

WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

Full Council

Community Grants

1. General Information:

1.1 West Swindon Parish Council has received three grant applications for consideration: application forms are attached as Appendix A.

- Neighbourhood Watch - £210
- Friends of Shaw Ridge School - £2,000
- New Generation Bond CIC £8181.06 + £3,900

Neighbourhood Watch:

1.2 Resident, Abbie Dart is requesting £210 for 6 Neighbourhood Watch Signs, at a cost of £35 each, these signs would be placed in Sharp Close, Winlaw Close and Bankfoot Close in Shaw. The purpose of this project is to decrease anxiety and increase the feeling of ease.

Note: The Parish Council has funded Neighbourhood Watch signs on a previous occasion.

Friends of Shaw Ridge School:

1.3 Friends of School Ridge School is requesting £2,000 for the Unity Garden Revamp Project, these funds would go towards gardening tools, plants and greenhouses. The purpose of this project is for Covid-19 recovery and to promote shared wellbeing for all family and friends of Shaw Ridge Primary School.

Note: The costs are not itemised and the project is not fully determined. The Parish Council could make a partial contribution to enable the project to get started or release the project funding in stages as it becomes established.

New Generation Bond CIC

1.4 A group have formed to create a Family Centre project £8181.06 and Wellbeing Hub £3,900.00. Open to residents in West Swindon, it is likely that the projects will be based in Toothill.

Note: Projects planning to be based indoors will need to consider how they ensure they are covid-secure and may be subject to closure or reduced access. The project is new and there are many details to be finalised. Councillors will also need to consider if this project is successful how it will be sustained in the future.

2 Financial Considerations

2.1 The current budget for Community Grants is set at £15,000. Councillors have previously agreed to award grants in two rounds. Up to two thirds of the grant pot (£10,000) can be awarded at the end of September 2020.

2.2 The Parish Council could resolve to award part or all of each application, further information for clarify on any application can also be sought.

3 Recommendations

3.1 That the Parish Council considers the merits of all applications and their benefit to the community.

3.2 That the Parish Council considers the viability of community projects during the current pandemic.

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