



NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEE WARD GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Southern Rural Area Committee**2. Date: **3 Mar 2016**3. Summary of application: **Funding to assist with clearance works re the Village Pond**Name of organisation: **Preston Parish Council**Sum requested: **£400**Total project cost: **£400**

Brief details:

Preston Parish Council is seeking financial assistance in the region of £400 from the Hitchwood, Offa & Hoo Ward Budget to help with costs relating to the village pond. Substantial work is required to unblock the inlet and outlet to the pond in order to minimise the risk of pond water flooding the road during heavy down pours. Other works include the removal of floating vegetation, relocating shrubs & plants from the roadside bank onto the opposite bank, tidy up all other plants and the removal of rubbish.

Matched / linked funding: £

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Comments from Community Officer:

The village pond is in a central location and enhances the local rural environment and encourages people to enjoy the countryside which has a positive effect on health and well-being. It is important that it is maintained to a high standard to support bird, insect and pond life and it is often used as an additional educational resource for local children.

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: **£400**