

## Grant to Barrington Parish Council (Executive Decision)

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### Purpose of the Report

Councillors are asked to consider the awarding of a grant of £1,638 towards the costs of purchasing and installing outdoor fitness equipment on the recreation field adjoining Barrington Village Hall.

### Public Interest

Barrington Parish Council has applied to the Area North community grants programme for financial assistance with the purchase and installation of outdoor fitness equipment on the village recreation field. The project budget also makes provision for a fitness trainer to be available when the equipment is newly installed, to encourage people to learn how to use the equipment correctly and how this will help their fitness.

The application has been assessed by the Neighbourhood Development Officer who has submitted this report to enable the Area North Committee to make an informed decision about the application.

### Recommendation

That Councillors consider the application for a grant of £1,638 to Barrington Parish Council, the grant to be allocated from the Area North capital programme and subject to SSDC standard conditions for community grants (appendix A).

### Application Details

Name of applicant:	Barrington Parish Council
Project:	Outdoor Gym for Barrington
Total project cost:	£11,486
Amount requested from SSDC:	£1,638 (14%)
Recommended special conditions:	For the Parish Council to adopt a safeguarding policy
Application assessed by:	Mary Ostler

### Community Grants Assessment Score

The table below shows the grant scoring for this application. Applications must meet the minimum score of 22 to be considered for SSDC funding under Community Grants policies.

Category	Actual score	Maximum score possible
A Eligibility	Y	Y/N
B Equalities Impact	4	7
C Need for project	4	5
D Capacity of organisation	15	15
E Financial need	7	7
F Innovation	3	3
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>37</b>

## Background

The idea for the project began when a group of young people attended Parish Council in 2016 to say that they had out-grown the children's play area and wanted to ask the Parish Council to help provide some outdoor fitness equipment for the village. Councillors were very supportive as they felt it fulfilled many different aims for the community, for health and well-being and social activity for all ages.

A working group was set up consisting of a councillor, the parish clerk, three young people and two parents, to look into what could be achieved and to fund-raise. A grant of £1000 was offered by the Parish Council to get the fund-raising underway.

## Parish information

<b>Parish*</b>	<b>Barrington</b>
<b>Parish population</b>	<b>438</b>
<b>No. of dwellings</b>	<b>213</b>

\*Taken from the 2011 census profile

## The project

The project group plans to install a range of equipment that is available all the time, to cater for everyone across all age groups. The group visited Kingsbury Episcopi in November 2016 to see the outdoor fitness equipment there, to help work out what was needed for Barrington and to discuss fund-raising.

The project has been active since March 2017 and has communicated regularly with villagers through village magazines, noticeboards and website; the Barrington village Facebook page and by attending the monthly community coffee morning to raise both funds and awareness. People have shown their enthusiasm for the project by providing ideas and suggestions as well as taking part in fund-raising.

Following advice from SSDC's Play & Youth Facilities Officer, the project group plans to have a fitness trainer available when the equipment is newly installed, to encourage people to learn how to use it correctly and how this can help fitness.

The Parish Council have agreed to fund on-going inspection and maintenance of the equipment and inspections will be carried out at the same time as the playground equipment.

The group has raised funds by holding a raffle and games at the community coffee morning, making and selling Easter eggs and applying for and receiving a £2000 grant from the Police Commissioners Fund. A 'Forty Five 4 Fitness' event took place which raised £553 and involved more than 30 villagers of all ages either running, walking or cycling a route round the village for 45 minutes.

There has been huge support and enthusiasm locally for the project.

## Project costs

<b>Project costs</b>	<b>Cost £</b>
7 x items of Outdoor Fitness Equipment including installation & flooring	10,736
Training sessions to teach people how to use the equipment	750
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,486</b>

## Funding plan

Funding source	Amount £
Parish Council	1,000
Project group fund-raising	808
Avon & Somerset Police	2,000
Big Lottery Awards for All	5,000
Tesco - Bags for Help	1,000
Hedge-cutting contribution	40
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,848</b>

## Financial Implications

The balance in the Local Priority Projects – enhancing facilities and services budget - is £34,304. If the recommended grant of £1,638 is awarded, £32,666 will remain. The Area North Capital Programme also has an uncommitted balance of £154,655.

## Council Plan Implications

The project supports:  
Focus Five: Health and Communities

## Area North Priorities

Self-help and Community Facilities.

## Carbon Emissions and Climate Change Implications

People who are fit and healthy are more likely to travel by bicycle or on foot with subsequent reductions in carbon emissions from car use.

## Equality and Diversity Implications

The project will provide for people across all age and interest groups in the local community

## Background Papers

None

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