



Report to Missendens Local Area Forum

Title: Local Priorities Funding

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Summary

1. This report relates to primarily to two proposals, totalling £8000, for the Missendens LAF's Local Priorities devolved budget of £8,000 for 2009/10:

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| Great Missenden parish council - BMX/Skate park proposal | £5,750 |
| Little Missenden parish council – proposed installation of gates on play areas | £2,250 |
| Total | £8,000 |

A further proposal was received on 19 October from Destination HP16 and further information is currently being sought with regard to this proposal.

Local Priorities budget

2. This budget can be used for any purpose which supports local community priorities and the well-being of the area identified by the Local Area Forum (LAF) through its local area planning process. As Missendens LAF has not yet drawn up its Local Area Plan, it will have to rely upon the common priorities in parish plans and other forms of consultation until we have established the LAF's own clear priorities for the local area.
3. Missendens Local Area Forum Members should therefore note that in 2009/10 the proposals have been assessed against local priorities taken from parish or town plans and the Service Excellence event.
4. In 2010/11 and for future years, proposals will be evaluated against the priorities set by the Missendens Local Area Forum in its planning process.
5. This report focuses on eligible proposals only.
6. The budget must be spent on expenditure relating to this financial year.

Eligible proposals received

- **BMX/Skatepark proposal** (Buryfield)
7. In October 2008 a petition of over 100 names was presented to Great Missenden Parish Council by young people asking if it would be possible to provide a small skate /bike park in the Parish. Councillors were very impressed by this and agreed to look into the feasibility and search for a site.
 8. A community working group called Pipes for Young People Enterprise or "PYPE" was set up with half of the members being teenagers. The young people are very enterprising and keen to do as much fundraising as possible themselves
 9. Young people themselves suggested a site at Buryfield between the tennis courts and the A413. It would be accessible to youngsters from all the villages, it is in the same complex as other recreational facilities and it is situated well away from houses and any noise would be absorbed by the busy road. Parish Councillors agreed that this would be a suitable site
 10. Planning permission is not required. Councillors did discuss whether to go through the process in order to obtain a certificate of lawfulness , but ultimately decided this was not necessary in view of the consultation that had taken place and the good response received.
 11. The recently completed market town health check for this area "Community vision for HP16" highlights the lack of facilities for teenagers in the Parish was causing concern.
 12. The Parish Council endeavoured to conduct a thorough consultation exercise and as well as writing to local groups, ,schools, churches etc have published an article which appeared in The Link magazine in May explaining the project and clearly indicating that the communities views were invited (providing postal and email addresses and phone numbers).
 13. A survey by the Great Missenden Village Association indicated a variable level of support for the project. However a report from the Association stated that it was taking a neutral view.

Cost

14. Overall cost of the scheme is £72,800. So far Great Missenden Parish Council has received £ 50,000 from the "PlayBuilder" award via Chiltern District Council (which must be spent by 31/3/10) and £10,000 from the National Lottery. The Parish Council and the community group PYPE are continuing to try to raise funds to cover the remaining £12,800
15. The contribution sought from the LAF is **£5750**. This would leave a £7050 shortfall. However the Parish Council is confident that this money will be raised before the end of the financial year. If the money cannot be raised any other way

the Parish council has resolved to spend up to £10,000 on the project from 1st April 2010 and will cover any shortfall from this source.

- **Installation of two play area gates** (Holmer Green and Little Kingshill)
16. Little Missenden Parish Council is seeking funds for the installation of two play area gates at Holmer Green and one at Little Kingshill children's play areas to replace those previously vandalised and maintain the health and safety facilities at these locations.
 17. The Parish Council have been considering reinstatement of the gates for some time, due to requests from local residents and comments from RoSPA following yearly inspections. But the associated costs have been a restraining factor for the Parish Council. The introduction of the Local Priorities Budget was considered as an opportunity to fund the reinstatement of the gates.
 18. The proposed gates are purposely designed and built to meet with the required health and safety requirements for play areas whilst complying with European Safety Standard EN1176 and the Disability Discrimination Act.

The gates are purposely constructed for play areas and will be supplied by Easy Gate Ltd from their Pedestrian Easy-Gate range and installed by a local contractor

Costs

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| Supply of 3 x gates at £590 each | £1770.00 |
| Estimated installation costs | £730 |
| Total: | £2250 |

19. Little Missenden Parish Council will be contributing to the project in terms of the planning, procurement and supervision of installation and meeting any shortfall in the cost of installation which at present is only an estimate.

Summary of eligible and recommended proposals

20. These applications have been considered by Rebecca Carley, Locality Service Manager, and Alison Derrick, Locality Services Coordinator, who are recommending these proposals for funding.

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21. **Recommendation:** For the Members of the Missenden Local Area Forum to agree the funding from its Local Priorities Budget 2009/10. Monies are allocated

subject to satisfactory completion of the work before 31 March 2010 and proof of expenditure. The LAF contribution should be acknowledged in any publicity with regard to the proposals.

Further application

22. A further proposal was received on 19/10/09 from the Destination HP16 group, in relation to a feasibility study for a proposed “contemporary outdoor arts festival for HP16 in 2011”. The group believe that the event will require a significant period of consultation, planning and capacity building before it can be a realistic proposition and that a feasibility study (planned for January – March 2010) would be the first step.
23. This bid is for £2300. However the Locality Service Co-ordinator is seeking further clarification of some information. It is hoped that it will be possible to circulate this information in advance of the meeting on 28 October or at least to present it on the night to inform the LAF discussions.
24. If the information received indicates that the proposal meets the criteria and the LAF wishes to contribute to all 3 proposals, it will need to consider how to distribute its budget across the proposals. As part of seeking further information the Locality Services Co-ordinator will be investigating the viability of each proposal if a lower level of funding is agreed so that she is in a position to make recommendations on the various funding options.

Background Papers

[Copies of the applications may be viewed on the night of the meeting on 28 October 2009]