



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.**