

## Saxilby Waterfront Funding Applications.

### Agenda Item 11

The Parish Council currently has two priority projects, both of which stem from community consultation in the Neighbourhood Plan (2017).

The regeneration of Saxilby Waterfront has been a long-term project of five years, as it is a complex project which involves changing the street scene and working with a number of stake holders to achieve improvements to the area which is classed as 'vulnerable' with Historic England.

There is a project plan which works alongside the masterplan for the area.

Each year the group agrees the priorities and identifies funding needed in-line with the masterplan.

In 2024, the priorities agreed were replacing the information boards, purchasing two new benches for the top towpath, commissioning and installing new artwork of the shoal of fish, and refurbishing the public toilets.

### **Funding**

- Grant funding from WLDC will go towards most of the cost of the shoal of fish artwork.
- There is possible sponsorship funding for two new benches.
- Funding applications for the refurbishment of the Public Toilets were identified but we were unsuccessful or ineligible. Approaching the refurbishment in smaller stages seems to be the next best plan and there are some sizeable funding pots to start to achieve this.
- Due to office capacity, our budget has not been confirmed, although much of it is ring-fenced funding and the rest made up from the community lottery, clothing bank, fund raising and grant applications. We need to take advantage of every funding opportunity as there are not that many that support heritage, community, and environment.
- Skipton Building Society Local Community Fund - We have now missed this opportunity to apply but they are changing the funding for 2024. We have been advised to put in an expression of interest to the local branch. If successful, then the funding will go towards our priorities for this year.
- King Charles III Charitable Funds: small grants programme - The current grant programme has now closed but will reopen at the end of the year.

### **Recommendation**

Due to the lengthy process of parish council funding approval, it can mean funding deadlines and funding is being missed. It is proposed that grant funding is agreed in principle for the identified projects above, and thus delegated to the clerk and reported back to council at the next meeting if the deadline is prior to the next council meeting.