weather conditions regarding large puddles in the wet and iced over areas in very cold weather. Additionally, access for people with disabilities is difficult, especially in poor weather conditions. In very icy conditions there is a health & safety problem due to the car park being so uneven.

3 years accounts received? 2010 - 2012 accounts have been received, along with a recent bank statement dated 10th May 2013 to 21st June 2013 and a fixed term deposit certificate dated 19th July 2011 to 21st July 2014

Financial Performance; minus figure = deficit

Year ended	Year ended	Year ended
31/12/12	31/12/11	31/12/10
-£4,619	-£6,305	£9,796

Available Funds (cash and reserves)

Year ended	Year ended	Year ended
31/12/12	31/12/11	31/12/10
£40,402	£43,223	£43,686

Details of membership, fees etc:

There are 600 members of the club aged over 18 years old. Fees; Ordinary Member £12, Dual Membership £20, Senior Membership Dual £18, Senior Membership Single £9. There are also additional fees payable from individual sections, i.e. Cricket and football.

Details of usage:

Cricket has been played in the village for over 120 years, whilst retaining its sporting identity the club has developed into a strong social base used extensively by village residents of all ages; bridge, darts, dominoes, bingo (once a month) and various social events, for example, last year's Jubilee celebrations. The sports club ground is also used on a regular basis by young people, easily overseen by parents who are utilising the sports club facilities.

Details of Organisations equalities policies:

The club rules are specific; membership is open to all in the community without discrimination of ethnic, nationality, sexual orientation, religious belief, sex, age or disability.

3 quotes provided for schemes in excess of £10,000:

Yes - three quotes have been received

Which of the Council's Corporate Priorities are met?

Evidence

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

The provision of a clean, block paved, hard surface car park with more parking capacity will make the club's facilities more attractive and accessible, this will help to further increase the number of people using them. Lined parking spaces including disabled parking bays will enable more off-street parking for members attending the club and will also improve access for disabled members of the community.

Engaging and strengthening Communities

There are over 600 adult members of the club from across the community, this project will provide an increase in off-street parking spaces, including disabled parking bays, which will enable improved access to the club's facilities for all. The club is also used extensively by village residents of all ages for bridge, darts, dominoes and pool as well as social events. Improved parking facilities will facilitate greater access to these activities for the whole community. In addition to this, the project will resolve complaints received from users with regards to the current poor parking facilities and alleviate health & safety concerns.

Reduce Anti Social Behaviour

Whilst the car park does not directly effect this issue, the club does run junior cricket and football teams and also has grassed areas which are extensively used by young people, therefore the car park does get a high amount of uage all year round. Provision of these facilities / activities helps towards reducing anti-social behaviour.

Reducing Obesity, particularly in children

Whilst the car park does not directly effect this issue, the club does run junior cricket and football teams and also has grassed areas which are extensively used by young people, therefore giving children the opportunity to keep active, stay fit and help to reduce obesity. By providing these services / facilities, the car park does get a high amount of usage all year round.

Total cost of scheme (including VAT where appropriate) £17,750

Funded by:

Status

Parish Council

£300 Verbally approved; waiting for written confirmation

Own Funds

£8,950 Approved

Total Rural / Urban Initiatives Scheme

£8,500

equates to

47.9%