



## NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## WARD GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Southern Rural Area Committee**2. Date: **3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2015**3. Summary of application: **Tree works to Norton Green Common**Name of organisation: **Knebworth Parish Council**Sum requested: **£250**

Brief details:

Total project cost: **£750**

**The Parish Council has agreed to manage and improve Norton Green Common which is in the northern part of the parish.**

**The Common is a Site of Scientific Interest which has been neglected for many years and will take a number of years to see the benefits of such management.**

**To start the process the Council is going to arrange for the grass to be cut on the common. This is not an easy task due to the significant ruts across the area, which cannot be seen due to the vegetation, and because the site is a SSSI all material has to be removed. Long term it is hoped that sheep will graze the site keeping growth down.**

Matched / linked funding: **£500**Funders: **Parish Council Funds**

Matched /linked funding:

Funder:

Comments from Development Officer:

**The quote to cut the common and remove all material is £580 which the Parish is to cover. Additionally, the Parish has to apply for a felling licence to undertake tree work on the common in February next year. The fees to obtain such a licence will cost between £450 and £750.**

**The Parish Council is therefore asking the Area Committee to consider a grant in the region of £250 from the Knebworth Ward Budget to assist with the overall costs in managing works to the common.**

**The Area Committee may wish to note that the Parish Council is a precepting body which has the power to raise funds for such projects in its own right.**

**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.**

Amount recommended: **£250**

4. Comments from Ward Members:

I support / do not support this application

Name: .....

Signed:

Date:

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Name: .....

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Date: