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

Applicant :

Old Milverton Parish Room

Description of scheme:

The existing flat roof has leaked and caused damage to the internal structure; a temporary repair was completed, however, the roof is 40+ years old, in poor condition and has reached the end of its life span, it therefore needs replacing. Additionally there is no roof insulation which makes the kitchen and toilets cold and prone to condensation and the valley onto the flat roof is leaking and also needs to be replaced.

Evidence of need:

There is a visual need as well as complaints from the local W.I. with regards to the cold temperatures in the kitchen and toilet areas.

3 years accounts received?

2014 - 2016 accounts have been received along with a recent bank statement covering the period 30th September 2016 to 21st December 2016 and a savings statement covering the period 3rd September 2015 to 2nd September 2016; this evidences sufficient cash reserves to meet the contribution stated on the application form.

Financial Performance; minus figure = deficit		
Available Funds (cash		

Year ended	Year ended	Year ended
30/09/16	30/09/15	30/09/14
£4,371	-£4,240	£2,701
Year ended	Year ended	Year ended
30/09/16	30/09/15	30/09/14

£5,634

Details of membership. fees etc:

There is no membership scheme. The Parish Room can be hired at a cost of between £12.50 to £15.00 per hour depending on the type of usage.

Details of usage:

and reserves)

The Parish Room is used as follows:

REGULAR USE

£10,005

- Annual horticultural show; approx. 200+ people attend
- Parish Council meetings; 6 per year, approx. 10+ people attend
- \bullet Old Milverton Horticultural Society; 6 meetings a year, approx. 10 people attend

£9,874

- Women's Institute x 2 (Avon and also Old Milverton); monthly meetings, approx. 15+ people per group
- Meditation classes; monthly, approx. 10 people attend
- Fencing club; fortnightly sessions, approx. 6 people attend
- Dog training classes; fortnightly, approx. 8 people attend

AD-HOC USE

• Community events, for example, birthday parties, wedding receptions and wakes; approx. 15 bookings a year, approx. 20 to 40 people per event

Details of Organisations equalities policies:

- The Parish Room has provided a copy of its constitution, highlights of this are as follows:

 To encourage the use of the Parish Room by local, charitable, or any other interested parties for meetings and activities as deemed appropriate by the Committee. A wide range of users shall be encouraged.
- \bullet Use of the Parish Room shall be open to any group subject to such use being reasonable and appropriate.

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 activities for the whole community, for example; meditation classes, dog training classes, quiz nights and ad-hoc events such as parties. The project will ensure that the Parish Room remains a viable facility and provision of these activities helps to reduce anti-social behaviour.

Reducing obesity, particularly in children Whilst the project does not directly impact on this, the Parish Room provides regular and ad-hoc activities for the whole community, for example; meditation classes, keep fit and Sunday School activities. The project will ensure that the Parish Room remains a viable facility and provision of these activities helps to reduce obesity.

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

Whilst the project does not directly impact on this, if the work isn't carried out there will be further deterioration of the building which may lead to a reduction in bookings, particularly parties and events, which would reduce opportunity for the community to enjoy and participate in sports, cultural and social activities.

Engaging and strengthening communities

If the Parish Room isn't maintained to a reasonable standard and becomes unusable, there is a risk that activities will cease which will potentially disengage and weaken the community. The facilities are run by a group of volunteers and brings together a wide range of people from the community which helps to engage and strengthen the community.

Targetting disadvantage in rural / urban areas:

Whilst the project does not directly impact on this, failure to repair the roof will lead to further deterioration of the building which will consequently mean there will be a need to raise more income to meet repair and maintenance costs. Hire costs are kept as low as possible to encourage all sections of the community to use the Parish Room, rates would need to be increased which would disadvantage the community.

Total cost of scheme (including VAT where appropriate)

£5,754 Including VAT

Funded by:

Status

Organisations Own

Funds

£151 Approved

Old Milverton &

Blackdown Parish Council

£1,000 Approved

Total RUCIS

£4,603

equates to

80.0%