

Appendix 4. Lilley Parish Council

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Version	Issue Date	Changes
1.0	NA	First Draft (BE)

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Name of Organisation	Lilley Parish Council			
Organisation Type	Parish Council			
Ward	Offa			
Project Type	Winter event			
Green option considered?	The project supports sustainability by replacing the annual purchase of a cut Christmas tree with a permanent living tree that will benefit the village for years to come.			
NHC Councillor involvement that may constitute a conflict of interest	None known.			
Previous financial support within six years	Received £500 from Southern Rural Community Forum towards replacement of a noticeboard in June 2021.			
Documentation reviewed and approved*	Safeguarding	Yes	Accounts	Yes
	Demonstrates clear governance	Yes		
Total applied for	£650	Total project cost	£850	
Officer Summary				
Lilley Parish Council represents residents across the parish and works to support local facilities, community wellbeing, and projects that benefit the wider community. Lilley Parish Council are seeking funding towards the purchase and planting of a permanent Christmas tree on Lilley Village Green. The proposed location is a central focal point within the village, close to the village pub, where the community already gathers annually for a Christmas tree light switch-on event, carol singing, and a visit from Santa. At present, the Parish Council purchases a new Christmas tree each year for these celebrations, resulting in ongoing costs and a less sustainable approach. The proposed permanent tree will provide a long-term central point for the village's Christmas celebrations, enhancing a popular community event that brings residents together and strengthens community spirit. It will offer a sustainable alternative to purchasing a new tree each year, creating a lasting community asset that can be enjoyed and decorated annually. The total project cost is £850, including £450 for the tree and £400 for planting by a contractor. The Parish Council will contribute £200 from its reserves and is seeking £650 from the Southern Rural Forum towards the project. Future maintenance costs have been considered by the Parish Council.				

*Funding will only be released on receipt and approval of all supporting documentation