

Sevenoaks District Council

Big Community Fund

Application form

Sevenoaks District Council Community Services Department			
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1 Name of ward: Fawkham & West Kingsdown

2 Name of Member: Cllr Ian Bosley

3 Name of delivery organisation: West Kingsdown Parish Council

Address of delivery organisation: The Pavilion, London Road, West Kingsdown
TN15 6BZ

Name of the main contact who will be accountable for the delivery of the project:
Mrs Lynda Harrison, Parish Clerk

Telephone number of main contact: 01474 853286

4 Description of Project:

To facilitate the construction of a Buzz adiZone outdoor gym on the Gamecock Meadow, West Kingsdown, providing a free outdoor sports activity aimed at improving the health and sporting engagement across all age groups of the local community.

5 Total project cost: £ 55,000

How will the money be spent? To provide a free outdoor health, fitness and sports activity for local people of all ages

Contributions from other funders if applicable:

Application made to Sport England for £50,000

Amount requested from the SDC Big Community fund:

£ 3,000

6 Your community

How have you been able to involve the local community in planning this project?

West Kingsdown residents have been consulted widely on proposal for a new community building and this has shown an interest and need for local sports and healthy activities, accessed locally, without the need for transport out of the village.

7 What is the need for the project?

The Parish Council has identified the need for more and better sports facilities with a village Survey in 1993, updated in 2000, which gave a clear indication for better facilities. Further consultation in 2010 identified the need for a new village hall and improved sports facilities. The 2010 Sevenoaks District Health Inequalities Profile produced by NHS West Kent identified priorities for the more deprived wards of the District, which includes West Kingsdown and Fawkham:

Support local weight management programmes

Identify and reduce barriers for access to healthy diet and exercise programmes

Action is required to continue to promote mental health and well-being.]

Abn adiZone will help achieve all of these priorities.

8 Long term benefits

Please comment on the lasting effects of the project:

Improvement in health, well-being,, reduction of obesity and engaging a wider range of people in a healthy, sporting activity. The equipment will continue in use for many years with minimum maintenance and repairs.

9 The impact of your project

How will you know whether the project has been a success?

By monitoring usage by age groups and level of usage.

10 Ongoing costs

If there is an on-going need for maintenance or management of the project, who will be responsible and how will this be funded?

West Kingsdown Parish Council via the precept.

11 Supporting statement from the sponsoring Local Member:

Local people have shown that they are concerned and interested in improving their lifestyle and the support given to the weekly health walk has confirmed this. This outdoor gym equipment would provide a 24/7 opportunity for young and old, retired

and those in employment to access a free fitness regime.

Signed  (sponsoring Local Member)

12 Agreement of other Local Members that they are happy with the proposed project:

Signed  (Local Member)

Signed  (Local Member)

13 Declaration by project delivery organisation:

I confirm that my organisation will be responsible for the grant and the delivery of the above project and any on-going maintenance or management. I confirm that the organisation has an equalities policy or has signed the attached District Council's Equality Statement.

Signed  Date 16/9/11

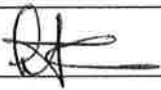
EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES STATEMENT

West Kingsdown Parish Council (Insert name of organisation) recognises that everyone has a contribution to make to our society and a right to equal treatment. We aim to ensure that no organisation or individual involved with our organisation will be discriminated against by our organisation on the grounds of:

- ❖ Race, colour, nationality, ethnic or national
- ❖ Sex, marital status or caring responsibility
- ❖ Sexuality
- ❖ Age
- ❖ Physical or mental disability or mental health
- ❖ Political belief or religion
- ❖ Class
- ❖ Health status
- ❖ Employment status

Please note that if you have an Equal Opportunities Policy you may prefer to enclose a copy instead of signing the Equal Opportunities Statement.

I confirm that my organisation is committed to equal opportunities

Signed (on behalf of the organisation)	
Designation:	Parish clerk.

West Kingsdown Parish Council

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1	Name of ward: Sevenoaks Northern
2	Name of Member: Matthew Dickins
3	<p>Name of delivery organisation: Greatness Residents' Association (GRA)</p> <p>Address of delivery organisation: 17 Mill Lane, Sevenoaks, TN14 5BU</p> <p>Name of the main contact who will be accountable for the delivery of the project: Karen Hilson (Secretary to the GRA)</p> <p>Telephone number of main contact: 07850 848 201</p>
4	<p>Description of Project:</p> <p>Following on from the great success of the Mill Pond regeneration scheme by the GRA, we are keen to ensure the area remains a wildlife hotspot and a beautiful place to relax. As such it is important the site has litter bins so that those who walk past or enjoy a picnic there may dispose of their rubbish in a responsible manner.</p> <p>Cllr. Dickins and the GRA are keen that the proposed bins be wooden so that they fit in with the oak decking, fence and benches. It is universally felt that the standard black SDC bins would clash with the surroundings and reduce the attractiveness of the area.</p> <p>Quotes were obtained but the final choice of design was made by the community through the GRA, in consultation with Direct Services and Cllr. Dickins.</p> <p>E-scape Landscape Architects were chosen to supply the bins - as it happens, they were the contractors who regenerated the area. Direct Services have agreed to install them which ensures the GRA do not require planning permission - which would be required were another contractor to install them. SDC have agreed to their being installed on what is SDC land.</p>
5	<p>Total project cost: £ 1068</p> <p>How will the money be spent?</p> <p>Comprised of (per bin and excl. VAT)...</p> <p>SDC Direct Services Installation - £95</p> <p>Bin from Polebrook Oak, supplied by E-scape Landscape Architects - £350 (incl. del.)</p>

PER BIN EXCL. VAT = £445
PER BIN INCL. VAT = £534
TOTAL COST = £1068

Contributions from other funders if applicable:

N/A

Amount requested from the SDC Big Community fund:

£ 1068

6 Your community

How have you been able to involve the local community in planning this project?

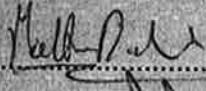
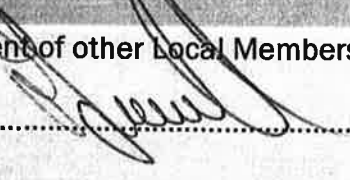

The possibility on installing bins was first raised at the Greatness Big Lunch in June and was discussed with the many residents who took a tour round the site that day. Ultimately the project has been led by local residents through the GRA. Cllr. Dickins discussed the idea with residents at GRA events and found universal support for the application.

7 What is the need for the project?

Some may well consider that litter bins are not a particularly exciting proposal, however given the footfall at the site (figures unknown however one need only visit the site to see people of all ages visit at all hours) a couple of litter bins are greatly needed. Unfortunately the area is already strewn with litter by those passing by or just sitting on the benches.

Bins are provided at the Greatness Recreation Ground however these are too far away - we believe that the only way to encourage people to use bins is if they are close by. A bin at each end of the ponds would ensure complete coverage.

The GRA has funds for a team (already contracted) to remove litter and generally maintain the Mill Ponds for two years. The remainder of their balance acts as a reserve and/or as a fund to develop other projects. The GRA is not for profit, none of it's committee members are paid by the association.

8	<p>Long term benefits</p> <p>Please comment on the lasting effects of the project:</p> <p>Not only will the area benefit from being clean and attractive, the reduction in litter will help the area develop further as a wildlife haven.</p>
9	<p>The impact of your project</p> <p>How will you know whether the project has been a success?</p> <p>The project will have been a success if there is a reduction in the level of litter found in the plants, paths, ponds and surrounding area.</p>
10	<p>Ongoing costs</p> <p>If there is an on-going need for maintenance or management of the project, who will be responsible and how will this be funded?</p> <p>It has been agreed that the cost of emptying the bins will be absorbed by SDC. If any other authority (STC, for example) takes over ownership of the site, they would need to negotiate collection charges with Direct Services. The GRA is happy for SDC to be the owners of the bins.</p>
11	<p>Supporting statement from the sponsoring Local Member:</p> <p>This is a fantastic opportunity to support a community led initiative which will ensure the site remains clean and tidy. The oak bins proposed will sit in harmony with the surrounding landscape and not detract from the aesthetic of the landscape.</p> <p>Signed  (sponsoring Local Member)</p>
12	<p>Agreement of other Local Members that they are happy with the proposed project:</p> <p>Signed  (Local Member)</p> <p>Signed (Local Member)</p>
13	<p>Declaration by project delivery organisation:</p> <p>I confirm that my organisation will be responsible for the grant and the delivery of the above project and any on-going maintenance or management. I confirm that the organisation has an equalities policy or has signed the attached District Council's Equality Statement.</p> <p>Signed  Date 29/9/11</p>

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1	Name of ward: Brasted
2	Name of Member: Anna Firth / Robert Piper
3	Name of delivery organisation: Brasted Parish Council Address of delivery organisation: c/o Southwood Cottage, Puddledock Lane, Toys Hill, Westerham, Kent TN16 1PY Name of the main contact who will be accountable for the delivery of the project: Jonathan Hardey Telephone number of main contact: 07767 215275
4	Description of Project: Resurfacing and upgrading of the Brasted Tennis Courts to become Multi Purpose Courts.
5	Total project cost: £ 14000 How will the money be spent? The money would include: 1. A full re-surface of the courts to include all preparation, 2. A specialist macadam which is a multi use macadam that will tolerate the rigours of tennis, five-a-side, basketball, netball, etc. 3. Full colour coating and lines, This would give the Club another 12 - 14 years excellent playing courts and the opportunity to offer new activities to local residents, schools and organisations.. Contributions from other funders if applicable: Brasted Parish Council: £4250 Brasted Tennis Club: £3750 Probable sources of outstanding monies:

- Application to Sport England being prepared: £3000
- Donation from Brasted Fete: £1000+
- Local fundraising as necessary

Amount requested from the SDC Big Community fund:

£ 3000

6 Your community

How have you been able to involve the local community in planning this project?

Yes - in fact the Brasted Tennis Club approached the Recreation Ground & Open Spaces Committee to initiate this. Brasted Parish Council has been discussing this proposal for several years and numerous representations have been made by local residents through the Recreation Ground & Open Spaces Committee as well as at Parish Council meetings.

Brasted Lawn Tennis Club have actively supported this project and assisted in obtaining advice and quotes. Their commitment to the project is evident in their contribution of £3750.

7 What is the need for the project?

The tennis courts are currently a free facility used on a regular basis by residents of Brasted and surrounding parishes. The Brasted Lawn Tennis Club have regular bookings which generate a small income for the Parish.

The tennis courts are in the formation of a block of two and measure approx. 35m x 31m. They are at least 25 years old and perhaps a good deal more. The surface of the courts is extremely pitted. The kerb line is falling away in many parts with holes and depressions against the kerb line in many parts. There is also a good deal of moss in various parts of the courts.

The reason for the pitted nature of the surface is that the life of this particular surface in a club situation is 12 - 14 years. After that point the bitumen binder which is the glue that holds all the macadam together starts to break down. This is a progressive situation and results in the courts becoming increasingly gritty.

Although the courts were swept a little time ago to make them safe to play on due to the amount of grit on the surface, more loose grit is already evident underfoot. To all intents and purposes for good tennis the courts are at the end of their life.

The Brasted Tennis Club currently use the courts 4 mornings (about 9-10 hours) a week and some of the members also play on them at other times. The courts are also used by the public and we regularly see parents with children, young people and adults playing.

The Tennis Club has members living in Seal, Otford, Biggin Hill, Edenbridge, Westerham, Crockham Hill, Chipstead, Sundridge, Hayes, Orpington and Brasted. The membership is mainly mature players who enjoy this opportunity to actively participate in sport although they are concerned that less fit players may have safety issues on these courts in their present state. There is one tennis court in Westerham (no club as far as we are aware). The nearest other tennis clubs are at Crockham Hill, Chipstead and Knockholt but none of these are multi purpose courts.

The courts are also used on a casual basis by young people in the area and provision of coaching and new activities would be a positive focus for the young community. There is also regular use of the recreation ground by local football clubs and this facility would offer them additional options for 5-a-side.

The courts are currently not used by the school (1.4 miles distant) as they have use of other closer facilities however would consider using new facilities, especially as they already have an allotment on the site. There is a planned opening of a Montessori Nursery in the Pavilion in early 2012. This would be an excellent facility for the children when the ground is muddy as well as a year round opportunity to play ball games and use outdoor toys such as tricycles and pedal cars.

The courts are at present of a low standard and are therefore not conducive for playing serious tennis or other sports. However, when they are resurfaced they will be far more attractive and will therefore attract more activity.

8 Long term benefits

Please comment on the lasting effects of the project:

Brasted Parish Council hopes that upgrading of the courts will:

- ensure continued access to current users of the Tennis Courts
- increase use of the courts by other local sports clubs
- offer opportunities for a range of sports by schools, local clubs and organisations
- encourage more young people to actively participate in new sports
- provide opportunities for local families and residents to meet and enjoy activities.

9 The impact of your project

How will you know whether the project has been a success?

Success will be measured by:

- increase in casual use of the courts
- increase in bookings for the courts
- establishment of regular teaching and coaching sessions

10 Ongoing costs

If there is an on-going need for maintenance or management of the project, who will be responsible and how will this be funded?

Brasted Parish Council will include maintenance in its yearly budget.

They currently manage the Tennis Courts and this would continue..

The Parish Council will also provide equipment on the court for a range of sports (i.e. tennis/netball/volleyball nets, basketball hoops).

11 Supporting statement from the sponsoring Local Member:

This has been a long-standing need discussed by various village groups for a number of years. The Courts are an important village amenity and even in their present rather dilapidated state they are well used by the Brasted tennis club and various other residents. It is very important that they are maintained in good condition so that they remain attractive, up-to-date and also safe for existing and potential users. Updating them to multi-use courts would be a great permanent addition to the village and would also enable the tennis club to attract more members, hopefully from across the generations. Since they are situated right next to Brasted Pavilion which has good facilities for making refreshments etc were the courts in better order and/or multi-purpose it would strengthen the local community as it would be possible to run Charity tennis tournaments and/or host matches against neighbouring clubs and/or establish a youth netball or volleyball club for the many families with school aged children living in the area. The Parish Council is still recovering from a difficult financial episode not of its own making, hence the parish finances do not allow for such a big expense in full at the present time.

Signed *Anna Firth* (sponsoring Local Member)

12 Agreement of other Local Members that they are happy with the proposed project:

Signed *James Gordon* (Local Member)

Signed *[Signature]* (Local Member)

13 Declaration by project delivery organisation:

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Signed *[Signature]* Date *1-10-11*