

Meeting of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and Rural England Prosperity Fund Board



**SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL**

Tuesday, 25 April 2023, 3.00 pm

Committee Members present

Councillor Ashley Baxter
Councillor Kelham Cooke
Councillor Helen Crawford
Councillor Philip Knowles
Councillor Judy Stevens
Councillor Adam Stokes
Councillor Sarah Trotter

Other Members present

Councillor Charmaine Morgan

Officers

Nicola McCoy-Brown, Director of Growth
and Culture (Deputy Monitoring Officer)
Alison Hall-Wright, Assistant Director of
Finance (Deputy Section 151 Officer)
Jon Hinde, Head of Economic
Development
Rebekah Sadovnikov, Programme
Support Officer
James Welbourn, Democratic Services
Manager

30. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Nikki Manterfield, Annie Mason and Paul Wood.

31. Declarations of Interests

Councillor Ashley Baxter declared a non-pecuniary interest as he was the County Councillor for Deepings West and Rural; this did not preclude him from taking part in, or voting on applications that concerned this area.

Councillor Kelham Cooke declared a non-pecuniary interest as he was the County Councillor for Stamford East; this did not preclude him from taking part in, or voting on applications that concerned this area.

Councillor Adam Stokes declared a non-pecuniary interest as he was the County Councillor for Grantham South; this did not preclude him from taking part in, or voting on applications that concerned this area.

32. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

Members questioned whether a table of decisions that was produced by the Communications department could be included in future minutes.

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 March 2023 were confirmed as a correct record.

It was highlighted that the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 14 April 2023 did not contain a record that one member joined remotely via Microsoft Teams; the minutes would be amended to reflect this attendance.

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 April 2023 were confirmed as a correct record. Councillor Ashley Baxter requested that his vote against the minutes, due to the financial information attached to the applications not being included, was recorded

33. Exclusion of the Public and Press

Members moved, seconded and **AGREED** to exclude the public and press under paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 due to the likely discussion of sensitive financial information within the submission to the South Kesteven Prosperity Fund.

Councillor Ashley Baxter requested that his vote against moving into private session be recorded.

34. Applications to South Kesteven Prosperity Fund

Members were given an update on the number of applications that had so far been endorsed (17). Local authorities had been granted permission by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) to roll over funding from year 1 into year 2.

In addition to the applications within the pack, a further 7 applications submitted to the fund had been deemed ineligible at this stage by officers. One application within the reports pack from Harrowby United FC was not eligible at this stage.

Members considered a number of applications to the South Kesteven Prosperity Fund:

Rippingale Jubilee Playing Field Fund

This was an application for building, green space and outdoor improvements at Rippingale Jubilee Playing Field.

The application was proposed, seconded and **AGREED**.

Carlby Village Hall

Members had received three applications from Carlby Village Hall for building improvements (solar panels), additional chairs, and replacement heaters and lighting.

The following information was raised during debate:

- Consideration needed to be given to whether it was right that there could be multiple applications for different projects from one organisation.
- The whole of the District should get an opportunity to bid for works.
- The feeling amongst members was that the amount for extra chairs could be raised from parish council funds and elsewhere.

The application for extra chairs was moved and seconded, but following a vote, the motion was **REFUSED**.

The applications for building improvements and replacement heaters and lighting were separately proposed, seconded and **AGREED**.

Tallington Parish Council

This was an application to repair and restore 430 metres of footpaths through the Millennium Green that were in the ownership of Tallington Parish Council.

The application was proposed, seconded and **AGREED**, subject to a compliant procurement process being followed.

Tallington Village Hall and Playing Field Association (1)

This was an application to replace three sets of wooden play equipment, for children of the village and surrounding area.

The application was moved, seconded and **AGREED**.

Tallington Village Hall and Playing Field Association (2)

This was an application to repair and restore boundary walls.

It was moved, seconded and agreed to **DEFER** the application for more information.

Great Ponton Parish Council

This was an application to develop an area called Hope Paddock and provide outdoor gym equipment and children's play equipment combined with extra seating facilities.

It was moved, seconded and agreed to **DEFER** the application for a breakdown of costs.

Fulbeck Village Hall and Playing Field Committee

This was an application for a new café/bar area with seating within the Village Hall.

The application was moved, seconded and **AGREED**.

Grantham Alive Church

This was an application to extend a project which aimed to reduce loneliness and isolation within the Grantham Afghan Community, in addition to funding for roof repairs.

It was confirmed that the procurement limit imposed by DLUHC (which required three separate quotes for work) was £2,500. There was an amount of match funding available in this application.

The application was moved, seconded and **AGREED**.

Harrowby United FC

This was an application for a full works of refurbishment within the changing rooms on Harrowby Lane.

Presently, the building was not under the ownership of Harrowby United, and therefore the application could not move forward until this transfer of ownership took place.

It was moved, and seconded to **AGREE** this application, subject to Harrowby United taking over the lease to the property.

Baston Village Hall, Brudenell Playing Fields

This was an application for a replacement see-saw and swing.

It was clarified that DLUHC procurement rules required the applicant to obtain three quotes for work, if over the financial threshold.

The application was moved, seconded and **AGREED**.

St. Andrew's Church, Billingborough

This was an application to restore the church clock.

The application was moved, seconded and **AGREED**.

Frank Newbon Community Projects, Stamford

This was an application to improve the outdoor gym and provide additional equipment on Stamford Recreation Ground.

The application was moved, seconded and **AGREED**.

Barrowby Parish Council

This was an application for more robust flooring at the Sports Pavilion in Barrowby.

The application was moved, seconded and **AGREED**.

Londonthorpe and Harrowby Without Parish Council

This was an application to 'Wooden Trim Trail' equipment with a new metal version.

Officers confirmed that although the rules around UK Shared Prosperity Funding were set by the Government, the Board itself could set some local rules around the ringfenced 'Community Fund'.

The application was moved, seconded and **AGREED**.

Rob Dawson Memorial Trust, Corby Glen

This was an application for loft insulation at a local Hall within Corby Glen. The Hall was used mainly by a pre-school, but it was also used for other community events.

The application was moved, seconded and **AGREED**.

Burton le Coggles Parish Meeting

This was an application for landscaping of a green space outside the Village Hall to include a play area for children, and a community space for social gatherings.

The application was moved, seconded and **AGREED**.

Claypole Village Hall

This was an application for a replacement projector, an electrician to assist with cabling, the cinema licence for 2023/2024, 10 x Blu-ray discs and a new catering fridge to be used for the local cinema club, who charged a membership fee of £10 per person and £25 per family. Drinks and snacks would be sold at events for a small fee, although equally members could bring their own food.

The application was moved, seconded and **AGREED**.

Uffington Parish Council

This was an application for a new village notice board to be placed at a new location on Parish Council land.

The application was moved, seconded and **AGREED**.

Irnham Parish Council

This was an application for a new village sign that would incorporate the Coronation of King Charles III.

The application was moved, seconded and **AGREED**.

Stamford Diversity Group

This was an application for a music concert in a deprived area of Stamford.

The application was moved, seconded and **AGREED**.

Church of the Ascension, Grantham

This was an application for a replacement heater in the community hall within the Church. The hall had been used by a wide range of different ages within the local community.

The money within the application would be classed as revenue, due to the amount.

The application was moved, seconded and **AGREED**.

Benedict Blythe Foundation, Stamford

This application was for funding a schedule of local workshops, including storytelling, creative arts and resources creation.

Further information on this application was provided, through discussion:

- Much of the activity would take place through schools. A breakdown of the schools involved could be provided to members.
- This event could be something that the Council could support and work with in the future.

The application was moved, seconded and **AGREED**.

Denton Village Hall Community Group

This was an application for new hand washing and water boiling facilities, to replace the current system which was deemed dangerous and inefficient.

The application was moved, seconded and **AGREED**.

Friends of Stamford Station

This was an application for information boards and directional signs to assist visitors to find the town centre and associated amenities.

There was discussion around whether the Council was the right organisation to fund the work, rather than Stamford Town Council, or Network Rail.

Following discussion, the application was moved, seconded and **AGREED**.

St. James' Church, Castle Bytham

This was an application for the repair and cleaning of the village war memorial base.

There had been no consultation with the village on this work, although it was deemed unlikely that there would be a feeling against the work being done, with their being a strong military connection in the District.

The application was moved, seconded and **AGREED**.

Colsterworth Nature Trail

This was an application for a specialist tree survey to prioritise and identify trees that needed felling.

The application was moved, seconded and **AGREED**.

The Thorold Arms Community Benefit Society

This was an application for electricity monitoring equipment to help correlate solar PV generation with usage to justify battery purchase and installation.

The application was moved, seconded and **AGREED**.

Barholm and Stowe Parish Meeting

This was an application for a new defibrillator box to replace a faulty unit.

The application was moved, seconded and **AGREED**.

Colsterworth Festival of Performing Arts

This was an application for a 25th anniversary concert to celebrate current and past performers and to showcase local talent. The funding would cover the hire costs.

The application was moved, seconded and **AGREED**.

Hougham and Marston Village Hall

This was an application for two metal signs to warn against exercising dogs on the playing fields.

The application was moved, seconded and **AGREED**.

35. Any other business which the Chairman, by reason of special circumstances decides is urgent

The Chairman thanked everyone for their participation, and highlighted a number of areas to consider ahead of the next meeting:

- A review of the terms of reference
- A review of the application form used by community groups
- Assistance with those groups making applications
- A review of Board membership
- A review of how the Board, and the Local Economic Forum work together

The meeting closed at 5:13pm.