

Saturday 17th May 2014



*Welcome to
the
Annual
Parish
meeting of
Braunston
Parish
Council*

Agenda

- Apologies for absence
- Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2013
- Approval of the Parish Accounts to 31st March 2014
- To consider the following resolution put forward by the Parish Council
“That the Parish Council should enter into a Public Works Loan Board loan of up to £50,000 to purchase and install a skateboard & extra play facilities at the Playing Fields Site. The final amount of the loan will not be known until grant applications have run their course”

Budget of the scheme are contained in this booklet

For your consideration this booklet also contains the following: -

- Statement of the Parish Councils Accounts to 31 March 2014
- Annual Report of the Parish Council, Sally Ann Longworth
- Annual report of District Councillor, Abigail Campbell
- Reports from representatives of voluntary organisations

The rest of the meeting will be based around displays and presentations given by the Neighbourhood Plan sub committee and the other voluntary organisations.

There is also a chance to contribute to the suggestions boards placed around the hall

Steven Rolt
Clerk of Braunston Parish Council
10th May 2014

Minutes of the Annual Braunston Parish Meeting held at 7-30pm on Monday 21st May 2013 in the Village Hall.

Present: Alan Mawar - Chairman

8 Parish Councillors & Parishioners

Minutes of the meeting of 21st May 2012

These were read. It was proposed by Alan Mawar, seconded by Andrew Canning and carried that these be accepted.

Report of the Parish Council - Councillor Alan Mawar, Chairman of Braunston Parish Council.

There was a report of the activities of the Parish Council in the preceding twelve months. Copy of her full report is attached as Appendix 1.

Financial Report - The Clerk

The accounts for the year ended 31 March 2012 were presented.

District Council Report - Councillor Abigail Campbell

Abigail Campbell gave a full report to the meeting of her activities as District Councillor, a copy of which is attached as appendix 2

County Council Report - Councillor Steven Slatter

Steven Slatter submitted a full report to the meeting of his activities as County Councillor, a copy of which is attached as appendix 3

Reports of Organisations

The following organisations presented reports to the meeting.

2nd Braunston Scout Group

Cinema Club

Playing Field

Village Hall

Jettyfields

Braunston WI

Copies of which are attached to the minutes

Resolutions of which written notice has been received ~ None.

Any Other Business ~ None

Last Year's Minutes

Braunston Parish Council— Accounts to 31st March 2014

Income and Expenditure for the Year Ending 31st March 2014

	<u>Apr '13 - Mar 14</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>£ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Income				
Precept	40,735.00	40,735.00	0.00	100.0%
Other Income	<u>1,516.72</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>16.72</u>	<u>101.12%</u>
Total Income	<u>42,251.72</u>	<u>42,235.00</u>	<u>16.72</u>	<u>100.04%</u>
Gross Profit	42,251.72	42,235.00	16.72	100.04%
Expense				
Admini- stration	8,515.28	8,654.04	-138.76	98.4%
Donations	843.00	600.00	243.00	140.5%
Street Lighting	8,686.82	8,090.00	596.82	107.38%
Village Hall (Expense)	1,833.02	1,900.00	-66.98	96.48%
Mowing	7,121.00	6,850.00	271.00	103.96%
Mainte- nance	2,573.25	2,100.00	473.25	122.54%
Amenities	4,073.55	8,390.00	-4,316.45	48.55%
Welton Road Play Area	185.65	475.00	-289.35	39.08%
Playing Fields (Expense)	1,325.00	1,325.00	0.00	100.0%
Jetty Fields (Expense)	3,834.00	3,138.00	696.00	122.18%
Church- yard	2,250.00	2,250.00	0.00	100.0%
Training	29.00	200.00	-171.00	14.5%
Loan In- terest	<u>382.48</u>	<u>382.00</u>	<u>0.48</u>	<u>100.13%</u>
Total Expense	<u>41,652.05</u>	<u>44,354.04</u>	<u>-2,701.99</u>	<u>93.91%</u>
Profit for the Year	<u>599.67</u>	<u>-2,119.04</u>	<u>2,718.71</u>	<u>-28.3%</u>

Braunston Parish Council—Accounts to 31st March 2014

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2014

	<u>31 Mar 14</u>
ASSETS	
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	6,929.27
Total Accounts Receivable	6,929.27
Cash at bank and in hand	
Hinckley & Rugby B.S.	22,060.37
Yorkshire Bank	3,770.61
Total Cash at bank and in hand	25,830.98
Total Current Assets	32,760.25
Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	517.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	517.00
Total Current Liabilities	517.00
NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>32,243.25</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>32,243.25</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>32,243.25</u>
Capital and Reserves	
Donation	750.00
Marquee Fund	53.00
Purchase of WRPA	1,000.00
Street Light replacement fund	1,000.00
Timebank	200.00
Festival 2013	1,000.00
Church	7,171.40
Jetty Fields	2,454.49
Neighbourhood Plans	2,451.69
Playing Fields	2,223.84
Village Hall	1,081.93
Free reserves b/f	12,257.23
reserves for the Year	599.67
Reserves	<u>32,243.25</u>

Daventry District

Planning permission was granted for Mulberry Place, a shopping centre, cinema and new library in Daventry Town. The University Technical College opened its doors in January; a number of students are from Braunston. The first houses at Monksmoor Park are up. A primary school will be built here, but a free school on Middlemore seems unlikely after two potential sponsors backed out.

The Core Strategy was examined in February and the Planning Inspector will report in July. Once the Core Strategy is in place, the District will be less vulnerable to ad-hoc, speculative developments and costly appeals.

Daventry Leisure Centre is thriving, under its new operator Everyone Active. A new crematorium off Ashlawn Road in Rugby opened in April, a partnership between the District Council and Rugby Borough Council. While one hesitates to describe it as 'thriving', it is certainly well used.

Enterprise (now Amey) failed to meet a number of performance targets set out in its contract last year and penalties were applied.

Welfare Reform has undoubtedly had an impact on local residents. Use of the Daventry Foodbank has doubled in the past year. The Bedroom Tax has affected around 500 tenants across the District. Last year the District Council has awarded over £74,000 in discretionary housing payments, compared with £23,000 in 2012/13. There are around 700 people on the housing register.

I investigated how the Council invests its Right to Buy sale receipts and questioned why they are not ring-fenced for new affordable housing. I also lobbied for a housing summit which was finally held in September: Parish and District Councillors met with planners, developers and registered providers to learn more about local housing needs. I have been actively supporting the neighbourhood planning initiative in Braunston, developing an unlikely partnership with Balsall Heath in Birmingham, one of the government's 'front-runners'.

I have proposed (and sadly lost) motions to Full Council against the Bedroom Tax and in favour of the live broadcasting of Council meetings.

I have supported the Scrutiny and Improvement Committee at the District Council on task panels concerning public engagement, plain English and rural transport.

Braunston

I campaigned successfully with Parish Councillor Peter Biggs for the reinstatement of the number 12 bus service up Ashby Road and Spinney Hill. I am lobbying hard to get the road surface of Spinney Hill repaired; it is clear to everyone that the patching that took place in February has, though it hardly seemed possible, made the surface worse.

In September, a week before the start of the school term, the number 10 bus service was withdrawn from Braunston. Students at school in Rugby now have no direct route to school, and residents living at the Wharf and along the A45 have no easy bus route to Daventry. County Connect is no substitute and does not meet our needs. I continue to campaign against this decision and for a better solution.

In June, I organised 'Dog Day', a community event to celebrate responsible dog ownership. This well-received event has since been replicated in other villages, though it must be clear to anyone who walks along the High Street that the battle against dog fouling goes on.

2014 will be an equally busy year. I'm especially keen to improve opportunities for young people, including a skate park and an improved play area. I will continue to explore the potential to transform the old railway line into a cycle path, following such a positive response to this proposal in the neighbourhood survey.

It's been a pleasure to work with so many committed and helpful people over the past year, not least Sally-Ann Longworth, outgoing Chair of Braunston Parish Council and Alan Mawer, who continues to steer our neighbourhood plan.

I'll finish by thanking the many volunteers in the village who work so hard behind the scenes, in so many ways, to help make Braunston a safe and happy place to live.

Abigail Campbell

Braunston Parish Council

Once again the Parish Council has been busy with it's many sub committees and volunteers with their best interests at heart for Braunston and it's residents.

The Parish Council is not only responsible for much of the village but also supports many of the organisations within Braunston, for example our young residents trying to raise funds for a skate park or the village guides for our tourists and walkers, and the timeline that can be found in the church.

The new village website has been a big success, giving us village news, history, contact numbers, organisations and events, even items for sale amongst other features. It is suitable for all ages to use. We had to raise the precept this year, the decision was not taken lightly. We have some major expenses in the near future, such as the crumbling churchyard wall, and replacing and repairing street lights.

With the cemetery we were fortunate to have the community payback team who cleared and tidied the unkempt graves.

We now have a Neighbourhood Planning sub committee. This is a government scheme that will help support Braunston and it's surrounding area in our future development. We have also been in consultation with Daventry District Council for our views on services, facilities and rural housing for the local planning policy.

There have been changes to the bus service, not all to the benefit of Braunston residents, Abigail Campbell has been trying to rectify this. On the upside, the service to Ashby Road, Spinney Hill and Welton Road has been reinstated and the unused bus shelters on the A45 will be re-sited to accommodate this route.

On a day to day basis we are continuing to report faulty street lights, pot holes and trace and replace disappearing grit bins and with the help of Dennis Fothergill the village is kept litter free and tidy.

These are just a few of the subjects we have dealt with this year, other topics such as Jettyfields, the Playing Fields and Neighbourhood

Planning can be found in separate reports courtesy of the sub committees or in the Parish Council minutes.

I would like to thank all the Parish Councillors, Steve Rolt (clerk), Dennis Fothergill and all the volunteers for all their hard work and commitment over the past year.

Sally Ann Longworth (Chair)

Braunston cricket club continues to thrive and enjoyed a reasonably successful season.

The first team finished mid table in division 2 of the South Northants league after a shaky start to the season.

The second eleven had their best ever season though as runners up in Division 5 and have been promoted to division 4 for the forthcoming season.

The midweek team struggled early in the season and despite a rally in the last few matches were relegated to division 4 of the Rugby and District league.

Work commitments and injuries to key players have meant that we have struggled some Saturdays to raise two complete elevens. This is a problem shared by most local clubs and is being discussed at league level.

I would like to thank the Parish Council and the PFA for their continued support. In particular, the work that has been done to ensure that the outfield is mown to an acceptable standard.

Season 2014 has already started and apologies that I am not at this meeting but I am preparing the pitch for this weeks game. Currently the midweek league are top of their division and whilst the seconds narrowly lost last week there were some very encouraging performances from the younger members of the team.

Richard Stapley

Braunston Paddox Cricket Club

Braunston Community Car

The Braunston Community Car is at your service! Well, almost: it's been a long and bumpy road... You'll remember that a local resident generously donated a car. We spent months researching the best community transport model for Braunston. We were almost knocked off course by some prohibitive set-up costs, and by some logistical challenges.

Our knight in shining armour came in the form of a local businessman, Garry Haywood, who has generously offered to cover these costs and also manage the booking system.

There are few final hurdles to clear to make sure the community car scheme can operate safely and effectively. And then it will be ready for Braunston residents to use. It's an ultra-local scheme – providing lifts for local residents to destinations within the parish, e.g. shops, church, Village Hall, friends' houses. It's designed for people without their own transport or with limited mobility.

We'd like to thank Peter Biggs, Ralph Maltby, Ann Frost, Stephanie Dann-Haywood and Wendy Wilson, all of whom have offered to be volunteer drivers, and Peter Frost, who is helping to promote the service. We're also grateful to Braunston Garage, who have kindly offered their support. The proceeds from the church's Harvest Festival Supper auction were very generously donated to the community car.

We are setting up a Friends of Braunston Community Car scheme to ensure the project is sustainable. Do get in touch if you'd like to make a donation, become a volunteer driver or find out how you can use the service once it starts.

Cllr Abigail Campbell & Reverend Sarah Brown

The BPFA is a charity run by a small committee of volunteers and is responsible for the maintenance and development of the playing field in Barby Road. The committee also manages the Welton Road play area on behalf of the parish council.

Our main activity is the monthly fun days that are organised during the summer months. All the activities offered are free for all the family to enjoy, including grandparents!! If you have never ventured down to the playing field on the second Sunday of a summer month come and join us and enjoy our home made refreshments in the Pavilion Pop-up Cafe, along with an assortment of games and other activities.

During the summer the field is home to Braunston Paddock Cricket Club who play their matches on Saturdays and alternate Wednesdays. Rugby Telecom will also be playing cricket on Wednesday evenings when the village team are away.

The BPFA committee actively promotes the field as a camp-site for visitors to use during the Braunston Boat Rally in June and the Camping and Caravanning Club use it in September.

In March this year we hosted, perhaps for the first time in Braunston history, a very successful visit by Circus Ginnett.

Braunston C of E School use the playing field for PE lessons during the year and the school sports day is an annual fixture. Last summer the year 6 leavers held their end of year party at the playing field and camped overnight.

The playing field, with the village Capri tent and the pavilion are available for family parties.

Going forward, there are plans to build a skate park in the field and to develop the playing area to appeal to all children. Both time and money will be needed to make these plans a reality and support from the local community is always appreciated. The committee meets once a month and new members are always welcome. For more information please contact bpfa@hotmail.co.uk

Registered charity No. 274911

Braunston Playing Fields Association

Braunston Cinema Club

Braunston Cinema Club has had another successful year. We have now purchased a drop down screen and projector and this has given the audience a much better viewing experience. Other community groups have been able to use this equipment too.

We have shown a variety of films over the year with new releases as well as old favourites and some more unusual and timely choices. For example we showed a film starring Peter O'Toole to celebrate this great actor's work in January, just after his death. We also try to show some of the "audience choice" films every time we are drawing up our programme. This Spring we produced a list of films in advance for the first time and this helps members to work out in advance what they would like to see

Our membership fees have not risen, nor has the admission price. We try to keep this down so that our cinema club serves the whole community and gives a good evening of entertainment at a reasonable cost. We have had two special fundraising nights, one which was Indian themed and one a James Bond evening. Both were well attended and enjoyed. The highlight of our year is definitely the "Members Dinner" when we show a film and then sit down to eat together. This is free to members and much appreciated. This helps us to get to know one another and is a celebration of our year of film and entertainment. It is held in November, just before our final film of the year at Christmas Time.

We are all volunteers and rely very much on members for practical help and suggestions about what they would like to see. The catering efforts of our volunteers do a lot to make Braunston Cinema Club as successful as it is.

We welcome new members and hope that we can keep developing the Club in new directions in the coming year.

Sandy Macdonald

This year is the 30th anniversary of the twinning between Braunston and the village of Quincy-Voisins in France. We have just returned from another successful visit to Quincy and were delighted that Terry Tatham, the first Chairman of the Twinning Association, and Terry Waddleton, who was also one of the founder members, were among the 16 people who were made extremely welcome by our French hosts.

On Friday 2 May we were met at the Town Hall by the joint Mayors, Jean-Jacques Jago and Annie Marre, and treated to a champagne reception along with our hosts. On Saturday we visited the stunning Chateau Vaux le Vicomte together and on the following day met once again to enjoy an excellent lunch with entertainment which, in true French style, lasted all afternoon.

Our welcome by the French is consistently warm and kind, and language is found to be no barrier to making good friends and finding plenty of things to experience and enjoy together.

The number of people in the Association has gradually gone down over the years, so we produced a brochure at the beginning of the year as part of a campaign to encourage new members to join - all are welcome, including children (Quincy is very near to EuroDisney!) This was sent out via the BVN and the Leam Valley Messenger to every household in Braunston and a number of the surrounding villages. So far we have acquired 3 new members, but, sadly, none of them from Braunston. You can join the Twinners at any time - there is no subscription and you do not even need to speak French, as our friends in Quincy- Voisins enjoy practicing their English!

May 2015 will see a “return match” with the French visiting Braunston. We have had a number of fund raising activities in order to support their visit, and details of our forthcoming quiz and craft fair dates are in the Village News. We hope we can give the people of Quincy-Voisin the warm welcome they deserve, and can continue to make the twinning experience something to enjoy and value.

Ray Hutchinson

(Chairman)

Braunston Twinners

Village Hall Committee

Thanks to the hard work and the efforts of many volunteers, the old school buildings were turned into the Braunston Village Memorial Hall in the early 70's. Today the Hall is well established as a true centre for the whole community. It is used every weekday usually several times and most week-ends. It is the centre for all ages from Pre-School and Toddlers right through to our most Senior Citizens. The Hall is looked after for the Village by a Committee of Volunteers representing the majority of User Groups. It is financed by renting out the three facilities: The Main Hall, The Gallie Room and the Library. All monies received are used to maintain and develop the Hall. Almost twenty local Clubs and Societies use the Hall every month. In addition we welcome numerous family occasions and celebrations.

Over the last three years with interest rates being low, the policy of the Trustees has been to reduce the financial reserves and invest in enhancing and developing the Hall for the benefit of all. Of course a sensible reserve is held for emergencies but as most of you will be aware we have new flooring, new windows, as well as new decoration almost throughout. The Main Hall lighting has been upgraded so this and the new Stage curtains have enhanced the pleasure from the Players performances. The Cinema Club has done wonders too and the new equipment it has installed brings pleasure to a busy Main Hall on a regular basis.

This last year has seen us hit by heavy increases in electricity charges just as you have been at home. Our hard working Treasurer has minimised the pain by carefully switching suppliers to gain the best rates. We have succeeded in holding our hire charges steady for several years without increase because our improved facilities have boosted our number of clients. At this time we forecast to just about break even this year so we are living on current income and yet still hold £12,000 invested. With an old building one always has to be prepared for emergencies.

We can always do with more help. We welcome additional Trustees with special knowledge or skills. We welcome additional Members to our '200 Club' who help the Hall by investing their money in our monthly draw and sharing the excitement of seeing the latest winners. You can help with running this. We also would welcome a volunteer Secretary for one evening and a morning each month to help with Agendas and taking Minutes.

Always remember: YOUR Village Hall is run by the Village for the Village.

Alan Dent—Chairman Village Hall Committee

Another successful Show was held last September with new entrants being very welcome. We are hoping that this year's Show will attract more into the children's classes. An enjoyable visit to Coton Manor by car was held recently and another is planned in July by coach to the Gardens of the Rose near St. Albans. The Garden Store at the Village Hall is open each Sunday from 11.00a.m.-noon until the beginning of June for the sale of fertilisers and composts. We are pleased to deliver to those without transport. We are hoping to hold some talks in the Autumn. Check our page on the Braunston website for details.

Chris Grossart

Chairman of BVGA

The Players put on another successful Show in November, again raising funds for the Village Hall. An evening of one-act plays had to be cancelled in March through lack of support but we trust our 'Puddings and Performances' scheduled for July 12th will be as well supported as ever. We have recently been happy to welcome some new members but we are always ready to welcome more. The next main Show will run from November 26th -29th.

Chris Grossart

Chairman of Braunston Players

Braunston Players & BVGA

Hope and Homes is a national charity helping orphaned and abandoned Children throughout the world. Braunston first started to support this charity in 1999, led by Gillian and Barry Thompson.

And as a result of their fund raising Hope and Homes were able to build a home supporting several young girls and their helpers in Khartoum, Sudan.

Today Braunston's support is led by Brenda Hobbs. Money is raised by the famous "Penny Pots" available and deposited at Braunston Stores, and the Braunston, and Ashby Churches.

Money was also raised by a Coffee Morning, Stalls at the Church fete and the Church Autumn fair, plus donations from last years All Saints' Lent lunch.

Brenda would like to take this opportunity to thank, Braunston Stores, The providers of the BVN, Braunston, and Ashby Churches, and all those who have supported this worthwhile charity.

Brenda Hobbs

17 May 2014

The Scout Group continues to increase in numbers and offer a wide range of both indoor and outdoor activities.

The Group has been lucky enough to have one of its number selected to represent Northamptonshire at the World Scout jamboree in Japan in 2015. This is the first time a scout from this group has been selected, well done to Alisdair.

The Scout Group is open to boys and girls from the ages of 6 to 18, and is always looking for more adult helpers, even if you can only give an hour a year we will use it.

If you would like to join us please visit
www.braunstonscouts.co.uk

Steve Rolt—Group Scout Leader

Timebanking is often described as ‘volunteering for people who don’t normally volunteer’. It’s also open to groups such as clubs and societies who want help and are happy to give some time back. It helps to strengthen us a community.

Braunston Timebank was started back in the summer of 2013 – since then, around 200 hours have been contributed by Braunstonites to other villagers. We’ve seen gutters cleared, dogs walked, bikes serviced, help given with gardening; people have been helped to learn to crochet, draw and use eBay. One of the most common requests that the Timebankers have been able to fulfil, is help with the technology and IT skills, simple home repairs, painting and decorating.

Timebankers have also offered help with car and bike maintenance, de-cluttering, running errands - such as going shopping - as well as wanting to share their skills in sewing, crochet, knitting and crafts.

The Timebank has 33 members, all of whom are individuals. We need to expand the membership to include groups and to encourage more people to take up the offers of help that have been extended.

A regular bulletin of Timebank activity has been featured in the BVN since Spring 2014.

Activities planned for 2014 include using Timebank members to revamp the Library in the Village Hall and to hold a showcase of activities that are available through the Timebank itself.

Braunston Timebank

Braunston Friendly Club

An afternoon club for the over 60's', founded in 1964 and celebrating its 50th birthday this September. The club meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday in the month (except Bank Holidays and August) in the Gallie Room in the Village Hall, for afternoon tea together with an entertainment, varying from talks, demonstrations and films to musical events. On several occasions throughout the year meetings are replaced by trips out for meals, shopping or visits to places of interest. The program can be found each month in the Braunston Village News.

If you are 60 and over, new to the village or feeling lonely or if you have just retired and are feeling at a 'loose end' you will receive a warm and friendly welcome at any of our meetings.

The club would also be pleased to hear from anyone who could offer occasional help with the setting out and putting away of tables and chairs for our meetings or running their car to assist with transport for members who need lifts.

If you would like further information or would like to help in any way please contact Janet McCarthy on 890336 or Gill Powell on 890763.

We currently have 30 members with an average attendance of around 26. Meetings vary, with a wide range of speakers, craft, games and quiz sessions. Highlights this last include talks on the Grand Canal of China, Hearing Dogs and Elisabeth the Tudor. Also visits to Rockingham Castle, The Fabric Guild, Bicester Garden Centre, Rugby Theatre and the Icon.

We have a thriving craft group which meets on a Monday morning, In between working on their own projects the ladies have made numerous small outfits for premature baby units, dresses for the girls in 3rd world countries, various items for the craft stalls at the Church Fete and our latest project is a quilt to be raffled in aid of the Village Hall Car Park.

A small group meet once a month for a very “chatty” lunch in a local hostelry, and recently 3 of our members have volunteered at the Stop House on the Marina, meeting and greeting visitors.

This past year we have had 2 major fund raising events, a Jumble Sale and a Fashion Show.

Needless to say, we do make cakes occasionally , mainly for The Cynthia Spencer Hospice, the Church Fete and Braunston Show.

We are a very friendly group and welcome new members or visitors to any of our meetings. Why not come along and get to know us. We meet in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on the first Tuesday of the month.

Barbara Bury

Braunston WI

Skatepark Budget

Skateboard & Play Area Budget

Live grant applications

Daventry District Housing	£5,000
Daventry District Council	£15,000
Awards for All	£10,000
Northamptonshire Community Foundation	£10,000

Fundraising planned

Crowdfunding via Spacehive	£5,000
Braunston's Got Talent Night	£1,000

Funds received

Braunston Parish Council	£1,000
Empowering Councillors	£1,000

Braunston Playing Field Association	£3,260
Local fundraising	£1,740

Funds committed

Empowering Councillors	£2,000
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Loans

Public Works Loan c£20,000 (value dependent on grants outcome)	£20,000
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Total anticipated income	<u>£75,000</u>
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Project Costs

Skatepark £50,000 (average exc VAT) **	£50,000
Play area £25,000 (estimate)	£25,000

Total	<u>£75,000</u>
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Project to be administered by the Parish Council to enable VAT recovery