

Feedback from meeting with Grant White, Communities Manager, WLDC on 8th October 2024 at 3pm

Grant White was due to attend as meeting at the community centre but was unable to attend and it was rearranged as a TEAMS meeting.

Present: Cllr Saunders and Cllr Hillman, Grant White
Laura Thompson, Admin in attendance for the first part of the meeting.

Background Neighbourhood Plan Funding

Criteria

The project must support the greater understanding of the need, requirements, or evidence for the delivery of a project for community benefit.

The project must align with an adopted Neighbourhood Plan or support the enhancement or review of an existing Neighbourhood Plan.

The project must demonstrate strong community benefit.

The project must be delivered within the district of West Lindsey or be able to demonstrate significant benefits to West Lindsey residents.

The project must not contravene any of our policies, procedures, or strategies.

The project must be able to secure other funding applied for (match funding).

All grants will be a one-off grant with no on-going funding commitment.

Positive outcomes and differences to the local community

The main aim of this fund is to help support the sustainable management of community spaces and enable projects that deliver investment and improvements in community infrastructure.

Here are some examples of outcomes your project could achieve:

- Increased understanding of the cost of a project.
- Increased resilience or business plans for managing community assets.
- Increased understanding of the impact, viability, or feasibility of a project.
- Increased understanding of design or architectural options.
- Improved organisational governance, structure, or sustainability.

Discussion

There was a discussion around Westcroft Green and a new play area which is a project in the Neighbourhood Plan 2017 (Project 3.3 Improve play facilities).

The funding is for setting up the project. It can go towards a professional design, surveys, consultants, play equipment design etc . This will be a report or information on how to achieve the project:

The maximum grant available is £10,000 and minimum £500 and they can fund up to 100 percent. There is a quick turn around of 1-2 weeks. Applications close March 2025.

Recommendations

To recommend to add to full council to consider agreeing for a grant application progress a new play area for Westcroft Green