

ITEM 11 - GRANT APPLICATIONS INCLUDING CLARIFICATION SUMMARY 2019

APPLICANT	PROJECT	HOW WILL THE GRANT BE USED	TOTAL COST	GRANT APPLICATION
WR&LVP	This application is requesting support for the annual community 'Big Lunch'. 2019 will be the 6 th Big Lunch held in the grounds of St Mary's Church which offers a fun, inclusive and engaging event for everyone in the community. The afternoon includes one giant picnic and in addition provides music, children's entertainment and sports activities. The event is free to attend and ran by volunteers from within the partnership.	The grant will pay for 2 first aiders from St Johns ambulance to attend to ensure safety for the event. It will also cover the cost of 2 portaloos for the event to provide amenities for those attending.	£800	£350
<p>FEEDBACK: Bookings have already been made for a band, children's entertainer and a Falconry display and these costs will come to a total of £685. Assuming there is no increase in costs I expect the hire of toilets and the provision of St John's Ambulance first aid cover to be £314. The total cost of the event this year therefore is expected to be £999. I feel it may also be helpful to understand the historical context of this event and how it has grown. It began in 2012 as a small church outdoor picnic which was repeated the following year and organised by St Mary's.</p> <p>In 2014 the school led a project to create a new miner's banner and wanted to have a parade through the village to celebrate this and had funding for a brass band. This was also the 150th anniversary of St Mary's so we worked together to plan a combined event and asked the Parish Council to help with funding. £300 was awarded and was used to hire an entertainer for children, cakes and ice-cream. Attendance grew to over 350 people and the event was a huge community success.</p> <p>In 2015 an application was made by St Mary's Church for funding from the DCC Community Chest and £1,800 was awarded to fund the event for a 3 year period based on approximately £600 per year to pay for musicians and children's entertainment. As numbers attending had increased so much the toilet facilities in church were not adequate so the PC was approached to fund the hire of toilets. 2016 was the Queens 90th birthday and again we planned the event knowing attendance would probably be good. We therefore asked the PC to fund toilet hire and the attendance of first aid provision from St John's Ambulance. We also introduced a Risk Assessment Procedure for the event.</p> <p>2017 was the culmination of the Churchyard Project and there was funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund for a celebration event so this was used to cover the cost of the music and entertainment. The PC funded toilets and first aid and we communicated with John</p>				

Murphy from the AAP who agreed we could carry over the funding from the community chest to the following year. At the event in 2018 we held a raffle to raise money for future events which gave us £818. Together with other donations from the Falconry display and the ice-cream man we have a total budget of £935.40. As the event has grown so much, and involves all groups in the village it was felt that it was no-longer solely a church event and the Village Partnership was asked to become the holder of a future budget for the event. We have always mentioned the PC as a funder in any publicity for the event so that your support for the community was acknowledged. We are aware that we will now need to seek funding from external sources or raise money through raffles, etc. if this event is to continue but if the PC is able to cover the cost of the practicalities it is a great help. The Village Partnership will be approached at the next meeting on 23rd January about whether funding can be made available from its central fund to support the event but I cannot say what this decision will be. In order to make bookings well in advance we need to know that we have funds in place and ideally to build up a rolling budget which can be carried forward each year. The aim would be to secure funding for more than one year at a time.

WR&LVP	<p>As part of the community working towards becoming dementia friendly it was highlighted that residents from Springfield Lodge nursing home of which 80% have a form of dementia really enjoy playing Dominos. As a way to bring other community groups together and improve engagement with the nursing home the dementia steering group came up with the idea of holding a Domino tournament. The tournament will include teams from across the village competing in a friendly way against residents of the nursing home.</p> <p>This tournament will run from Jan-May 2019 with teams competing at the nursing home and then hopefully ending with a celebration event.</p> <p>The application specifically relates to hosting the celebration event which</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venue hire of the Jubilee Hall • Refreshments / Buffet • Publicity of the event <p>Domino Tournament Trophy (to be used for following years)</p>	£400	£250
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	will fall in dementia action week at the end of May. This event will be the final of the tournament bringing people of all ages together to play dominos, provide a buffet and some entertainment for the older residents and celebrate the achievements of the dementia friendly initiative so far. The steering group would invite local councillors, the Alzheimer's Society, local groups and community members to join in and in turn promote and highlight our communities' achievements.			
<p>FEEDBACK: In regards to the shortfall for the tournament the Steering group volunteers have now been able to raise this smaller shortfall amount through fundraising and kind donations. We don't have the full amount so the funding of £250 from the parish council will cover the remaining cost for the event.</p> <p>For future events or requests for funding we will ensure to speak to the partnership regarding the money in reserves and if they can support in anyway for shortfall that might appear.</p>				
1 ST RAINTON GATE BROWNIES	A Brownie family trip to the Pantomime, at the Gala Theatre.	To pay for pantomime tickets for our members – as well as a small snack.	£200+	£200
NO FEEDBACK REQUESTED				
WR&LVP	West Rainton and Leamside Annual Village Show – purchase of additional display boards and also 2 banners to publicise and raise awareness of the Show.	2 banners @ £59 = £118 2 table top display boards @ £66 = £132 Total 118 + 132 = £250	£250	£250

FEEDBACK: First, I will explain the context of the event. I have organised the Village Show for the last 7 years and it has gradually increased in size and is now one of the main community events in the village with over 500 entries. The Show has always made a loss, relying on Partnership funds to make up the difference. I have made it my mission to try and get it to break even. With this in mind, I personally approached local businesses last year to ask for sponsorship for the Show and was successful in securing over £300 in sponsorship and donations. That is the reason for the balance in the Show accounts. In the past I did receive a grant for the Show from the Community Chest which was to cover expenses, but not prize money. That grant is now completely spent. It costs about £700 to put on this event so I will need to seek funding to make up the difference. However, I am not asking for a grant to help fund the organisation of the Show; I am asking for money for equipment to improve the displays on the day of the Show but also to provide a community resource which can be loaned to other groups in the village as and when required (as the current display boards are). Regarding the balance on the Partnership account: Yes, some will be needed for prize money for the Show but those funds are also earmarked for contingency expenses related to Arden House, The Big Lunch and the Village Newsletter over the next 3 years as needs arise. I am sure you appreciate that as a Partnership we are working to find ways for our activities to become sustainable over a period of time and part of this is to secure funding to enable this. This application is to help build resources for the whole community to use. I have not applied for funds for the Show from the Parish Council before.

WR&LVP	Replacement of 10 tubs and replacement of compost in tubs.	Many of the tubs are now old and beginning to disintegrate; they need replacing. To enhance the look of the village – improve the environment for the residents and visitors.	10 tubs @ £20 = £200 Compost = £50	£250
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FEEDBACK: This application was made on behalf of the Village Partnership as a current concern is that many of the planters (all those that have not recently been replaced) will need replacing in the near future as many are brittle and decaying. You are correct in saying that £126.29 is held in the accounts for the tubs project. You are incorrect to assume that this is the remainder of Parish Council funding provided this financial year. That funding was spent in its entirety on new planters, compost and bulbs. The balance of £126.29 is due to 2 donations from the public; one of £100 and one of £30. You are right that plants have been kindly donated this year for summer and winter planting, but I must stress that we cannot assume that this will continue even next year, compost always needs replacing and we need to have a contingency plan in place to ensure the planters can be maintained. If we return to paying someone to do this for the Partnership, the cost is likely to be in excess of £330 per planting which will be quite a drain on funds. Therefore, we need money available to cover this; some of the general funds held by the Partnership could be made available (and were during the previous financial year) to supplement the Tubs Fund but those funds are also earmarked for contingency expenses related to the Village Show, Arden House, The Big Lunch and the Village Newsletter over the next 3 years as needs arise. I am sure you appreciate that as a Partnership we are working to find ways for our activities to become sustainable over a period of time and part of this is to secure funding to enable this. However, the application was not for plants, but for replacing planters.