



Report to THE CHALFONTS LOCAL AREA FORUM

Title: Local priorities funding

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Electoral Divisions

Affected: Chalfont St. Peter, Chalfont St. Giles, Seer Green, Little Chalfont

Recommendation:

The Members of the The Chalfonts Local Area Forum are recommended to agree funding of £80000 from its Local Priorities Budget 2009/10 for the proposals described in this report, subject to the conditions outlined.

Summary

1. This report outlines proposals which are recommended for support from the Local Priorities Devolved Budget of £8,000 for 2009/10. No other eligible proposals were received.
2. The recommended proposals are:

Chalfont St. Giles Revitalisation Group - benches	£1500.00
Back Lane Allotments Association	£1500.00
Little Chalfont Westwood Park – Flood lights	£1000.00
Chalfont St. Peter Parish Council	£1000.00
Chalfont St. Peter Youth Centre – new equipment	£1200.00
Seer Green Youth Football Club – additional equipment	£720.00
Chalfont St. Peter Heritage Appraisal Group – equipment	£750.00

Local Priorities budget

3. This budget can be used for any purpose which supports local community priorities identified by the LAF through its Local Area Planning process. As the LAF has not yet undergone the local area planning process, in 2009/10 proposals will be assessed against local priorities taken from parish or town plan, the Service Excellence event and any other appropriate forms of local consultation.
4. In 2010/11 and for future years, the local priorities will be matched against the priorities set by the The Chalfonts Local Area Forum in its planning process.

5. The budget must be spent on expenditure relating to this financial year.

Chalfont St. Giles Re-Vitalisation Group

6. The Chalfont St. Giles Re-vitalisation Group Action Plan acknowledges that every effort should be made to assist and encourage improvements to the River Misbourne in the area.
7. The River Misbourne improvements are being worked upon by re-vitalisation groups in both Chalfont St. Peter and Chalfont St. Giles to restore the river and this work is supported by local residents.
8. As initial improvements the Chalfont St. Giles Re-vitalisation Group would like to purchase 2 benches/seats to be placed alongside the river, which would enable the elderly to rest during their walks.
9. Funding is required towards the purchase of the seats. Further funding for the seats and whole project would be from Chiltern District Council input and SEEDA monies.

Back Lane Allotments Association

10. The Back Lane Allotments Association are applying for funding towards continuing improvements to the security of the allotment site, signage and erection of notice boards.
11. The Parish Council own the allotments but they are run by a Management Association comprised of villagers and users. They wish to continue with the improvements to the site to discourage vandalism and anti-social behaviour.
12. Funding has already been secured from Chiltern District Council for the provision of new padlocks to allotment holders and the gates. But they wish to continue with the improvements and upgrading of the site by erecting notice boards and signage and better fencing which will cost in the region of £2500.
13. The Back Lane Allotments Association are applying for £1500 towards these costs.

Little Chalfont

14. There is a requirement for youth diversionary activities to be run after school as a measure towards preventing anti-social behaviour within the parish as supported by NAG minutes and the Parish Council
15. In order for 10 football sessions to be run on a weekly basis at Westwood Park after school (16.30 – 19.00) during the autumn/winter months, there is a need to hire flood lights.
16. The application is for £1000 to cover 10 sessions of hire at £100 each time.

Chalfont St. Peter Parish Council

17. The Parish are currently in the process of employing a professional consultant to do a survey of the people of CSP in relation to all issues surrounding a Parish Plan, a VDS and community related items.
18. The Parish urgently require a mechanism to establish the views of the residents of Chalfont St. Peter on their needs as there are planning demands being raised by CDC
19. The cost of the project is approximately £8000 and the Parish is applying for £1000 as prime pump money to support the marketing of the survey.

Chalfont St. Peter Youth Centre

20. The Youth Team Leaders and Estate Manager have identified items of equipment which are needed to aid the development of the youth work at the CSP youth Centre. Items include Games and game console, digital cameras to enable digital art project, footballs etc.
21. Youth /anti-social behaviour is a local priority for both the NAG and the Parish Council and the volunteer run youth club is very successful, attracting large numbers of young people each week.
22. The total cost of the equipment requested is £2000, I would recommend an award of £1200 with the remainder of the funding coming from the youth club or other funding sources.

Seer Green Youth Football Club

23. The Seer Green Youth Football Club are successfully increasing the numbers in the Under 7 – Under 9 age group and require more equipment to incorporate the young people. The club provides diversionary activity at an early age to ensure the young people maintain interests as they get older and in so doing prevent possible anti-social behaviour during teenage years
24. As they will be playing in league matches the mini goal posts must conform with laid down standards and there is a legal requirement for teams to have medical bags. Storage space is at a premium and this means the club need to provide additional lockable storage sheds.
25. They would like to apply for £720 towards this equipment with further funding being provided from club contributions.

Chalfont St. Peter Heritage Appraisal Group

26. The Heritage appraisal group, work with the Chilterns Open Air Museum to provide displays and presentations. They are also present at events in Chalfont St. Peter to inform visitors and local residents of the history of Chalfont St. Peter

for example Feast Day. They have also worked with the local Guide Unit and helped with their History Badge.

27. The group would like funding towards equipment to help with displays and presentations which would allow them more flexibility in the community.
28. The Heritage Group would like funding towards a roller display unit to enable them to provide an exhibition in the limited space at the Council offices as well as in the community at large. Also a portable projector to enable them to project images and provide a rolling presentation. They are applying for £750 towards this equipment with further funding provided by Chiltern District Council to the re-vitalisation group.

Funding conditions

33. Any recommendations for funding of these proposals should be made subject to the following conditions:
 - The funding can only be used for the purposes described in this report
 - Evidence of expenditure and completion of the project must be provided
 - The support of the LCP must be acknowledged by the recipient in all relevant publicity
 - That the organisation makes itself available for monitoring purposes
 - The funding must be used during the financial year 2009/10

Recommendations

- 34 These three proposals have been considered by Rebecca Carley, Locality Service Manager, and Carole Burslem, Locality Services Area Coordinator, who are recommending the proposals for funding.