

Rural North Neighbourhood Council	Agenda Item 3
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CAPITAL BUDGET 2010/11 ALLOCATION

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S
<p>FROM: Julie Rivett, Neighbourhood Manager North & West Contact number: 864080</p>
<p>That this Neighbourhood Council:</p> <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 amend the individual allocations should the sum of the approved proposals be over or under the £25,000 budget, to be determined by the Neighbourhood Manager in consultation with Ward Councillors

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 and the discussions at Rural North Neighbourhood Council on 13th December 2010, a series of options have been proposed by elected Members for Rural North 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

Barnack Ward		£ (Estimated)
Equipment for Helpston Community Association	This is to purchase some projection equipment for Helpston Community Association for use in the village hall.	£440.00
Purchase of grit bins	In conjunction with the Planning, Engineering and Transport team this money will purchase	£1,560.00

	four salt bins for Bainton and Barnack (two in each village). The purchase of the bins will be sponsored by the Neighbourhood Council but will be filled with salt as part of the City Councils ongoing maintenance. This will also assist with the condition of footpaths and roads. (Cost £340 per bin).	
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 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).	£3,000.00
<u>Eye and Thorney Ward</u>		£ (Estimated)
Play equipment	Small piece of play equipment for Thorney children's play area.	£500.00
Extension to Thorney Park footpath	Proposal is to have to a new footpath that links the existing footpath to the children's 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. 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.	£2,000.00
Equipment for the Skate Park	To purchase a new piece of equipment for the skate park at the rear of Eye Community Centre.	£2,500.00
<u>Glington and Wittering Ward</u>		£ (Estimated)
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.	£2,500.00
Traffic Calming Gateway for Wansford	To purchase some traffic calming gates, signage and markings for the Old Leicester Road.	£2,500.00
<u>Newborough Ward</u>		£ (Estimated)
Landscaping Work Guntons Road	Contribution towards improving the piece of land opposite the church on the west side of Guntons Rd Newborough for parking etc. This is landscaping work and is being planned in conjunction with the Drainage Board and the Highways team. Newborough Parish Council leads on this project and is funding the difference.	£1,666.00

Bus Shelter Decoy Road	A contribution to Newborough Parish Council to install a new bus shelter at the junction of Decoy Rd Milking Nook, Newborough. The parish council will be paying for the remainder.	£1,666.00
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. This is a contribution towards their project.	£1666.00
Northborough Ward		£ (Estimated)
Solar power light	Solar-powered streetlight which will be installed alongside the Maxey village play area. This will illuminate a footpath that's currently completely black at night. The light will be movement-detector operated, increasing safety and also reducing light pollution.	£2,500.00
Purchase of trees and shrubs for landscaping	A tree and shrub planting program for landscaping within and around Northborough village. This program will be planned and executed by Northborough Parish Council.	£2,500.00
Total		£25,000.00

4. IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 This is the largest geographical area covered by any Neighbourhood Council and each elected Member has proposed projects with the intention of sharing the budget as equitably as possible across the area

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The suggestions for spend have been made by elected ward Members and Parish Council Members. This shortlist is above and will be voted upon by elected Members in a formal process at the extraordinary meeting of the Rural North Neighbourhood Council on 25th January 2011. 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

- 7.1 N/A

8. APPENDICES

- 8.1 N/A