



Winslow & Villages Community Board agenda

Date: Thursday 26 November 2020

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: MS Teams

Membership:

S Renshell (Chairman), J Chilver, B Everitt, L Monger, S Raven and Sir B Stanier Bt

Addington Parish Meeting; Adstock Parish Council; Beachampton Parish Council; Drayton Parslow Parish Council; Dunton Parish Meeting; Granborough Parish Council; Great Brickhill Parish Council; Great Horwood Parish Council; Hoggeston Parish Meeting; Little Horwood Parish Council; Mursley Parish Council; Nash Parish Council; Newton Longville Parish Council; North Marston Parish Council; Oving Parish Council; Padbury Parish Council; Pitchcott Parish Meeting; Soulbury Parish Council; Stewkley Parish Council; Stoke Hammond Parish Council; Swanbourne Parish Council; Thornton Parish Meeting; Whaddon Parish Council; Winslow Parish Council

Please note that this meeting will be recorded and will subsequently be available to view via the Buckinghamshire Council website.

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1 Apologies To note any apologies for absence.		
2 Minutes To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 29 September, 2020.		3 - 8
3 Declarations of Interest To note any declarations of interest.		
4 Chairman's Welcome Introduction from Sue Renshell, Chairman of the Winslow and Villages Community Board.		
5 Introduction from Martin Dickman		

Introduction from Martin Dickman, Service Director,
Neighbourhood Services.

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| 6 | Response to Petition
To note the response to the petition submitted by Great Horwood Parish Council. | 9 - 12 |
| 7 | Funding Update
The Community Board will receive a presentation on funding. | 13 - 30 |
| 8 | Action Group Updates
The Action Groups will provide a verbal update to the Community Board. | |
| 9 | COVID Workshop
Presentations and discussions on COVID. | |
| 10 | Community Matters
Please submit your questions to
leone.dale@buckinghamshire.gov.uk | |
| 11 | Time and Date of Next Meeting
Thursday 18th February 2021 at 7pm. | |

If you would like to attend a meeting, but need extra help to do so, for example because of a disability, please contact us as early as possible, so that we can try to put the right support in place.

For further information please contact: Leone Dale (Community Board Co-ordinator) on 01296 674821 / 01296 585234, email democracy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk.



Winslow & Villages Community Board

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Winslow & Villages Community Board held on Tuesday 29 September 2020 via MS Teams, commencing at 7:00pm and concluding at 8:45pm

Members present

S Renshell, J Chilver, B Everitt, L Monger, S Raven, Sir B Stanier Bt, D Carter, J Gilbey, K Higgins, I Hook, R van de Poll, G Stewart, S Walker, S Watson and I Whipp

Others in attendance

P Batting, T Cawte, V Corben, C Cornell, C Cousin, J Hamer, K Ironside, D Jones, D Kuttner, A Lane, G Lane, C Loch, I Macpherson L Patterson, P Perkins, B Pomroy, G Wiseman and V Wright

Officers in Attendance

L Dale, H Thomas, C Saunders, S Adkins, D Holmes, M Bergh, K Moore

Apologies

M Dias

Agenda Item

1 Introduction and Apologies

The Chairman welcomed opened the first official meeting of the Winslow and Villages Community Board and explained the virtual meeting rules to ensure the smooth running of the meeting.

Members heard apologies from Marco Dias

2 Minutes

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2020 be agreed as a correct record

3 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

4 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a brief overview of the evening's objectives.

5 Update from the Leader

Members watched a brief video from Leader of the Council, Martin Tett, as part of the official launch of the Community Boards. The video outlined the purpose and intention of the Community Board initiative by Buckinghamshire Council. Martin explained that each Board would reflect the character of its own area of Buckinghamshire, and facilitate an environment in which Parish and Town Councils together with external partners, could work collectively with residents to tackle challenges, develop and realise local projects, and build a more cohesive community.

6 Thames Valley Police

Members received a presentation by Police Sergeant David Kuttner of the Thames Valley Police Aylesbury Vale Rural Neighbourhood team, outlining the work of Thames Valley Police in the local area. Sergeant Kuttner informed Members that the Winslow and Villages team consisted of 1 PC and 1 PCSO based out of the Winslow Police Base working in a shift pattern, in addition to Response Officers in Buckingham and Aylesbury who are available 24/7 for emergencies across the Vale. Another PCSO would be joining the team in November.

The presentation outlined the challenges faced by Thames Valley Police during the COVID-19 pandemic, which had impacted services such as Community Speedwatch, which had to be suspended indefinitely owing to safety concerns. Parishes were still able to request a 7 day Speed Survey by contacting Transport for Bucks, to gather evidence for future action to take place where speeding was an issue. Adstock Parish Council also made an offer to share a movable VAS with other interested Parish Councils.

Sergeant Kuttner gave Members an overview of the impactful crime rates in the local area, including burglaries, anti-social behaviour, fraud and drugs. Police were also responding to reported breaches of COVID-19 social distancing rules. Members were informed that since the end of lockdown, the overall number of reported breaches had decreased, however as the rules continued to change, this was an area of future concern. Members of the public were encouraged to adhere to the rule of 6 and follow the latest Government advice.

Thames valley Police would look to prioritise reduction of impactful crime in the local area, though Members and attendees were encouraged to give their feedback to help shape Policing priorities in the local area moving forward.

Members sought further information and were informed that the most common examples of fraud that occur in the Winslow and Villages area are spam emails and text messages attempting to extort money from recipients, or exploit vulnerable people for fiscal gain. Sergeant Kuttner also informed the board that most anti-social behaviour and drug offences were committed by residents of the Winslow and Villages area, and not by individuals coming from outside.

It was explained to Members that whilst the exact figures were not able to be determined at this stage, Thames Valley Police had noticed a significant drop in the number of burglaries over the last few months, but that reports of domestic incidents and Catalytic Converter thefts had increased.

Finally, Sergeant Kuttner expressed his intention to consult with his Inspector internally to increase Police presence in Winslow itself as a deterrent to crime, and had been encouraging

more PCSOs to work from the Winslow Police Base as a means to this end. Members' attention was drawn to the addition of a new PCSO to the team in November as a further step to increasing the interchange of Officers in the area.

It was reiterated that should residents need to contact the Police to report a crime or concern, there were numerous avenues to do so. Calling 999 for emergencies, 101 for non-emergencies, or online at www.thamesvalley.police.uk/ro/report

Members thanked Sergeant Kuttner for his presentation and the hard work of his team. It was hoped that a fruitful partnership could be developed with Thames Valley Police in the future.

7 Bucks Business First

Philippa Batting, Managing Director of Bucks Business First, was invited to outline the work undertaken by her team of 63 to support 13,000 businesses of all sizes during the recent months. Bucks Business First provided advice and support to local businesses to partner with the most appropriate of the 700 subsidised schemes supporting businesses nationwide. This covered a wide range of areas including investment procurement, growth and innovation. Members were informed that such were the circumstances, Bucks Business First had distributed just shy of £7,000,000 in grant funding over the last six months alone.

Philippa explained that whilst the COVID-19 pandemic continued to alter the rules and restrictions in place for business operations, Bucks Business First was able to provide ongoing support and guidance to local business owners, particularly as the Winter season approached. Bucks Business First had also facilitated business networks within local areas, with groups of businesses able to tackle common challenges together.

Bucks Business First would continue to offer support to businesses as the Government's Furlough Scheme closed on 31st October, businesses dealing with job losses, those facing redundancy, reduced public spending, and the impact that the pandemic has had on the mental health of the workforce. Members were also informed of the support available to retrain those who have transferrable skills and working to pair them with employers with applicable vacancies.

Philippa informed Members that Bucks Business First's Enterprise Coordinators had been working with schools inspiring students to consider their career paths. A virtual "skills show" entitled Isolation Inspiration would take place in November to promote this work and showcase the various vacancies and apprenticeships available.

The Community Board was identified as a valuable future partner and Members were encouraged to signpost any of the remaining 21,000 businesses not currently associated with Buckinghamshire Business First across Buckinghamshire to seek help from them should they need it. Philippa also requested that should the Council or the local Parish and Town Councils have space which could be utilised by local businesses as a socially distant meeting space to contact Bucks Business First. This could be done through the following avenues:

Website: www.bbf.uk.com

Telephone: 01494 927130

Email: info@bbf.uk.com

Twitter: @bbfuk

Bucks Business First also had a LinkedIn page and Facebook page which could be used as points of contact.

8 Funding Overview

Members heard a brief update from the Community Board Coordinator Leone Dale following up on information circulated ahead of the meeting, regarding the opening of the Health and Wellbeing and Community Area Priorities funding streams which were accepting online applications. Leone also updated Members on the Local Infrastructure Fund total, which had been revised upwards from £186,000 to £217,629. This funding stream had only just opened, and related projects would be allocated by 31st March 2021.

Leone reminded attendees of the type of projects supported under each of the three funding streams, and stressed that they must relate to one or more of the Board's four priority areas agreed at the previous meeting, namely:

1. Health and Wellbeing
2. Transport and Road Safety
3. Environment
4. COVID-19 Response and Recovery

Members were informed of the process that should be followed when applying for Community Board funding and were encouraged to contact Leone who would assist with any queries and support applicants through the initial stages of their submission.

Leone agreed to discuss the application made by Winslow Town Council to the Board for local infrastructure funding further outside the meeting, and would consider feedback relating to the securing of funding for larger infrastructure projects taking in excess of a year to complete.

The Chairman stressed that projects with match funding would be prioritised for consideration and approval by the Board. Those with transport related project ideas were encouraged to complete the online application form by the 31st October 2020 deadline to secure funding from next year's budget.

9 Feedback on Action Plan

The Chairman drew Members' attention to the Community Board action plan document, which gave a high-level overview of what the Board's focus would be over the coming months as well as being an easy guide to the key elements of the Board. Attendees were invited to give feedback to Leone Dale on the draft document, which could be altered and revised in line with their views as work got underway.

10 Working Groups Update

The Chairman invited leaders of the Sub-Groups that had met to provide an update on their work to the Board. The groups that had met so far were:

- Roads and Highways
- Public and Community Transport

In addition, the following groups had also been agreed at the previous meeting:

- HS2/East-West Rail Joint Working Group
- Youth
- Health

The Chairman informed Members that for the Youth Sub-Group, the Sir Thomas Fremantle

School were exploring the idea of recruiting some 6th Formers to join the Community Board to take the lead on key issues for young people in the Winslow and Villages area.

Veronica Corben expressed disappointment at the lack of interest in the Health Sub-Group, especially in the light of the recent pandemic. She hoped that this would improve moving forward, and encouraged anyone interested to contact Leone, who was exploring possible external partners to consult regarding health-related work.

Members then heard updates from the following Sub-Group Chairmen:

Sir Beville Stanier Bt – Roads and Highways

Councillor Stanier informed Members that a preliminary meeting of the Roads and Highways Sub-Group had taken place to identify priority areas for future projects.

The meeting decided on the following areas:

- Speedwatch/Speeding
- Repairs and improvements to pavements
- Parking enforcement
- Residential area speed limits
- Impact of development on roads and traffic

Anyone interested in making a suggestion for future projects within these areas or joining the Sub-Group was encouraged to contact Leone. The next meeting of the Sub-Group was on 25th November.

Trish Cawte - Public and Community Transport

Trish informed Members that the Public and Community Transport Sub-Group had established three primary objectives as follows:

- Conduct a review of existing services
- Conduct a survey of local villages to gauge public interest and ideas for future public transport requirements/projects
- Develop a network of community busses

Trish suggested that options for the network could include a new bus purchased and shared between villages or a possible extension of the existing Winslow District Community Bus service if more drivers could be sourced. The Sub-Group was open to new Members and those with other ideas to carry forward. The next meeting of the Sub-Group was on 15th October.

The Chairman then invited the Vice-Chairman, Councillor John Chilver, to give an update on the upcoming meeting of the HS2/East-West Rail Joint Working Group on 6th October. John informed the Board that the meeting was being conducted jointly with the Buckingham, Winslow and Villages and Haddenham and Waddeston Community Boards. Representatives from Buckinghamshire Council would be in attendance as well as representatives from HS2, East-West Rail and Thames Valley Police. The Sub-Group was intended to meet monthly, and provided an opportunity to raise concerns regarding issues such as construction related traffic and environmental impact. Anyone interested in joining the Joint Working Group was encouraged to contact Leone.

Members expressed their sincere hope that the Group would establish a fixed point of contact with the represented bodies to improve future communications with the Parish/Town Councils, and provide a more effective platform to develop a positive relationship with the HS2 and East-West Rail projects than had previously been possible.

11 Neighbourhood Issues

The Chairman invited John Gilbey from Great Horwood Parish Council to present a petition, which would be submitted to Buckinghamshire Council for consideration. John informed Members that the petition requested that a 30mph speed limit be introduced along the full length of Nash Road, Great Horwood, thereby extending the existing 30mph zone to the end of the village. This petition had been created in addition to previous concerns that had been raised about traffic speed on the road. John expressed his interest in working with the Roads and Highways Sub-Group on this issue, as they had made speeding issues one of their priorities.

Councillor John Chilver updated Members regarding the two recent planning consultations launched by the Government. Buckinghamshire Council's response to the first consultation, "Changes to the Current Planning System" had now been made available for Town and Parish Councils to view. Parish and Town Councils submitting responses were encouraged to do so before the consultation closed on 1st October 2020. The second consultation on the white paper entitled "Planning for the Future" was running until 29th October. Buckinghamshire Council's statement on this had not yet been made available, but would be available to view in the Cabinet papers, where it was due for consideration at the meeting on 13th October.

Councillor Monger expressed disappointment at the small window of opportunity afforded to Parish/Town Councils to respond to Buckinghamshire Council's statement on the first consultation. It was hoped that with the white paper consultation, the regularity of Parish/Town Council meetings could be considered when requesting responses. Councillor Monger was encouraged to contact the Cabinet Member for Planning & Enforcement with his concerns.

Councillor Chilver also made Members aware that the Customer and Digital team had produced information concerning website accessibility, which would be passed to Leone and distributed alongside the minutes.

12 Suggestions for Future Meeting Items

Roy Van de Poll of Winslow Town Council expressed his disappointment with the lack of progress in upgrading the facilities at the Winslow surgery. He requested that an item be considered to discuss potential avenues forward with this, and that appropriate Officers and representatives from a Clinical Commissioning Group be present at the next meeting of the Board. Leone suggested that he consult with Veronica Corben on this further as part of the Health Sub-Group. Councillor Stanier also expressed an interest in working with the Health Sub-Group on this issue.



Winslow & Villages Community Board

Title:	Great Horwood Speed Limit Petition response
Date:	17 November 2020
Author:	Dave Roberts, Head of Highways, Buckinghamshire Council
Contact officer:	Sue Brown, Network Safety Team Leader, Transport for Buckinghamshire
Local members affected:	J Chilver – CON (Winslow) Sir B Stanier - CON (Great Horwood) L Monger – LD (Winslow) S Renshell – CON (Winslow) S Raven – LD (Quainton)

Summary

A petition has been received requesting that the Council extend the 30mph speed limit on Nash Road, Great Horwood to the end of the village, thereby replacing the existing 40 mph speed.

Recommendation

As the 40 mph section of Nash Road does not currently meet the Department for Transport criteria for a 30 mph speed limit the Parish Council and/or Community Board may wish to progress alternative traffic calming measures.

Background

- The Council undertook a Speed Limit Review on all its public roads in Buckinghamshire between 2003 and 2013 and new speed limits were installed as appropriate in accordance with the 2006 Department for Transport Guidance (DfT) which was in place at that time.
- As a result of the review this section of the B4033 Nash Road was reduced from National Speed Limit to 40mph in 2011.
- The DfT guidance was updated in 2013. However, as there has not been any significant change in the nature and function of the layout of Nash Road the revised guidance maintains that a 40 mph speed limit is appropriate.
- This means that a reduction to 30 mph does not currently meet the DfT criteria.
- Buckinghamshire Council follows the central government guidance to set or review speed limits to ensure that they are appropriate for the main use of the road. This current National guidance is “Setting Local Speed Limits, Department for Transport Circular 01/2013” (see link within Background Papers).
- The DfT guidance on rural speed management at section 7 states:
 - The speed limit on single carriageway rural roads should take into account the history of collisions, the road’s function, existing mean traffic speed, use by vulnerable road users, the road’s geometry and engineering, and the road environment including level of road-side development.
 - Also, Speed limit (mph) Where limit should apply: 60 Recommended for most high quality strategic A and B roads with few bends, junctions or accesses. 50 Should be considered for lower quality A and B roads that may have a relatively high number of bends, junctions or accesses. Can also be considered where mean speeds are below 50 mph, so lower limit does not interfere with traffic flow. 40 Should be considered where there are many bends, junctions or accesses, substantial development, a strong environmental or landscape reason, or where there are considerable numbers of vulnerable road users.
- Having checked the collision history on Nash Road there has been one slight reported injury collision in the last 10 years.
- There is footway provision along the length of Nash Road to facilitate pedestrians.
- However, if the Community Board wish to explore the petitioners request further, then the current process is that a speed limit assessment may be requested either directly to TfB or via a Community Board. The assessment involves comparison against the DfT Guidance, a speed survey and a site visit with the Thames Valley Police (TVP) Traffic Management Officer. A written report is then provided to the requester. If TVP do not support the proposal or it does not meet with DfT guidance, then the proposal is not generally recommended to proceed
- It should also be noted that since the conclusion of the countywide speed limit review the Council no longer have funds to progress new speed limits requests. A formal Decision was made by the Cabinet Member for Transport in KDR PT01.13 that any further requests for changes to speed limits will be funded either: -
 - directly by individual Parish/Town Councils, or
 - by a Local Area Forum (now Community Board) via the Local Priorities Budget process

,or

- from independent sources or
 - as part of a casualty reduction scheme or
 - via a developer funded agreement.
- The report also states that “Irrespective of the funding source, requests for speed limit changes will only be consulted upon and implemented if they comply with the national guidance on setting speed limits”.
 - If the petitioners are concerned about traffic travelling in excess of the 40 mph speed limit then an approach may be made for speed enforcement to Thames Valley Police via the non emergency 101 telephone number.
 - Should the Parish or Community Board wish to consider alternative speed reduction measures then the Council’s Traffic Calming Guide, may be of assistance. This can be accessed by request or by visiting the Parish or Member Portal.
 - Should the Parish Council or Community Board wish to find out more about managing speeding traffic a link to the Council webpage with further information is shown within the Background Papers section.

Resource implications

N/A at this stage

Legal implications

N/A at this stage

Other implications/issues

None identified

Feedback from consultation, Local Area Forums and Local Member views (if relevant)

None received

Background Papers

Link to DfT Setting Local speed Limits 2013: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/setting-local-speed-limits/setting-local-speed-limits>

Link to Key Decision Report : KDR PT01. 2013 : <https://buckinghamshire.moderngov.co.uk/CeListDocuments.aspx?CommitteedId=543&MeetingId=5141&DF=21%2f02%2f2013&Ver=2>

Dealing with Speeding Traffic web link : <https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/transport-and-roads/road-safety/managing-speed/>

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Organisation Name	Great Brickhill Parish Council
Project Name	Great Brickhill Traffic Calming - Phase 2
Funding Stream	Community Area Priorities / Local Infrastructure
Total Cost of project	£50,523.45
Amount of Match Funding	£30,000
Amount being applied for	£20,523.45
Amount suggested	£20,523.45

Project Summary

Lower Way is the main North-South thoroughfare through Gt Brickhill. For 200m of its length it has no footway forcing pedestrians to walk in the road which has all sizes of vehicular traffic passing along it. many vehicles are travelling in excess of this, but in any case, if a pedestrian or horse gets hit by a vehicle travelling at 30 mph, the chances are they/it will be killed (as one horse in recent years has been). As it is prohibitively expensive, due to housing on the West side, and a steep bank containing utilities on the East side to construct a footway, we are seeking to traffic calm this section of road in order to make it much safer for all pedestrians, horse riders and cyclists by reducing average speeds.

Data from our MVAS show average traffic speeds along Ivy Lane and Manor Hill are well above 30mph well into the 30 mph zones, none of these sections of road have footways.

TfB have carried out a feasibility study for traffic calming within Great Brickhill village. The proposed design incorporates many of the features previously mentioned whilst ensuring to maintain Great Brickhill's rural character. The features recommended include a gateway feature, dragon's teeth road markings and vegetation clearance and potential build-outs.

TfB have not supported the provision of installing build-outs within the feasibility report. The Parish Council have chosen to proceed with the implementation of these build-outs. A suitable location is to be agreed for implementation to avoid any conflict with junctions and private accesses. Some of the locations have been suggested in the feasibility report and could be potential location for implementation of the build-outs.

How does the project address local priorities?

One of the priorities for the Winslow and Villages is Transport and Road Safety. This proposed scheme contributes to the mitigation of speeding and as such aims to improve safety in this area for residents, road users and pedestrians.

The applicant, Great Brickhill Parish Council, has worked collaboratively with Transport for Buckinghamshire on a feasibility study as well as the subsequent project initiation. These are the most appropriate organisations to carry out this project.

Speeding and road safety is a key concern not just in Great Brickhill but across the Winslow and Villages Community Board and the wider County. This project is in line with other schemes that are taking place on Buckinghamshire's Road Networks given the growing number of vehicles that are using the roads.

How does the project align with the values, objectives and corporate priorities of Buckinghamshire Council?

While this project does not directly address the Council's Corporate Priorities, it should be noted that it does address a local need as well as aligning with the Council's aim to 'improve connectivity and tackle congestion through investments in our roads' as stated in the corporate plan.

How does the project achieve value for money?

Great Brickhill Parish Council have considered a number of options which included the installation of a physical footway. This was deemed to be too expensive and other options have been recommended to achieve value for money. The Parish Council intends to provide £30,000 of funding towards this scheme through funds held in reserve for these projects.

Community Board Coordinator comments

This project is to be partly funded by the parish council and delivered by Transport for Buckinghamshire. It is in line with the local priorities and does not conflict with the Council's Corporate priorities.

Taking into account the contribution of over 50% from the Parish Council, the amount requested would require more than half of the Community Area priorities fund.

It is recommended that the Winslow and Villages Community Board Consider the application submitted by Great Brickhill Parish Council, taking into consideration the above factors.

The applicant will be required to agree to terms and conditions, which include a monitoring agreement, as discussed with the Community Board Coordinator before the fund will be formally awarded.


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Organisation Name	Little Horwood Parish Council
Project Name	Repairs to Bus Shelter and Garden of Peace
Funding Stream	Community Area Priorities
Total Cost of project	£380
Amount of Match Funding	£0
Amount being applied for	£380
Amount suggested	£380

Project Summary

Funding required to replace a damaged gate post on the entrance to the memorial garden and to replace 3 damaged boards on the bus shelter.

How does the project address local priorities?

Garden of Peace is a small plot of land with access off the Green that contains the village war memorial. While the project does not directly address the local priorities, we know that it is important that communities have open spaces for exercise and to improve general wellbeing which addresses the health and wellbeing priority set by the Community Board. The Garden of Peace forms part of the network of walking areas and green spaces in Little Horwood that are assets to the village overall. The Parish Council maintains these sites for the benefit of the community.

The bus shelter will be increasingly important to the community in the winter months and will go towards enabling easy access to public transport. Public and Community Transport has been identified as a key area of interest to the Community Board with a subgroup working on improving access to transport across the Board area.

How does the project align with the values, objectives and corporate priorities of Buckinghamshire Council?

Having access to useable open space addresses the following corporate priorities:

- strengthening our communities
- improving our environment

Repairs to the Garden of Peace will improve this green area, contributing to the local environment and promote use of this plot of land.

Improvements to the bus shelter ensures that the community has a fit for purpose shelter which strengthens local transport links for people living and working in the area.

How does the project achieve value for money?

Chris Hooper has carried out searches to obtain quotes for this funding application.

Community Board Coordinator comments

This is a small project that benefits the community by improving the assets that are already in place in the community. While the planned activities do not directly address the priorities, these are small enhancements that ensure there are suitable facilities in one of the rural areas.

The applicant will be required to agree to terms and conditions, which include a monitoring agreement, as discussed with the Community Board Coordinator before the fund will be formally awarded.



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Organisation Name	Mursley Parish Council
Project Name	MVAS Traffic Speed and Volume Monitoring
Funding Stream	Community Area Priorities
Total Cost of project	£4125.95
Amount of Match Funding	£2107.98
Amount being applied for	£2107.97
Amount suggested	£2107.97

Project Summary

Over many years the Parish Council has monitored an increase in traffic and monitored traffic speed as vehicles enter the village. A sample of data recorded by the existing MVAS from November 2015 has been provided which concludes that:

- more than 50% are speeding. (24% over 35 mph)
- the highest speeding rate is at 8 AM and 6PM
- the highest speeding rate above 45 mph is at 7 AM
- the highest Proportion Speeding is at night time

For the safety of residents and stakeholders it is vital that this work continues. Unfortunately the current MVAS is no longer working properly and it is not cost effective to get it repaired.

In order to carry out speed monitoring in the area, the Parish Council is applying to the Community Board for a new Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign.

How does the project address local priorities?

The proposal from the Parish Council to purchase a MVAS meets the Community Board's current priority around Transport and Road Safety. Additionally, the project aims to deliver a viable option for mitigating an evidenced local need in the community as outlined in their supporting evidence.

How does the project align with the values, objectives and corporate priorities of Buckinghamshire Council?

While this project does not directly address one of the Council's key priorities, the intention is that the MVAS will contribute to resolving an evidenced road safety issue. This has the potential to have a positive impact in the local community in that it will improve the safety of residents as well as road users and pedestrians.

How does the project achieve value for money?

Mursley Parish Council has opted to use one of the Council's approved contractors, SARCO, in order to ensure value for money and that the project meets the standards required by the Council.

It has also been agreed by the Council that 50% match funding would be provided.

Community Board Coordinator comments

The proposal submitted by Mursley Parish Council aims to address an evidenced local speeding issue by using an MVAS to monitor speeding which is an approved approach to tackling speeding.

The Parish has agreed to contribute 50% match funding towards this project in order to achieve value for money.

It is recommended that the application is considered by the Community Board, taking note of the above comments.

The applicant will be required to agree to terms and conditions, which include a monitoring agreement, as discussed with the Community Board Coordinator before the fund will be formally awarded.


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Organisation Name	Newton Longville Parish Council
Project Name	Footpath Surfacing
Funding Stream	Community Area Priorities
Total Cost of project	£5175
Amount of Match Funding	£400
Amount being applied for	£4775
Amount suggested	£2587.50

Project Summary

There is currently a footpath from a public footpath off Whaddon Road into Hammond Park and Longville Hall. It is regularly used by residents of all ages to access the Park.

Some years ago, what was then a worn grass surface, prone to mud and puddles when it rained and weeds and nettles it was surfaced in rough stone 40mm lime chippings. Whilst this provides a path it is not smooth to walk on and so a particular problem for those with buggies or wheelchairs and small children and dogs found it very difficult to use the path with comfort.

The Parish Council had considered alternate surface but the cost of this was an issue but over the recent year, complaints to improve the surface have increased.

It is proposed to tarmac the path. The approximate length is 83 metres by 2 metres wide. An estimate has been obtained at a cost of £4775, this excludes VAT and £400 for vegetation clearance which the Parish Council will do with its grass cutting workforce. The land is all owned and maintained by the parish council.

How does the project address local priorities?

The project aims to ensure people of all ages and abilities have easy and smooth access to the recreational area of the village. At present those in wheelchairs have to access the park via the main road entrance further away from the village centre.

There are two care homes within the village and a large number of people with special needs who are supported by their carers. This upgrade to the existing sub-standard footpath will help and assist them in their roles.

This proposal will ensure that the entrance into the recreational area, park and community hall will be accessible by people of all ages and abilities.

How does the project align with the values, objectives and corporate priorities of Buckinghamshire Council?

This footpath is used daily by ages and abilities as an access to the recreational area of the village. Its present condition restricts use by wheelchairs and by parents of children, especially with wheelchairs. The resurfacing of the footpath will allow those who feel uncomfortable and unsure of using this access point to do so with confidence. The village has only one green communal area, which is valued greatly by the village, easier access will encourage people to use this facility with ease and safety.

How does the project achieve value for money?

The Parish Council will be contributing some of the costs which includes £400.00

Community Board Coordinator comments

This application was initially received in September 2019. Parish Council is looking to improve access to its assets for the benefit of local residents; in particular, those who experience issues with mobility.

Some funding is to be provided by the Parish Council for the clearing of vegetation.

It is recommended that Members consider this application for Community Area Priority funding, taking into account the above.

The applicant will be required to agree to terms and conditions, which include a monitoring agreement, as discussed with the Community Board Coordinator before the fund will be formally awarded.


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Organisation Name	Padbury Parish Council
Project Name	MVAS Traffic Speed and Volume Monitoring
Funding Stream	Community Area Priorities
Total Cost of project	£8300
Amount of Match Funding	£4150
Amount being applied for	£4150
Amount suggested	£4150

Project Summary

Within the village there is a problem with increased traffic and continuous speeding vehicles. Padbury are a growing village with a new development being completed. There are residents of all ages. The cars speeding through the village and along the A413 is causing a great deal of stress and concern for residents. The Parish Council feels the purchase of two speed indicator devices will help slow the traffic down and remind drivers of the speed limit on both the A413 and Main Street.

How does the project address local priorities?

The increase in traffic is due to developments being built locally and works on HS2. Unfortunately Padbury is often used as a cut through. Many drivers ignore the 30 mile speed limit, especially on the A413 as the speed drops from 60 to 30mph. Main Street is constantly being used as a cut through and again drivers ignoring the speed limit. There is a significant increase in larger vehicles ie construction and HGVs. Residents have raised concerns – the Parish Council has provided supporting evidence which gives a sample of comments received and a letter from the headteacher of Padbury CE School.

The proposal from the Parish Council to purchase a MVAS meets the Community Board's current priority around Transport and Road Safety. Additionally, the project aims to deliver a viable option for mitigating an evidenced local need in the community as outlined in their supporting evidence; there are a number of comments from residents and the local school who are all very supportive of the Parish Councils proposed course of action to mitigate speeding in the area.

How does the project align with the values, objectives and corporate priorities of Buckinghamshire Council?

While this project does not directly address one of the Council's key priorities, the intention is that the MVAS will contribute to resolving an evidenced road safety issue. This has the potential to have a positive impact in the local community in that it will improve the safety of residents as well as road users and pedestrians.

How does the project achieve value for money?

Padbury Parish Council has opted to use one of the Council's approved contractors, SARCO, in order to ensure value for money and that the project meets the standards required by the Council.

It has also been agreed by the Council that 50% match funding would be provided.

Community Board Coordinator comments

The proposal submitted by Padbury Parish Council aims to address an evidenced local speeding issue by using an MVAS to monitor speeding which is an approved approach to tackling speeding.

The Parish Council is proposing the purchase of 2

It is recommended that the application is considered by the Community Board, taking note of the above comments.

The applicant will be required to agree to terms and conditions, which include a monitoring agreement, as discussed with the Community Board Coordinator before the fund will be formally awarded.


Winslow and Villages Community Board Funding Report - 2020/21 Date of Decision: 26 November 2020

Organisation Name	Winslow Town Council
Project Name	Community Facilities Feasibility study
Funding Stream	Local Infrastructure
Total Cost of project	£17987
Amount of Match Funding	£0
Amount being applied for	£17987
Amount suggested	£8993.50

Project Summary

Winslow Town Council is requesting a grant of just under £18,000 from the Local Infrastructure Fund to fully fund the feasibility study for Winslow's new community facilities. The need for new community facilities in Winslow has very much been generated by the significant past and future increases in new housing/population.

The three potential elements identified for assessment include:

- refurbishment and enhancement of the existing Public Hall;
- construction of a new community building on the recreation ground, adjacent to or incorporating the existing Sports Club (which might be demolished and reconstructed as part of the project); and
- consideration of a potentially expanded role for the existing Royal British Legion hall. This would be the first expenditure in a project expected to cost in the region of £2.0 million.

It has been apparent for several years that Winslow lacks sufficient community meeting spaces to accommodate its needs, let alone meet the future needs of its rapidly growing population. The emerging Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan covering the period from 2013 to 2033 requires the delivery of over 1,000 new dwellings in the town, which will increase Winslow's population during that 20 year period by about 50% to around 7,300.

Whilst the new Sir Thomas Fremantle School accommodates some community groups, many others that were displaced from the Winslow Centre have not found it possible to relocate there. This has resulted in the loss of a number of clubs, societies and the like because there is currently no suitable alternative accommodation for them in Winslow.

It should be noted that in October Buckinghamshire Council's Cabinet approved the allocation of funds to complete the initial design stage of the redevelopment of the Winslow Centre which aims to provide a mixture of housing and community/sports facilities. The Business Case has identified that the delivery of community facility, sports facility, extra-care housing and residential housing would address the significant underutilisation of the site, alongside meeting increased demand in the area and enabling a significant capital receipt to be realised by the Council.

The proposal from Winslow Town Council would be complementary to this and states that the facilities sought include a suitable space to accommodate a youth club, improved facilities for the staging of plays and concerts with sufficient changing rooms for performers, a meeting room capable of accommodating at least 300 people seated in rows for a public meeting, play or concert or 240 seated at tables for functions such as weddings, and a space of sufficient size to accommodate indoor games such as badminton, table tennis and, if feasible, netball and basketball, as well as smaller rooms suitable for meetings and similar functions. The spaces should, where possible, be capable of accommodating different activities at different times.

How does the project address local priorities?

This project would be the first step in the proposed enhancements to the Town Centre would provide a fit for purpose space for a wide range of activities which means that the project has the potential to meet a number of the priorities set:

Health and wellbeing

Should the overall project go ahead, it is anticipated that this will increase access to facilities that can be used for a range of activities for the whole community. The proposed community space has the potential to be used for cultural events, sports and exercise as well as accommodating youth clubs, businesses and local groups. There are a number of health and wellbeing benefits that could be realised as a result of the works that the Town Council intends to carry out.

Improving the environment

The proposal from the Town Council is intended to improve Winslow Town Centre for the benefit of the community for a number of groups or organisations to make use of.

Transport and Road safety

The Town Council has highlighted that it intends to ensure that there is adequate parking for people to use this facility which evidences that road safety has been considered.

How does the project align with the values, objectives and corporate priorities of Buckinghamshire Council?

As mentioned previously, the feasibility study on its own does not directly link with the corporate priorities however as part of a larger project to improve the Town Centre Community Facilities there is the potential for the project to:

- strengthen our communities using the physical space to encourage cohesion, promote activities and enable access to a safe area that can be utilised for a number of purposes
- protecting the vulnerable by giving supported groups the opportunity to use this as a safe and accessible space for a variety of activities
- increase prosperity by enabling local businesses to utilise the space as well as encouraging visitors to the area, contributing to the local economy

How does the project achieve value for money?

To take these ideas forward and test their feasibility WTC identified three suitable organisations which were able and willing to undertake a feasibility study, and had the potential capability to take any agreed scheme forward to delivery. The three undertook preliminary inspections of the existing facilities and the site options and provided tenders with an outline of the work to be included in the preparation of a feasibility

study, together with an indication of the costs of undertaking that study as well as the subsequent steps necessary to bring any project on which WTC decides to fruition.

The candidates' respective lead personnel were interviewed by a Panel comprising three Town Councillors. The competitive pricing, relevant experience and enthusiasm of PCMS, and the references they were given by Haddenham and Chinnor parish councils, led the Panel to recommend that the contract should be awarded to PCMS. WTC subsequently confirmed that PCMS should be invited to undertake the feasibility study at an estimated cost of £18,000 plus VAT, with an expected delivery of its conclusions by December 2020.

Winslow Town Council's application states that there is no match funding offered for this stage of the project. Winslow Town Council has been approached to confirm if match funding would be considered and it was confirmed that, as funds have already been committed to other stages of this larger project, match funding will not be offered.

On 13 October 2020, Buckinghamshire Council's Cabinet approved the release of £800k from the Winslow capital project budgets to complete the initial concept design stage for the Winslow Centre Development (a One Public Estate funded feasibility project). This project proposes to install a number of outdoor sports pitches and a number of indoor spaces to accommodate community activities. The indoor space is likely to be smaller than the project proposed by Winslow Town Council but looks to achieve a similar outcome.

This project will see completion of the initial concept design stage including:

- Seeking pre-planning advice, public consultation and submission of the relevant planning application(s); including the development of a planning strategy and a full local member and stakeholder consultation plan;
- Continuing negotiations with specialist housing providers and public sector partners to inform the business case decision to be brought back to Cabinet;
- Appointment of Professional Teams and commissioning of further required surveys;
- The exploration of a property company for the management, rent and or sale of housing units (residential and independent living);
- Arranging the provision of a temporary library facility to prepare for the existing library decant whilst it is re-provisioned in a new facility.
- Cabinet welcomed reengagement with the Clinical Commissioning Group so that they could be involved in the provision of a new, fit for purpose community facility; provided commitment to enhanced sports facilities and confirmed that the project would have due regard to the Neighbourhood Plan.

Consideration should be given to whether Winslow Town Council's proposal for a new community facility duplicates the Cabinet decision to redevelop the Winslow Centre and if the request for £17987 of Community Board funding achieves value for money given the funding of £800k that has been released by the Council in order to complete the initial concept and design stage.

Community Board Coordinator comments

The proposed feasibility study would be one of the first stages of a larger project to be carried out by the Town Council, estimated to cost £2m in total. The planned study looks to ensure that the Town Council is able to be robust in its aim to make an informed decision to establish a large multi-use space for the benefit of the community.

The Town Council has provided information regarding the predicted increase in population as well as the lack of fit for purpose space available; indicating that this project aims to meet a local need. Similarly, the intended benefits of this wider project are in line with the Council's key corporate priorities, particularly if the opportunity is exploited and the space can be utilised by a wide range of people for a number of different uses.

The application states that a number of contractors were considered by a panel of Winslow Town Council Members and that competitive pricing was a key factor in their decision to hire this particular company. This is an indication of the organisation's intent regarding ensuring value for money.

The decision taken by Cabinet on 13 October 2020 to proceed with the Winslow Centre redevelopment project should be taken into consideration when determining whether the proposal from Winslow Town Council aims to meet a separate need or whether both projects are aiming to meet a similar need and are duplicating efforts to provide a community facility for residents. It should also be considered whether, if both projects are proposing to deliver a similar output, whether the Winslow Town Centre Feasibility Study, achieves value for money.

In light of the above, it is recommended that the Board considers the application submitted by Winslow Town Council taking note of the comments above.

The applicant will be required to agree to terms and conditions, which include a monitoring agreement, as discussed with the Community Board Coordinator before the fund will be formally awarded.



Winslow and Villages Community Board Funding Report - 2020/21

Date of Decision 26/11/2020

Organisation Name	Aylesbury Vale & Milton Keynes Sexual Assault & Abuse Support Service
Project Name	Crisis Counsellor
Funding Stream	Community Area Priorities
Total Cost of project	£21,391
Amount of Match Funding	£10,696
Amount being applied for	£2,139
Amount suggested	£2,139

Project Summary

[Aylesbury Vale & Milton Keynes Sexual Assault & Abuse Support Service](#) (SAASS) are a local charity whose primary aim is to provide support, information, advice and guidance to victims and survivors, empowering and enabling them to work with the trauma and suffering caused to them and their loved ones by sexual assault and abuse, including non-recent and childhood sexual abuse.

SAASS provide holistic support to women and men over 16 living in the north of Buckinghamshire and accept self-referrals and referrals from voluntary and statutory organisations. SAASS currently support individuals by providing Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG), up to 24 face to face counselling sessions, Advocacy, group therapy, Thrive 2gether weekly drop-in service and cyber therapy (including webchat, counselling telephone support), Referral to the Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA) service, telephone helpline and emotional support. Services are delivered, when possible, from premises in Aylesbury or online or by telephone.

Last year 139 of SAASS service users are adults who were sexually abused and assaulted when they were children mostly by family members, 185 people had non recent experiences and 273 were recent incidents. 163 reported that they had been abused multiple times. 308 unique individuals from Aylesbury Vale were supported.

SAASS are looking for funding to set up a pilot crisis counselling service for 14 months, in response to increased need for support services due to Covid-19. SAASS advise that their referral rates have increased significantly, especially since the schools returned following lock down, that new service users are presenting with more complex experiences and needs, and that many are in crisis following a lockdown in which they experienced traumatic sexual assault and abuse events. SAASS advise that those who have suffered childhood sexual abuse or non-recent assault the emotional experiences of the lock down have triggered memories of fear and being trapped with the perpetrators of their abuse.

Funding will enable SAASS to deliver a pilot short term intervention crisis support service to help survivors to receive assistance, resources, stabilisation, and support to decrease emotional pain, provide emotional support, make sure that the person in crisis is safe, and help develop a plan for coping with the situation. (Crisis counselling is not intended to provide psychotherapy or similar). The service would include a programme of 6 support sessions for clients, including counselling, to new service users living in Aylesbury

Vale. The service will be open to both male and female victims of sexual assault and abuse and male survivors of domestic abuse. Sessions will be delivered one to one, Face to Face when possible and/or using online platforms such as Zoom, Teams, Messenger/WhatsApp, or telephone.

The support given will include:

- Preparatory work including an Information Advice and Guidance session to identify individual need, referral when appropriate to appropriate agencies e.g. One Recovery, Women's Aid, Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA) and Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA)
- An assessment to identify their individual need and ensure SAASS are the most suitable agency to support them
- Exploration of the individual's response to the situation
- Support and self-care planning to include family, friends, and SAASS services including telephone helpline, telephone support and advocacy
- Exploration of tools the service user can use in order to cope and reduce panic attacks and bouts of anxiety.

SAASS's expected outcomes are:

- Survivors will be more in control of their lives- they know what options are available to them, they feel able to decide what they want to do about the sexual violence, they feel able to make decisions about their future
- Survivors have better health and well-being- they understand how the sexual assault and abuse (and domestic abuse) has affected them, they have positive coping skills and strategies for taking care of their emotional well-being
- Survivors are more able to access further support- they know what resources are available to them and they feel able to access the support they need

Evidence which supports the need:

- The Thames Valley Police (TVP) Crime Summary for Aylesbury Vale for September 2019 – August 2020 records that reports to the police totalled 371- 134 Rape and 237 non rape sexual assaults.
- Rape Crisis England and Wales estimate that only 15% of incidents are reported to the police and the NHS report Strategic Direction for Sexual Assault and Abuse Services Lifelong care for victims and survivors: 2018 - 2023 estimate that 20% of cases are reported. SAASS therefore estimate that between 1885 and 2473 sexual assaults have taken place in Aylesbury Vale over the last 12 months. However, due to Covid-19 it is expected that incidents are above average due to the lockdown.
- [Equation](#) reports that 'due to current measures, it is anticipated that domestic and sexual abuse incidents and risk posed to survivors will increase'.
- Since the reopening of schools, SAASS have seen a rise in referrals as survivors have found safe spaces and time to reach out for help. The Ministry of Justice have told centres to expect a surge of referrals.
- SAASS's Ministry of Justice Mid-Year monitoring report for 2019 – 2020 shows they supported a total of 255 unique individuals. The report for this year shows 334 unique individuals have been supported, an increase of 24%. However, this does not reflect the increase in contacts SAASS have made as many survivors have required increased number of interventions/contacts as mental health conditions deteriorated.
- SAASS's baseline assessment based on the first 2 weeks of March 2020 show 191 contacts were made to professionals and survivors, at the height in lock down over 450 contacts were being made per fortnight.

How does the project address local priorities?

Health and Wellbeing and COVID Recovery: The SAASS Crisis Counselling project will support the development of local services to meet the challenges of survivors who have experienced deteriorating mental health through lockdown. This will include those who have lived through high levels of abuse during lockdown and have been unable to find safe places and times to seek support. SAASS services will help to empower individuals, build their resilience and improve their health and wellbeing, providing urgent support to stabilise their mental health whilst they wait for longer term therapeutic support.

SAASS's work supports clients in a multitude of ways including preventing homelessness, supporting clients to seek benefits and ensuring at clients (and their families) who are at risk of food poverty can access healthy food provision through partner organisations. Feedback from survivors shared in the application includes:

"My anxiety has calmed down, relationship with husband is better and I am more assertive"

"It has helped me to feel more empowered and less worthless, it has been a critical opportunity for me to be able to move on from a difficult past and build strength"

"It has helped me to process and come to terms with the difficulties I faced to go forward with my life and that of my family"

"I am so grateful to come in lay all my thoughts and feelings down, to be listened to and not judged and come out feeling positive"

"When I started, I had anxiety- now leaving I am off my tablets"

"I really hope that every woman in the county that has been affected by sexual trauma has access to the same amazing support that I've had access to. Please keep doing what you're doing. I really value you all so much more than you could ever know"

How does the project align with the values, objectives and corporate priorities of Buckinghamshire Council?

Strengthening our communities: SAASS's project will support residents of Aylesbury Vale whose lives have been affected by sexual violence in all its forms to live independent, fulfilling lives. SAASS aim to prevent the deterioration of mental health through providing tailored support and counselling. SAASS will support people to understand their trauma and the challenges they face with individual support and safety plans. Initial support through the crisis counselling offers early help and interventions designed to meet individual need and reduce or prevent mental health deterioration before it becomes too hard to manage and has lasting impacts on an individual's life. SAASS will improve knowledge of, and access to, services and support enable healthier lifestyles for all, enabling the development of strong positive and healthy relationships, building resilience and reducing the possibility of the survivor becoming a repeat victim and raising the quality of life for those disadvantaged.

Protecting the vulnerable: SAASS's work with survivors of sexual assault and abuse can build self-esteem and confidence, empowering individuals and reducing the possibilities of them becoming repeat victims. SAASS support individuals from the age of 16, with the oldest client 84 years old- who had been assaulted by her father between the ages of 8-14. SAASS advise that survivors often blame themselves for their experiences and the impact of trauma results in the loss of self-worth, which results in them becoming isolated unable to build positive friendships and integrate within the local community. SAASS's mission is to rebuild lives so that survivors are able to become resilient and identify their own solutions, so they are healthy, safe and protected from harm able to reach their full potential and not living defined by their trauma.

How does the project achieve value for money?

The SAASS monitoring and evaluation report shows that in 2019 – 2020 94% of service users reported a positive improvement in their health and mental wellbeing; 96% reported they felt their ability to cope with aspects of everyday life had improved; 90% reported feelings of safety had increased; 97% reported they were better informed and empowered to act. It is therefore felt that this project represents good value for money for the outcomes that can be achieved through providing early intervention services via the project.

Funding will be allocated to:

Clinical Lead, Management of the service, Counselling support, Data, monitoring and Evaluation. Support to sessional counsellors= £10,775

Sessional Counsellors- 2 counsellors supporting 8 individuals per week = £6,912

Counselling Supervision costs 12 sessions @ £50 per session to meet Ethical standards £600

Management Time for performance and project management= £1,278

Overheads to include database licenses, IT software licenses and support, Zoom Licenses and mobile phone costs= £1,826

Total cost: £21,391

The Winslow and Villages Community Board is being asked to fund 10% of this cost, £2,139, to support residents within the Winslow and Villages Board area. Match funding is currently being sought from 5 other community boards to enable the full project to be delivered.

Please note that the applicant will be required to provide financial evidence to show that the funding has been spent as agreed.

Community Board Coordinator comments

This application has been fully assessed in line with the Community Board funding criteria and is recommended as a project which is suitable to receive funding from the Winslow and Villages Community Board.

Funding is conditional on SAASS providing a Covid-19 risk assessment that details how the project will be delivered in line with national lockdown restrictions and any subsequent localised tiered restrictions that are put in place for Buckinghamshire.

The applicant will be required to agree to terms and conditions, which include a monitoring agreement, as discussed with the Community Board Coordinator before the fund will be formally awarded.