

Community Chest Application Summary 2019/2020

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Local Authority	SEBC
Organisation	Stradishall Village Review Group – working with Stradishall Parish Council
Amount Requested	£19,052 (2019-2020)
Total Project Cost	£27,852
Match Funding	Suffolk County Council locality funding £750 - secured Stradishall Parish Council £3,050 – secured Fields in Trust – Active Spaces grant £5,000 – pending In kind – admin and back office functions provided by the Parish Clerk.
Partnerships	Stradishall Parish Council, Highpoint Residents Association.

Overview

Stradishall Village Review Group was launched in 2016 to promote community cohesion and address issues raised in the village review, which was sponsored by the Parish Council. It works for the benefit of the whole village. A huge community fundraising campaign, led by the Parish Council, last year saw the residents of Stradishall raise £25,000 to buy the playing field and safeguard its future. The campaign brought the community together and fostered a sense of community pride.

The success of the playing field campaign inspired the Village Review Group to build community cohesion through family-oriented events and to improve the facilities on the playing field. The aim is to create a welcoming, safe, community space where residents of all ages can meet, exercise and enjoy themselves. Stradishall is a split village with the Highpoint Estate being separated by the busy B1063. This project will provide the opportunity for both part of the community to come together. Stradishall Village Review Group, with the support of the Parish Council, would now like to start phase 2 of its playing field project.

Outputs

- 450 people will benefit from the project.
- New play equipment
- Outdoor gym equipment
- New seating
- Fenced off car park

Outcomes

- A safe place. Improving the facilities will provide a safe haven for residents of all ages to enjoy the playing field's rural setting.
- Providing adult gym equipment will provide people with an opportunity to keep fit outdoors at their own pace and in their own time.
- Providing outdoor gym equipment, improved play facilities and outdoor seating will help to tackle rural isolation and give people a place to meet up and to get to know one another.

- Encouraging agency. People will be much more able to take control of their own health and fitness if it is made easy for them and if facilities are available locally.
- It will show residents that their contributions to the village review have been noted, valued and addressed thus promoting community confidence.

Finances

Income for last financial year - £27,198

Expenditure for last financial year - £32,083

Reserves

£7,403

Request breakdown

Equipment and Resources (height restrictor, play equipment, gym equipment)

- £27,852

Staff and Overheads will be covered by the parish council

Previous Community Chest funding

N/A

RIGS grant for purchase of playing field - £7,500

Locality funding for purchase of playing field - £1,000

Officer comments

Supported by 1 families and communities officer



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St Edmundsbury Borough Council Community Chest Grant Application Form Part A

Community Chest funding supports voluntary and community groups who make a contribution to improving the quality of life for people in West Suffolk. The information you provide will help us consider your application. If you have any questions, please give us a call on 01284 757077. Before completing this form, we ask you to please read the guidelines, which are available on:

<http://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/community/community-grants.cfm>

Please return your completed, signed form and supplementary documents to:
families.communities@westsuffolk.gov.uk.

Please Note: This form is for applications to the St Edmundsbury Borough Council Community Chest grants scheme. If you wish to apply to Forest Heath District Council the Forest Heath form can be found on the Community Grants page above. If you wish to apply to both councils, you will need to complete a separate form for each, clearly stating how your activity will benefit the area.

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1. Contact Details

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Contact Person 1 (main contact)		Contact person 2	
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Position in organisation	Parish Clerk	Position in organisation	Member of the Stradishall Village Review Group and of the Parish Council
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Address if different to organisation’s		Address if different to organisation’s	
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Postcode		Postcode	CB8 8YP
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2. About your organisation

2.1. Which local authority area(s) does your organisation currently work in?

St Edmundsbury

2.2. What type of organisation are you? (please check the relevant box)

Registered charity <input type="checkbox"/>	Charity number:
Applying for charitable status <input type="checkbox"/>	
Company limited by guarantee <input type="checkbox"/>	Company number:
Community Interest Company <input type="checkbox"/>	
Part of a larger regional or national charity (Please state which one) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Constituted Community Group <input type="checkbox"/>	
Social Enterprise <input type="checkbox"/>	What type?:
Other (Please specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Village Review Group – set up under the auspices of Stradishall Parish Council

2.3. How many people are currently involved in your organisation?

Trustees		Management Board	
Management team		Service users	
Full Time paid staff / workers		Volunteers and helpers (non-management)	8
Part Time paid staff / workers	1		

When did your organisation start? 2016 Year

2.4. What is the purpose of your organisation?

Please briefly describe why your organisation was set up, its aims and objectives, what activities it carries out and who primarily benefits.

Stradishall Village Review Group was launched in 2016 to promote community cohesion and address issues raised in the village review, which was sponsored by the Parish Council. It works for the benefit of the whole village.

Stradishall is a small rural village with no community facilities beyond its church and playing field. It is a split village between the main linear village, bi-sected by the busy B1063, and Highpoint Estate two miles down the A143. After the demolition of the dilapidated village hall 12 years ago, Stradishall community spirit dwindled as residents rarely had the opportunity to meet and chat. The church needs major repairs while at the time of the review, Greene King, owners of the playing field wanted to sell it and property developers had expressed an interest in building on the land.

A huge community fundraising campaign, led by the Parish Council, last year saw the residents of Stradishall raise £25,000 to buy the playing field and safeguard its future. The campaign brought the community together and fostered a sense of community pride. The celebration event was enjoyed by residents from across the village – some of whom had never previously met. The success of the playing field campaign inspired the Village Review Group to build community cohesion through family-oriented events and to improve the facilities on the playing field. The aim is to create a welcoming, safe, community space where residents of all ages can meet, exercise and enjoy themselves.

Last year the Village Review Group bought a robust, large marquee for events effectively to act as a temporary village hall. This summer the group arranged children's games and a treasure trail to support the Church Flower Festival and a very popular family barbecue and party sponsored by the parish council.

Maximum 300 words

- 2.5. What was your organisation's total income for last financial year?
(your branch if part of a larger organisation)
- 2.6. What was your organisation's total expenditure for last financial year?
(your branch if part of a larger organisation)
- 2.7. Does your organisation have more than six months running costs?
(your branch if part of a larger organisation)
- 2.8. What are your organisation's current unrestricted reserves or savings?
(your branch if part of a larger organisation)

3. About Your Project

- 3.1. What do you want the funding for? Please be specific. Please note that 'project' is meant to describe the project for which you are seeking funding, and not your organisation. Please include outputs (what you will deliver).

Stradishall Village Review Group, with the support of the Parish Council, would now like to start phase 2 of its playing field project. The Review Group wants to update the existing play equipment and provide some adult gym equipment and seating.

The recent annual play inspection report highlighted a number of defects which indicated that the wooden play structures will need to be replaced in the next two years. The equipment also needs updating to make it more exciting and relevant for the children in the village.

Before purchasing the playing field, Stradishall Parish Council carried out a village review. For the section about the playing field: 69% of those who responded were aged 30 or more and 62% said they would use outdoor gym equipment if it were provided. An outdoor gym would be a perfect opportunity for residents to get fit whilst enjoying being outside. The playing field would become a place for residents to meet up to use the equipment or set off on a dog walk.

An integral part of the project is to fence off an area of the playing field to provide car parking. The population of Stradishall is approximately 450 but the village is spread over a wide area with no safe walking routes between the centre of Stradishall village and Highpoint Estate. Car parking is needed to enable all residents to access the playing field, use the gym equipment, meet and socialise with others as there is very limited parking on the residential road leading to the playing field.

Maximum 300 words

- 3.2. How does your project contribute towards the Council's Families and Communities Strategy and Families and Communities Approach? Please refer to guidance and reference both in your answer.

Element 1 – a safe place. The playing field is away from any roads and is fenced off making it a safe place for people to meet. It is a beautiful setting in a peaceful location and it is hoped that improving the facilities will provide a safe haven for residents of all ages to enjoy the playing field's rural setting.

Element 2 – recognising individuals – providing adult gym equipment will provide people with an opportunity to keep fit outdoors at their own pace and in their own time. The range of equipment chosen will cater for all ages and abilities.

Element 3 – understanding relationships. Feedback from the village review indicated that people do want to get to know other people in their community. Providing outdoor gym equipment, improved play facilities and outdoor seating will help to tackle rural isolation and give people a place to meet up and to get to know one another.

Element 4 – encouraging agency. Keeping fit in a rural village is much more difficult than in a town, particularly if there is no village hall. Walking is possible, but for other forms of exercise residents would need to drive to a neighbouring village or to one of the bigger centres of Haverhill or Bury St Edmunds which are over 8 miles away. People will be much more able to take control of their own health and fitness if it is made easy for them and if facilities are available locally.

Element 5 – developing vision. Stradishall Village Review Group in conjunction with Parish Council has a clear vision of the positive changes that needs to be made to improve the quality of life of residents. It will show residents that their contributions to the village review have been noted, valued and addressed thus promoting community confidence.

Maximum 300 words

- 3.3. How many people will benefit from your project (on a weekly, monthly or annual basis) and how? Please include outcomes (how your project will benefit the people who are involved in it) and how you will collect evidence of this.

The project will benefit all the residents of Stradishall and any visitors, so at least 450 people. Once the equipment is installed we will carry out a survey to find out how many people actually use the equipment and the impact it has had on them.

We are also hoping to organise some outreach activities such as a bootcamp on the playing field for example with Abbeycroft Leisure or Fit Villages to widen the benefits.

Maximum 300 words

- 3.4. Are you working with any other organisations/groups on this project? Yes / No

If yes, please state the names of these organisations/groups and the nature of the relationship.

As stated previously the Village Review Group is working with the Parish Council on this project. The Parish Clerk attends the Village Review Group meetings and provides administrative support and guidance. The nature of the relationship is supportive with the Parish Council acting on feedback from the Village Review Group and moving actions forwards.

HERA (The Highpoint Resident's Association) has also been consulted as engaging with the residents of the Highpoint Estate is an important part of this project.

Maximum 150 words

3.5. What evidence do you have that there is a need for this project? Please include sources of evidence, including any public/user /community consultation and research you have carried out.

Stradishall Parish Council carried out a Village Review Survey in 2016. Support for improving the facilities on the playing field was very strong. An analysis of the feedback received is available. An Action Plan was produced based on the feedback. One of the actions was to improve the facilities on the playing field. The campaign to buy the playing field saw almost every household in the village participate.

Maximum 200 words

3.6. How has the project been developed out of the community's desire to improve the lives of local people? What role have users and/or the community had in developing this project?

The whole project developed as a result of feedback from the Village Review which indicated that there was a desire within the community to improve Stradishall as a place to live. The decision by Greene King to sell the playing field provided the impetus to kick start the project as the village had to raise the money in a short length of time. This involved a huge community effort and the purchase would not have succeeded without the support of residents. We would now like to build on this community support by providing facilities which will meet the needs of the community and which reflect their wishes. Setting up the Village Review Group has been crucial in involving other people in the community and ensuring that it is a community project. Residents are updated regularly about the project via the village newsletter, the Parish Council website and the Stradishall Community Facebook page.

Maximum 200 words

4. Timescales and sustainability

4.1. When will your project start and end? (the period for which you are asking the Council for funding)

Start date End date

4.2. If this is an ongoing project, how will it be funded and supported after the end of the grant period?

The Paris Council will undertake, through its precept, to insure and maintain the equipment.

Maximum 150 words

5. Funding request and budget

5.1. Which years are you applying for funding for? Please delete as applicable

2019/2020

5.2. What is the total cost of the project? (project costs only, not for your whole organisation and not just the funding you are requesting)

£27,852

5.3. Please provide a full breakdown of the total cost of this project, including VAT if applicable. Please only include direct expenditure for this project.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<p>Staff and volunteers (including roles, hourly rates, NI/tax contributions and expenses where applicable)</p> <p>Admin will be carried out by our parish clerk as part of her normal role so there will be no additional cost.</p>	
<p>Overheads (including items such as venue/office costs, utilities, back office services, insurance)</p> <p>The Parish Council will meet the cost of any back office services.</p>	

Equipment and resources	
Provision and installation of height restrictor with 2.5m clearance, 4 m span and retaining existing gate at the entrance to the playing field.	£1,600
Provision and installation of play equipment and gym equipment from Sovereign	£26,252
Other	
Total	£27,852

5.4. Please provide a full breakdown of all other funding you have secured for this project.

Item	Amount
Funding already secured (please detail funders, amounts and funding periods individually)	
Suffolk County Council locality funding	£750
Stradishall Parish Council - money allocated in 2018/19 budget	£775
Stradishall Parish Council - money allocated in 2018/19 budget	£775
Stradishall Parish Council – use of reserves	£1,500
Total	£3,800

5.5. What other funders have you applied to for this project but have not yet had a decision from?

Funder	Amount requested	Decision timescale
Fields in Trust – Active Spaces grant	£5,000 £	Three months

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Please note: If there is any shortfall once we know the outcome of the Active Spaces Grant application and this one, we will investigate other possible grants, for example a Havebury grant or the Suffolk Rural Fund.

5.6. Please provide a full breakdown of all in-kind support* you have secured for this project.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Volunteer contributions (including estimated hours given and roles) Volunteer hours for Village Review Group to date (attending meetings)	10 per person in the 8-person group
Equipment and resources (please itemise) Photocopying etc	Funded by the Parish Council
Other	
Total	£

*In-kind support is assistance and items you would normally expect to pay for, but which you are getting for free, such as volunteer hours or a free venue. You might find it useful to give volunteer hours a value, such as the minimum wage, or higher if you have volunteers with particular expertise it would be expensive to pay for.

5.6. How much funding are you applying to us for?

2019/20 £19,052 **2020/21** £

5.7. What other grants and contracts has your organisation received over the past three years from either Forest Heath District Council or St Edmundsbury Borough Council?

Funding Source	Amount (£)	Reason for funding
RIGS grant from St Edmundsbury Borough Council	£7,500	Purchase of playing field
SEBC Locality funding from Jeremy Farthing	£1,000	Purchase of playing field
Total:	£8,500	

Thank you for completing Part A of the form. Please continue to part B.

