



NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Southern Rural Area Committee**

2. Date: **19 June 2014**

3. Summary of application: **Funding support for new Sports Pavilion at Tower Close Recreation Gnd**

Name of organisation: **Wymondley Parish Council**

Sum requested: **£3,000**

Brief details

Total project cost: **£80,000+**

Over the past few months representatives from the Parish Council and Wymondley Meaders FC have drawn together proposals re the provision of a Sports Pavilion / Changing rooms facility at Tower Close Recreation Ground, Little Wymondley. Members will recall that the previous facility was subject to an arson attack a number of years ago and although not ideal, the resident teams & visiting clubs have been using two converted steel shipping containers as an interim arrangements for changing and showering.

It is widely recognised that there has been some delay in moving this project on, which has been largely due to conceptual ideas of possibly linking the provision of a Village Hall for Little Wymondley with a new pavilion facility on the Recreation Ground. However, owing to logistical constraints and general access issues, it was agreed that the site was not suitable for such a large building and the Parish has moved to just address the renewing of the sporting pavilion at this time.

Planning permission for a new facility has been approved by the Authority and formal tender packs were issued to local construction companies on 30th May 2014. All being well, the project group hope to have the facility finished before the end of summer 2014 and available for use by the football clubs and other groups in September/October this year.

Matched /linked funding : £55,000 WPC

Funder: or DRR

Comments from Development Officer:

The PC has estimated the total project costs to be in excess of £80,000, subject to tender returns.

The PC is currently holding £55,000 of insurance money relating to the previous pavilion.

Subject to approval from the Planning Department, there may be potential UUs funds of approx. £13,000 which might be eligible for unlocking in support of the project.

The PC is also considering a 'Community Buildings Loan fund' through Herts CDA once true costs are known.

The Parish Council understands that the maximum level of grant award the Committee can consider is £1,500 and welcomes any financial contribution that Members think appropriate.

The Community Development Officer has examined this application against the Authority's Area Grants Policy, the organisation's accounts and grant history, and considers it an eligible application to put before the Committee.

Amount recommended: **£1,500**

4. Comments from Ward Members:

I support / do not support this application

Name:

Signed:

Date:

I support / do not support this application

Name:

Signed:

Date: