

CALNE WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL

APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

Please supply details of the following information with your application.

PROPOSER/APPLICANT: Sponsor of proposal or application, could be an individual, organisation, councillor or council as a body.

SHORT DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL SEEKING FUNDING: Outline of the requirement seeking funding from Parish Council Funds.

APPLICANT CONTACT DETAILS (if not the council or councillor): Name, Address, Phone and Email.

ORGANISATION: Where an organisation or group is seeking funding, details of that organisation, its purpose and whether or not it is a registered charity. If a charity, provide the charity number.

VAT: VAT status of applicant, is VAT recoverable.

LOCATION OF THE PROJECT: Where, within the Parish or elsewhere, the project will be delivered.

PROJECT PROPOSAL, INCLUDING OBJECTIVES AND DESIRED OUTCOMES: Detailed description including project start and end dates. This should also address the benefits to be derived from the project for the community, including the breadth of residents impacted e.g. does it provide benefit for old/young or all, could it aid and support those with disability challenges; will it aid community health and fitness. The potential legacy from the project and any ongoing maintenance implications and the management of these. The Environmental impact and benefits to be derived from the project, in particular will it enhance or detract from the rural environment of much of the Parish. How does it contribute to the budgetary and community priorities identified by the Parish Council in its financial plan? Requirements for any planning or other permissions to be sought in advance of project initiation.

ESTIMATED PROJECT COST: Is there an estimate of the cost for the project, including any feasibility work. What is the anticipated cost profile (by year) including on-going maintenance.

FUNDING SOURCES: The planned source of funds to include details of additional funding secured or being secured and allocated to the scheme; potential sources of match funding and details of how this is being explored.

Notes for applicants.

ELIGIBILITY

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Support for individuals
- Private organisations operated as a business to make a profit or surplus.
- Projects that are the prime responsibility of other statutory authorities.
- Projects that improve or benefit privately owned land or property.
- The activities of political organisations.
- General operational and maintenance costs.
- Repayment of loans or cost of services, equipment or provisions in anticipation of a grant.
- Organisations that have a closed or restricted membership.
- Retrospectively for events that have already occurred, equipment already purchased, works already started or completed.
- Places of Worship (Please note this may depend on the project so contact the Clerk for more information)

AVIALABILITY OF FUNDING

The Parish Council has 3 funding sources that can be used, please submit a request to the fund that best suits your project.

SUN EDISON

The Parish Council received a £40,000 Community Fund from the Solar Farm at High Penn developed by Sun Edison in 2015.

A range of local initiative can be funded by this including but not exclusively:

- Contribution towards rebuilding Village Hall or community buildings
- Energy efficiency measures in community buildings
- Improved styles and signposting on local footpaths
- Provision of local play facilities
- Local habitat improvements include bird nesting habitat provision and nesting boxes

PARISH COUNCIL POWERS AND SECTION 137

A parish council has a number of powers granted under various Acts of Parliament which enable it to spend money. Since 2008 the “Power of Wellbeing” and more recently the “General Power of Competence, Localism Act 2011” allow parish councils more flexibility in how they spend money within the local community. In order to use either of these powers it is necessary that the council has a qualified clerk, and at least two thirds of the councillors have been elected rather than co-opted or appointed. Without these powers, donations and grants fall under the statutory power of Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, which permits it to spend up to a certain limit on anything which in the opinion of the council is in the interests of the parish, or any part of it, or is in the interest of all or some of its inhabitants.

This amount is limited to a figure per head of the electorate on the electoral role on 1st January before the commencement of the financial year. The figure is index-linked and for 2019/20 is £8.12 per head. The parish council has no obligation to spend all or any of the money available under S.137. This money is not 'gifted' to the parish council; it forms part of the Precept which the parish council makes on the District Council. The cost of any grants or donations is therefore reflected in residents' council tax bills.

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL)

This is funding that the Parish Council receives from developments that take place in the Parish.

The Council will consider all of the following acceptable use of the CIL money:

- Consultation and engagement with the local community to identify and bring forward infrastructure and other projects that address the demands put upon the area by development.
- Donations to community or charity organisation providing services to Parish residents.
- Feasibility and evaluation surveys.
- Professional costs whether it be legal, technical, project management related to a project.
- Capital costs of infrastructure projects.
- Repair, replacement and on-going maintenance costs associated with or resulting from projects.
- Signage. interpretation and production of publicity to support and promote infrastructure provided through CIL.

This list is not exhaustive, and the Council will consider all requests brought to it.

Where it is proposed to seek funding from Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Funds provide details of:

1. How the project addresses specific impacts of the new development from which CIL funding has been generated;
2. How does the project provide links to the locality in the area where the development has taken place;
3. Evidence of community consultation and support for the proposal;
4. Where the proposal sits with reference to the community improvement and benefits identified by the Parish Council and the broader Wiltshire Plan for CIL priorities.

How the Parish Council will evaluate your application.

The Council will use the scoring matrix shown here to evaluate any applications for funding that are received.

APPLICATION FOR FUNDING – MATRIX SCORING CRITERIA

Each criteria will be scored on a basis of 0 to 5, where 0 indicates that the criteria is not fulfilled at all, and 5 suggests that the criteria is fully satisfied.

Each criteria is also weighted to reflect the importance of each element to the council and its overall priority for the allocation of available resources. All criteria will initially be weighted at 3. This will be reviewed at a minimum once a year based on experience of operating the approach and to reflect the council's views of the relative importance of each criteria. Any recommendations for change will be presented to the full council for its review and endorsement.

A minimum overall score of 22 will be required for the application to be considered by the council for approval.

Satisfy Application Criteria: Yes or No. Is the request from an organisation or community group from within the Parish? Has the required supporting documentation/evidence been provided e.g. audited accounts or charity number. Failure to satisfy the criteria will result in a rejection of the application; this does not disqualify further applications once the criteria have been met.

Alignment with Local Plan/Parish Plan: Weight [3] Does the application clearly identify that provision of the funding will aid delivery of a specific project/facility/capability or service set out in the Local Plan or Parish Plan? Does it help deliver community and budgetary priorities identified by the Parish Council? Does the project seek to address specific needs arising from development with the community? Is there evidence of community consultation and support for the proposal. Are these points clearly articulated and referenced?

Community Benefits: Weight [3] Does the application clearly set out the benefits to the community of pursuing the project with the allocation of public funds controlled by the Parish Council? Which residents and how many will potentially benefit from the project, what age groups will benefit and how; could it aid and support those with disability and learning challenges; will it aid community health and fitness.

Environmental Benefits and Impact: Weight [3]. Does the case describe clearly the environment impact and benefits that will derive from the proposed project e.g. is the project self-sustaining, does it enhance or detract from the rural environment in much of the Parish; positive environmental impact will score highly whereas a detrimental impact will reduce the score.

Legacy Potential/Impact: Weight [3] Is there a legacy from the project, are these clearly described. Are there any ongoing maintenance and management requirements arising from the project? Does the proposal address what these are, how they will be addressed and funded? Of these will it enhance or detract from the rural environment of much of the Parish. How does it contribute to the budgetary and community priorities identified by the

Parish Council in its financial plan? Requirements for any planning or other permissions to be sought in advance of project initiation.

Funding: Weight [3] The source of funds to include details of additional funding secured or being secured and allocated to the scheme; potential sources of match funding and details of how this is being explored. Where CIL funding is sought are there details of how the project addresses specific impacts of the new development from which CIL funding has been generated; does the project provide links to the locality in the area where the development has taken place.

Legislative requirements: Weight [3] Is delivery of the project contingent upon securing legislative approval e.g. planning approval. If so, what consultation has taken place and what is the impact on the proposed timetable for the project.

Project Management: Weight [3] How will delivery of the project be managed and is there an adequate project and risk management plan.

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SCORING MATRIX

PROPOSER/APPLICANT			
CONTACT DETAILS (Address/Telephone/email)			
SHORT DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION SEEKING FUNDING			
LEVEL OF FUNDING SOUGHT.			
DOES REQUEST SATISFY APPLICATION CRITERIA	YES or NO		
	Scoring (1-5) – Criteria on Separate Sheet	Weighting – Importance to Community/Council – Criteria on Separate Sheet	Total Score
Alignment with Local Plan or Parish Plan		3	
Community Benefits		3	
Environmental Benefit Impacts		3	
Legacy Potential and Impact		3	
Funding		3	
Legislative requirements to be satisfied		3	
Project Management and Risk		3	