

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY FEBRUARY 8TH 2022

Item 16. Applications from local organisations for a council grant.

Introduction

Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 gives the Council the power to “incur expenditure which in their opinion is in the interests of and will bring direct benefit to their area or any part of it or all or some of its inhabitants.....”. Section 137 was amended by the **Local Government and Housing Act 1989 s 36** so that any expenditure must be commensurate with the benefit to the community. The amount for 2021/22 is £8.41 per elector on April 1st 2021. The Parish of Copythorne has circa 2250 electors. Any expenditure under section 137 must be recorded in the minutes and identified as such in the accounts.

Included within the 2021/22 budget was a sum of £500 in respect of small grants to be awarded by the Parish Council to support the work of local organisations. The sum of £200 was awarded in July 2021, so there is still £300 of the budget to be awarded.

Since July, I have received one further application. Details of the application to be considered are set out below:-

Victim Support Hampshire & IoW (VS)

VS are seeking a non-specific sum to support their work with victims of crime.

In support of their application they have provided details of the type of support they provide and indicated that last year they supported 26 Copythorne residents. As an example of what a grant would cover, they have suggested (amongst other things) that £100 could purchase 20 fake CCTV cameras; 62 window alarms; 42 door handle alarms; or 62 personal alarms to aid victim's confidence to feel safer and find the strength to move forward after crime. A copy of the latest annual accounts for the national charity of which they are a part has also been received.

Recent Grant History

In March 2019, Council awarded VS a grant of £150

In February 2020, Council decided not to award VS a grant.

In February 2021, Council awarded VS a grant of £300 from the COVID funds received from NFDC

Summary

Councillors are invited to consider the merits of the above application, decide whether or not they wish to support it and if so to agree on the level of grant awarded (subject to the £300 remaining in the 2019/20 Council budget).

DAVID RIGBY, Clerk/R F O

January 31st 2022

GRANT APPLICATION FORM

I/We wish to apply for a Parish Council grant.

1. Name of organisation VICTIM SUPPORT
Address 21A HURSLEY ROAD CHANDOVERS FOLD HANTS SO53 2FS
Telephone Number 0800 178 1641 E-mail HIOW.AREAoffice@VICTIMsupport.org.uk
2. Person to contact concerning the application, if different from above
Name LISA JONES - SERVICE DELIVERY ASSISTANT
Address AS ABOVE
Telephone Number E-mail
3. Description of project and the needs it will serve (use separate sheet if necessary):
PLEASE SEE ATTACHED SHEET
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4. Estimated cost of project ONGOING
5. Proposed date of project ONGOING
6. Membership details: Adult (), Junior (), Family () in number N/A WE ARE NOT A
MEMBERS ORGANISATION
7. Finance: Please supply a copy of your latest audited accounts and balance sheet.

Signed Capacity SERVICE DELIVERY ASSISTANT Date 21/1/22

Victim Support additional information

3. Description of project and the needs it will serve. To purchase security items that we provide free of charge to victims and their families such as personal alarms and small security items for the home -dummy CCTV, window or door alarms to make people feel safer in their homes. This truly beneficial resource has such a positive impact on victim's recovery, we are seeking funding to continue this provision.

Victim Support offers free and confidential help to victims of crime, witnesses, their family and friends. We strive to deliver a local approach to our service – residents of Copythorne are supported by locally trained staff and volunteers ensuring a professional service with a local knowledge. Our trained volunteers offer someone to talk to in confidence, information on police and court procedures, practical items such as personal alarms and small security items for the home (dummy CCTV, window or door alarms to make people feel safer in their homes) and help in dealing with other organisations.

Residents supported via our community based service receive immediate emotional and practical support when they are contacted by our team. At this point we discuss how the crime has impacted the individual and what support we can provide to help that person cope and recover.

£100 could purchase 20 fake CCTV cameras, 62 window alarms or 42 door handle alarms that can help to make people feel safer in their homes. It could also purchase 62 personal alarms to aid victim's confidence to feel safer and find the strength to move forward after crime. This demonstrates what could be purchased but the final combination of items would be chosen to best reflect the needs of the victims we work with.

Last year we supported approximately 26 Copythorne residents and we would not expect this number to differ year on year.

Anyone can be affected by a crime, and it can be a very frightening and traumatic experience.

We're here to help you in this difficult time. We support hundreds of people every day to cope with the impact and effects of crime.

Here is what two of the people we've helped had to say about their experiences:

"Victim Support was there for me emotionally, answering all my questions, explaining every step of the way to me."

"Victim Support cared, and helped me through everything. I would not have made it this far without them."

How we can help

We are an independent charity offering free, confidential support to people affected by crime and traumatic incidents.

You do not have to report a crime to receive support from us. We can help in the following ways:

- Personal support with a specially trained person, in a way that works for you. Speak in confidence, ask questions and get advice and emotional support.
- Putting you in touch with other specialist help, services or support.
- Advice and support in applying for compensation or financial assistance if you are eligible. (You will need to report the crime to the police in order to apply.)

- Practical information and help to make you feel safer and be safer. In some areas, this can be help to secure your home.
- Information about reporting to the police, the criminal justice system and courts procedures. If you choose to report a crime, we can accompany and support you to do that.
- We know that crime affects the whole family. We offer support to everyone directly affected, and we help parents and carers to support children coping with the impact of crime.

Diversity matters and we value it

We are committed to supporting the needs of the diverse communities we serve. We can provide interpreters and information in alternative formats. If you have additional needs please let us know so we can put the right support in place.

How to get in touch

Our contact details are on the back cover of this leaflet. You can call us weeks, months or even years after a crime. We are always here to listen and help.

Visit **victimsupport.org.uk** for more information and to find services near you.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Consolidated statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 March 2020

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
		31.03.20	31.03.20	31.03.20	31.03.19	31.03.19	31.03.19
	Notes	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Income from:							
Charitable activities	2.1	25,349	11,488	36,837	23,899	11,467	35,366
Donation and legacies	2.2	52	180	232	544	45	589
Other trading activities	2.3	281	159	440	292	135	427
Investments	2.4	23	-	23	26	-	26
Other income	2.5	85	-	85	335	1	336
Total income		25,790	11,827	37,617	25,096	11,648	36,744
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	3.1	184	-	184	188	18	206
Charitable activities	3.2						
Service delivery		25,288	11,827	37,115	23,438	12,211	35,649
Victims' voice		510	-	510	375	-	375
Restructuring and development		1	-	1	23	-	23
Total charitable expenditure		25,799	11,827	37,626	23,836	12,211	36,047
Total expenditure before gains and losses on investments		25,983	11,827	37,810	24,024	12,229	36,253
Net gains/(losses) on investments		-	-	-	153	-	153
Net (expenditure)/income		(193)	-	(193)	1,225	(581)	644
Transfer between funds	16	(2)	2	-	6	(6)	-
Net movement in funds in the year		(195)	2	(193)	1,231	(587)	644
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward on 1 April		6,289	2,111	8,400	5,058	2,698	7,756
Total funds carried forward as at 31 March		6,094	2,113	8,207	6,289	2,111	8,400

BALANCE SHEET

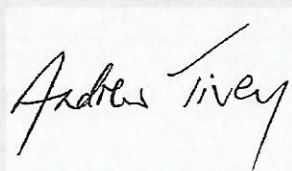
Balance sheet as at 31 March 2020

	Notes	Consolidated		Charity (2158780)	
		31.03.20 £000	31.03.19 £000	31.03.20 £000	31.03.19 £000
Tangible fixed assets					
Property, plant and equipment	8	1,070	1,639	1,070	1,639
Investments in subsidiaries	10.1	-	-	10	10
Total fixed assets		1,070	1,639	1,080	1,649
Current assets					
Debtors and prepayments	11	5,040	4,365	5,033	4,353
Cash at bank and in hand		5,877	6,638	5,866	6,634
Total current assets		10,917	11,003	10,899	10,987
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(3,377)	(3,850)	(3,367)	(3,843)
Net current assets		7,540	7,153	7,531	7,144
Provision for liabilities	14	(403)	(392)	(403)	(392)
Net assets		8,207	8,400	8,208	8,401
Funds					
Unrestricted funds	16	6,094	6,289	6,094	6,290
Restricted funds	16	2,113	2,111	2,114	2,111
Total share capital and funds		8,207	8,400	8,208	8,401

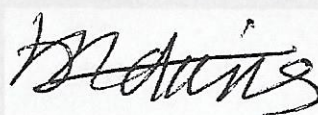
The deficit for the year of the parent charity was £193,000 (2018-19: surplus £649,000).

The notes on pages 44 to 53 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 4 September 2020 and were signed on its behalf by:



Andrew Tivey
Chair



Kathryn Adkins
Treasurer