

Rural North Neighbourhood Council	Agenda Item 5
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CAPITAL BUDGET 2010/11 ALLOCATION

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S
FROM: Julie Rivett, Neighbourhood Manager North & West, Contact number: 864080
That this Neighbourhood Council: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Considers the proposals for allocation of the capital budget of £25,000 for 2010/11; 2. Approves which proposals will receive an allocation of the budget; 3. Agrees to a reduction in the individual allocations should the approved proposals exceed the £25,000 budget, to be determined by the Neighbourhood Manager.

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report sets out proposals for allocating the capital budget of £25,000 for 2010/11 for the Rural North Neighbourhood Council.

2. LINKS TO THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

- 2.1 Neighbourhood Councils should contribute across the full range of Sustainable Community Strategy priorities, which are:
- Creating opportunities – tackling inequalities
 - Creating strong and supportive communities
 - Creating the country's environment capital
 - Delivering substantial and sustainable growth

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Terms of Reference apply to all Neighbourhood Councils and Part 3, Section 3.13.12 stipulates the delegation of approving projects within it's allocated budget

Following a series of information gathering and consultative activities, a series of options have been discussed with councillors to determine the allocation of budget for the Neighbourhood Council in 2010/11. The following table sets out the detail of the final proposed list of allocations which members of the Council are now asked to consider.

The cost of each project is estimated

Creating Strong and Supportive Communities		£ (Estimated)
Purchase pool of equipment for community use	To increase the capacity for local communities to become involved in projects and volunteering activities such as Community Action Days, it is proposed to purchase high quality gardening, painting and litter picking equipment, including personal protective clothing.	£1000.00
Speed signs for Ufford	This is a contribution towards the purchase of two solar powered speed activated signs for Ufford Parish Council. This would help to calm traffic and make roads within the parish safer. A police survey has shown that over 60% of vehicles	£3000.00

	travelling through the village exceeded the 30mph limit and over 21% were travelling at over 40mph (Ufford Parish Council have already raised the other £5000 needed to purchase these)	
Barnack Pre-School	A new cedar wood structure for use as a new pre-school for the village. If this project is agreed any allocation of funds must be purely for capital expenditure and no further future revenue funding will be available.	£16000.00
Railings outside Bainton school bus stop	Installation of safety measures at the Bainton Bus Stop. This is to support the Parish Councils request for some safety measures to be in place at the Bus Stop in Bainton. The installation of railings may be a solution to this but further advice is required as to the most appropriate equipment	£5000.00
Street Lights for Glington	Glington Parish Council would like to have a street light installed at the bus shelter on Lincoln Rd at the southern end of the village. Parishioners have been asking for this for sometime as there is no lighting whatsoever in this well used area where a busy footpath to the eastern end of the village starts. As the electricity supply is too far away there is an opportunity to erect a solar powered light. This would also fit with the 'Green Glington' agenda	£2500.00
Creating the UK's Environment Capital		
Posts for protected verges in Barnack Ward	Four parishes in Barnack Ward wish to erect wooden posts on the verges on both sides of the roads at the outer limits of their protected verges: Barnack (Mill Road, Green Drift, Wittering Road, Wittering Ford Road) Ufford (Marholm Road, Langley Bush Road) Bainton and Ashton (High Field Road) Helpston (King Street, Ailsworth Road, Heath Road, Marholm Road)	£1017.70
Thorney and Milking Nook footpath forum	The footpath forum would like to take advantage of the 5-6m wide verge adjacent to the B1443, Thorney Road, to make a safe area for non vehicular road users to connect between Newborough & Milking Nook. This will be an 'improved verge' not a footpath. They have approached the North Level Drainage Board who own & manage this drain who are considering the request. The current issue with this 1km stretch is that it has drainage grips at regular intervals to remove the surface water from the road. These grips cause the surface to be uneven & once the grass is taller could cause a trip or fall, especially by a horse. The improved verge on the Deeping Road in Peakirk is now in action & the piping of these grips by the Highways Authority has been a major feature in its success.	£5000.00
Contribution towards noise monitoring equipment	This amount is requested as a 'pooled' contribution between all Neighbourhood Councils towards purchase of additional noise monitoring equipment for use by the Environmental Enforcement Team	£500.00
Contribution towards mature trees for new woodland	This is a request from the Eye Open Spaces group to fund some mature trees for their newly planted woodland Oak (Qty 20) Ash (Qty 3) Horn Beam (Qty 15) Filed Maple (Qty 11) We are awaiting clarification from Price Waterhouse Cooper that this can be considered capital spend. If this project is agreed by the Neighbourhood Council it will be subject to that confirmation.	£6298.00
Extension to Thorney Park footpath	At present a footpath skirts the park along its eastern flank linking the Wisbech Road with the	£8000.00

	<p>Woburn estate and housing at the eastern end of the village. This is a much used footpath but it does not connect to either the children's play area or the Abbey churchyard. The play area is very well used and a lot of people coming into the heart of the village use the route through the churchyard. Access to both the play area and churchyard means crossing the grassed areas of the park. Unfortunately in wet weather and in winter time this can be a very wet and boggy route to negotiate especially for young children on their bikes, parents with young children in pushchairs and for elderly pedestrians, sometimes with their shopping trolleys. Proposal is to have to a new footpath that links the existing footpath to the play area and the churchyard to make both these areas more readily accessible at all times of the year and no matter what the weather.</p>	
Total		£48,315.70

4. IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 This is the largest geographical area covered by any Neighbourhood Council and therefore any spend is unlikely to be able to benefit every village within the area. However, any equipment purchased through the pooled budget will be used across the area.

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The suggestions for spend have been made by elected ward Members and Parish Council Members. A consultation meeting with Members took place on 30 November to formulate a shortlist of projects. This shortlist is above and will be voted upon by elected Members in a formal process at the Neighbourhood Council meeting. Where there are any ongoing revenue costs, maintenance obligations or ongoing responsibilities for Peterborough City Council the projects have been planned in conjunction, and with the agreement of, the relevant teams

6. NEXT STEPS

- 6.1 If the proposals set out are agreed, the Neighbourhood Manager will be responsible for ensuring spend is allocated in a timely manner and in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations. A regular monitoring report will be provided for Members to be able to scrutinise progress and measure the impact of the investment.

7. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

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8. APPENDICES

- 8.1 N/A

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