

HEDGE END, WEST END AND BOTLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

Monday, 8 March 2021

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Report of the Local Area Manager

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee

- (1) Allocates £2,130 towards the funding of Friday Night Football sessions at Botley Recreation Ground;**
- (2) Allocates £2,000 towards the funding of Park Sport 2021;**
- (3) Allocates Developers' Contributions of £106,973.00 towards funding the development and delivery of a Business Support Initiatives Strategy for the local area;**
- (4) Allocates Developers' Contributions of £36,121.00 towards improvements at Berrywood Meadows, Hedge End;**
- (5) Allocates Developers' Contributions of £182,320.00 towards the masterplan proposals at Itchen Valley Country Park;**
- (6) Allocates the Developer's Contribution of £5,888.00 towards the public art project at Boorley Park and Boorley Gardens;**
- (7) Allocates the Developer's Contribution of £6,291.00 towards the West End Heritage Trail public art project;**
- (8) Allocates the Developer's Contributions of £1,800.00 for a defibrillator at Boorley Park;**
- (9) Allocates the Developers' Contributions of £13,201.00 towards electric vehicle charging points for Botley Village Centre;**
- (10) Allocates the Developer's Contribution of £1,830.00 as grant funding towards a new youth shelter at Little Hatts Recreation Ground;**
- (11) Approves the expenditure of £1,600 for 5 litter bins at Boorley Park from this Committee's revenue budget;**
- (12) Allocates the Developer's Contribution of £9,284.00 for car park barriers at Boorley Park;**

- (13) Approves expenditure of £5,500 from the Committee's revenue budget as a contribution towards the Young People's Wellbeing Service for 2021/22;
- (14) Approves expenditure of £5,985 from the Committee's revenue budget for 9 flower towers to be located in Hedge End, West End and Botley (HEWEB);
AND
- (15) Approves expenditure of £1,350 from the Committee's revenue reserves for 3 wildflower sites within HEWEB.

Summary

This report has been compiled following discussions with local stakeholders, local residents, councillors and specialist staff and it identifies projects which will meet local need. The recommendations are to be funded using a mixture of developers' contributions and this Committee's budget.

Statutory Powers

Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 i.e. the Local Authority's general power of competence, including the power to act for the benefit of its area or persons resident or present in its area

Strategic Implications

1. The identified projects will assist the Council in achieving its corporate aims. In particular, the Friday Night Football and Park Sport initiatives will help to Enable Healthier Lifestyles and Wellbeing as will the work of the Young People's Wellbeing Service.
2. The masterplan for Itchen Valley Country Park, the Berrywood Meadows project, the wildflower sites, the provision of electric car charging points and litter bins will Support an Excellent Environment.
3. The flower towers will Improve Town and Local and Centres and the economic development project in paragraphs 11 – 16 will Enable the Right Skills and Employment Mix.
4. All of the projects are in line with Local First as they reflect local need.

Friday Night Football

5. The Committee has previously provided funding for the Friday Night Football sessions at Botley based on a service level agreement with Botley Parish Council and the Borough Council's Health and Wellbeing team.

6. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 restrictions, it has only been possible to hold two sessions in this financial year. These were well attended by those aged 10 to 19.
7. It is hoped that these sessions can restart in the Spring/Summer 2021 and therefore the Committee is requested to formally approve the annual allocation of £2,130 from its revenue budget.

Park Sport

8. A report providing details of the Council's Park Sport 2020 has been circulated to councillors and this outlined how the programme of activities had been successfully adapted to accommodate the Covid-19 restrictions.
9. It is proposed that Park Sport 2021 will go ahead this Summer. It will be based on the same principles of free activities with a minimal booking fee.
10. Consequently, the Committee is requested to approve the allocation of £2,000 from its revenue budget for Park Sport 2021.

Business Support Initiatives

11. A meeting between One Horton Heath's Employment and Skills Manager and the Local Area Manager was recently held to discuss a strategy for identifying local employment needs. The discussion centred on how to create new initiatives especially those that would help to retrain and/or upskill people.
12. The effect of Covid was also considered and at this stage, the evidence is showing that the cohort most affected regarding employment, is the under 25s.
13. The Council is keen to devise its own corporate Business Support Initiatives strategy and this will provide a useful framework for the HEWEB project.
14. A team will be formed to represent HEWEB and this will include councillors and Council staff. The project will be scoped in line with the requirements of the Boorley Park Section 106 agreement, planning application number O/12/71514. This refers specifically to provision of "an (economic development) worker, training bursaries and start-up businesses in the local area."
15. It is suggested that the Local Area Committee receives regular updates concerning the progress of the HEWEB Strategy.
16. In order to fund this project, it is recommended that the following developers' contributions are allocated totalling £106,973.00: -

DCO/12/71514Bloor, Land to North & East of Boorley Green, Winchester Road, Botley Receipt Date:31/01/2019	7,634.14
DCO/12/71514Bovis Homes, Boorley Green, Winchester Rd, Botley Receipt Date:24/05/2016	5,903.69

DCO/12/71514Bovis, Land to North & East of Boorley Green, Winchester Road, Botley Receipt Date:06/12/2018	7,621.24
DCO/12/71514Linden Homes South re Land N & E of Boorley Green Receipt Date:16/11/2017	7,412.67
DCO/12/71514Linden Homes, Land to North & East of Boorley Green, Winchester Road, Botley Receipt Date:20/06/2019	7,698.73
O/12/71514Bloor, Land to North and East of Boorley Green Receipt Date:30/01/2020	7,872.27
DCO/12/71514Bloors, Land to North & East of Boorley Green, Botley Receipt Date:29/07/2020	7,919.54
O/12/71514Linden Homes South, North & East Boorley Green Receipt Date:18/08/2020	7,870.94
O/12/71514Bovis, Land to North & East of Boorley Green, Botley Receipt Date:01/10/2020	7,919.54
O/12/71514Bovis, Land to North and East of Boorley Green Receipt Date:19/10/2020	7,870.94
DCO/12/71514Bloor Homes Ltd, re Land @ Boorley Green, Winchester Rd, Botley Receipt Date:13/06/2016	7,413.39
DCO/12/71514Bloor Homes re Land N & E of Boorley Green Receipt Date:19/06/2017	7,488.12
DCO/12/71514Bovis Homes re Land N & E of Boorley Green Receipt Date:01/08/2017	7,466.49
DCO/12/71514Bovis Homes, Boorley Green, Winchester Rd, Botley Receipt Date:10/05/2016	1,520.19
DCO/12/71514Linden Homes, land at Boorley Green, Winchester Rd, Botley Receipt Date:06/10/2016	7,360.64

Berrywood Meadows, Hedge End

17. During the last two summers, residents have requested that part of the open space known locally as Berrywood Meadows, is maintained as an informal kickabout area for local children. This has also meant that the children do not need to cross main roads in order to access the nearest formal playing area at Dowd's Farm.
18. Berrywood Meadows is also popular with dog walkers and in addition, a wildflower meadow was created a few years ago.
19. With the new Deer Park School set to open this year with associated facilities nearby, it is recommended that an internal Council project to determine the use of the Berrywood Meadows with identified improvements would be very timely.
20. It is therefore recommended that the following developers' contributions are allocated to this project totalling £36,121.00

OSF/13/730845-9 Shamblehurst Lane South, Hedge End Receipt Date:03/08/2018	7,544.68
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OSF/13/730845-9 Shamblehurst Lane South, Hedge End Receipt Date:20/06/2018	7,551.47
OSF/13/73084Capital Homes,5-9 Shamblehurst Lane South, Hedge End Receipt Date:04/09/2018	7,539.74
OSF/13/73084Capital Homes,5-9 Shamblehurst Lane South, Hedge End Receipt Date:04/10/2018	7,535.11
OSF/13/73084Capital Homes,5-9 Shamblehurst Lane South, Hedge End Receipt Date:09/01/2019	5,950.04

Itchen Valley Country Park

21. As reported at the last Committee meeting, the masterplan for Itchen Valley Country Park is progressing well with proposals to enhance and expand the number and types of services offered at the Park. The aim is to increase visitor numbers and broaden the Park's appeal as a place to play, learn and relax.
22. In order to progress to the next stages of the masterplan, funding must be identified for this facility which is devolved to this Committee and therefore the following contributions are recommended for allocation totalling £182,320.00

OSF/15/77718Radian, Land at Hatch Farm, West End Receipt Date:17/04/2019	88,273.54
OSF/15/77718Radian, Land at Hatch Farm, North of Barbe Baker Ave., West End Receipt Date:08/08/2018	44,149.28
OSF/15/77718Radian, Land at Hatch Farm, North of Barbe Baker Ave., West End Receipt Date:27/09/2017	43,447.14
OSC/13/73461Mr W Natt, Marina, Romill Close, West End Receipt Date:27/02/2014	180.05
OSF/12/71727Foreman Homes, Kings Copse School, Hedge End Receipt Date:20/12/2012	73.73
OSC/13/73461Mr W Natt, Marina, Romill Close, West End Receipt Date:27/02/2014	11.09
OSF/10/68327First Wessex, The Haven, Heath House Lane, Hedge End Receipt Date:04/05/2011	0.50
OSF/12/71710Paris Smith LLP, Land r/o Havana, Landor & Clovelly, Kanes Hill, Southampton Receipt Date:31/10/2013	327.65
OSF/08/63432Mr and Mrs Watson, Land to rear of 21 Crows Nest Lane Botley Receipt Date:24/09/2008	1,956.55
OSF/12/71017First Wessex, Plot 112a Grange Park Mobile Homes, Shamblehurst Lane South, Hedge End Receipt Date:05/12/2012	1,361.81
OSF/12/71412Mr S Taylor (HGS Developments Ltd) 1 Charmwen Crescent, West End Receipt Date:28/11/2012	1,018.84
OSF/13/72357Mr & Mrs Marney, Oaklands Farm, Allington Lane, West End Receipt Date:05/06/2013	1,771.47

OSC/13/73461Mr W Natt, Marina, Romill Close, West End Recei Date:27/02/2014	98.08
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Public Art

23. The Committee has previously approved the allocation of £100,000 for the public art project at Boorley Park and Boorley Gardens. An additional developer's contribution has been received from the adjacent Braxells Farm development and it is therefore recommended that this is added to this existing Council project as the sum is relatively small and would not support a stand-alone project of any merit.

24. The developer's contribution is as follows: -

DCF/17/80382Imperial Homes South, Braxells Farm, Winchester Road, Botley Receipt Date:09/08/2018	5,888.01
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25. It is also recommended that the public art contribution from the Dog Kennel Farm development is added to funding for the West End Heritage Trail. The amount is of a similar value to the one from Braxells Farm and there is more value in adding this to a larger Council project.

26. The developer's contributions are as follows: -

DCF/14/74943Dog Kennel Farm & Land adj Telegraph Road, West End Receipt Date:12/06/2018	4,577.59
DCF/14/74943MSP Capital, Dog Kennel Farm & Land adj Telegraph Hill, West End Receipt Date:15/01/2019	847.03
F/14/74943MSP Capital, Dog Kennel Farm & Land adj Telegraph Hill, West End Receipt Date:11/03/2020	866.26

Defibrillator, Boorley Park

27. The Boorley Park development is progressing well with circa 650 dwellings now occupied. The community facilities are nearly complete and the transfer to the Council of the grass pitches, Multi Use Games Area and land for the play area is imminent.

28. With this increased activity it is recommended that a defibrillator is installed on one of the community buildings. This can be funded by allocating the following developers' contributions: -

DCF/15/76388Mrs S George, Land End House, Snakemoor Lane, Durley, Botley Receipt Date:27/10/2015	123.96
DCC/15/77172Ibex Land & Property, re Winchester Street,	1,404.00

Botley Receipt Date:30/09/2016 PART	
DCC/15/77172Ibex Land & Property, 21 Winchester Street, Botley Receipt Date:05/06/2017	271.51

Electric vehicle charging points, Botley

29. The Borough Council has commenced a project to install electric vehicle charging points in Eastleigh Town Centre initially.
30. Botley Parish Council has advocated the use of electric vehicle charging points and is very supportive of this initiative within Botley's village centre and possibly at Boorley Park.
31. A feasibility study will need to be carried out but it is recommended that the available developers' contributions totalling £13,201.28 below are allocated as a contribution towards this Borough Council project: -

TRC/10/68017Mr G Pusey, Hollybank Rest Home, 41 Winchester Street, Botley Receipt Date:04/01/2011	862.20
TRC/14/74099First Wessex, land adj 65 High Street, Botley Receipt Date:26/06/2014	4,861.03
TRF/11/69029Sparshatts of Botley Ltd, Broad Oak, Botley Receipt Date:14/09/2011	7,478.05

32. It is also recommended that a review of sites within Hedge End and West End is undertaken by Council staff, retailers and the respective Town and Parish Councils. A shortlist of locations for electric vehicle charging points will then be ready for consideration after the trial within Eastleigh Town Centre has concluded.

Little Hatts Recreation Ground, Botley

33. Little Hatts Recreation Ground is owned by Botley Parish Council. The Parish Clerk has confirmed that the "Chill Out" youth shelter needs replacing and upgrading.
34. The Committee has also identified this project as a high priority in its Community Investment Programme.
35. After a review of the available developers' contributions, the following has been identified to provide grant funding towards this project and it is recommended that this is allocated and paid to the Parish Council as follows: -

OSF/17/80382Imperial Homes South, Braxells Farm, Winchester Road, Botley Receipt Date:09/08/2018	1,829.54
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Litter bins for Boorley Park

36. Residents at Boorley Park have contacted their local councillors to raise issues about increased dog fouling at Boorley Park. Five areas have been identified which would benefit from the installation of litter bins which can be used for dog waste as well as general litter.
37. The Head of Direct Services is discussing these locations with the Developers of Boorley Park as currently the site is unadopted. The responsibility for ensuring that the bins are emptied would also be with the Developers currently.
38. The Local Area Manager has also asked for the portable dog fouling zone signage to be placed on the Estate.
39. The Committee is asked to approve the allocation of £1,600 from its revenue budget to fund these bins.

Boorley Park open space and community car parks

40. Due to the imminent transfer of the playing pitches and open space at Boorley Park, plans are being devised to restrict access to these areas. Bunding in the form of grass mounds around the perimeters is being recommended and these works can be carried out by the Council's Direct Services team. There is also a need to control the access to the car parks adjacent to the sports pavilion and the community centre.
41. Consequently it is recommended that funding for two barriers is approved using the following developer's contributions: -

DCC/15/77172lbex Land & Property, 21 Winchester Street, Botley Receipt Date:03/02/2017	5,345.00
DCC/15/77172lbex Land & Property, re Winchester Street, Botley Receipt Date:30/09/2016	3,939.00

Young People's Wellbeing Service

42. The Young People's Wellbeing Service (YPWS) incorporates the Teenage Drop-In Centre (TADIC) at Hedge End Medical Centre and Eastleigh Youth Counselling.
43. TADIC is a charity and it provides a confidential and accessible service for young people to empower them to make informed choices about their own physical, emotional and physical health.
44. The charity is governed by a Board of Trustees who oversee the service provided by a team of health specialists ranging from doctors, sexual health nurses and counsellors supported by an administration team.

45. The service has continued throughout 2020/21 and has involved telephone, online and face to face consultations. The majority of these consultations were about contraceptive advice.
46. A rolling 12 month service level agreement between this Committee, on behalf of Eastleigh Borough Council, Hedge End Town Council and the YPWS outlines the parameters of the service in return for funding of £11,000, This sum is divided equally between the 2 councils.
47. As part of this agreement, two half yearly reports highlighting usage of the service are compiled and forwarded by the YPWS to the two councils.
48. The report for April – September 2020 stated that there were 282 consultations with females accounting for 96% of this total. As in previous years, the majority of the clients were aged 17 -19 years old and 65% lived within the HEWEB area. There has been an increase in attendances by those living in the SO31 postcode area due to the closure of TADIC in Hamble.
49. Hedge End Town Council's Clerk has confirmed that the Town Council is going to support a further 12 month's funding, i.e., £5,500 from April 2021 to March 2022. It is therefore recommended that this Committee matches this funding arrangement.

Flower Towers

50. Traditionally 9 flower towers have been located in the 3 village/shopping centres across HEWEB. Last year these were reduced to 6, i.e., 2 in each centre due to delays with the delivery of the towers which was largely due to Covid and also a concern about available circulation space due to social distancing concerns within the centres.
51. The flower towers have been consistently well received by residents and business owners and therefore it is proposed that 9 towers are purchased from the Committee's revenue budget for installation in April through to September at a cost of £5,985.

Wildflower sites

52. 3 sites for wildflowers have been selected from the long list suggested by local councillors. These will be on the verges at Upper Northam Road, Midlands Estate/High Street and Kings Copse Avenue. These locations are all subject to approval by Hampshire County Council.
53. This project will be carried out by the Council's Streetscene team and the total cost should not exceed £1,350 which can be afforded from the Committee's revenue budget.

Financial Implications

54. All of the recommendations can be funded through the stated developers' contributions and the Committee's revenue budget as outlined.

Risk Assessment

55. If these recommendations are not supported, local need will not be met as these projects have been identified as high priorities by local stakeholders and residents. Therefore, there is also a reputational risk to consider if the funding is not approved.

Equality and Diversity Implications

56. The Equality Act is relevant to some of the decisions in this report because:
- We have due regard to Equality issues as the Friday Night Football and Park Sport projects have bespoke assessments. The Young People's Wellbeing Service is accessible by all despite the reports highlighting a high female usage. Six monthly reports are received by the Council which provides statistical evidence.
 - All of the Council's projects will be scoped in line with the approved project management documentation and processes which includes assessments of the equality and diversity implications.
 - Botley Parish Council will consider its own Equality Impact Assessment in relation to the new youth shelter although this is not expected to be too different to the existing compliant provision.

Climate Change and Environmental Implications

57. The proposed flower towers will be imported from the Netherlands as there are none that can be suitably sourced more locally. They will contribute to climate change through their production, transport, weekly watering throughout the summer and their eventual disposal.
58. The supply and upgrade of facilities in the locality will reduce the need to travel to other areas thereby potentially reducing car usage.
59. The masterplan at Itchen Valley Country Park is being designed to protect the environment and to promote ecology. The wildflowers will also improve the environment.
60. The electric vehicle charging points in Botley should help to promote the use of non - polluting vehicles and this will assist with improved air quality.
61. The provision of litter bins at Boorley Park will assist with maintaining a clean environment.

Conclusion

62. Councillors are requested to consider and approve the funding streams for the identified local projects.

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Appendices Attached: None

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - SECTION 100D

The following is a list of documents which disclose facts or matters on which this report or an important part of it is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. This list does not include any published works or documents which would disclose exempt or confidential information.

Background Papers:

April – September 2020 The Teenage Drop-In Centre, Hedge End Clinic
Park Sport 2020 annual report Eastleigh Borough Council