

Grant Application

Introduction

Clipstone Parish Council has a grant budget of £15,000 for the 2023-2024 financial year. To date the following grants have been awarded:

Clipstone Allotments Little Diggers	£250
Clipstone Colts Football Club	£500
Clipstone Football Club	£1,000
Clipstone Miners Welfare Community Trust (for the Youth Club)	£10,000
1st Clipstone Scout Group	£2,300
Total Grant Funding Awarded	£14,050
Remaining Grant Budget	£950

An application for funding has been received from the Clipstone and Forest Town Royal British Legion.

Background and Grant Application details

Clipstone and Forest Town Royal British Legion are seeking a grant of £131.12 to fund the purchase of materials for the installation of low-level railings to surround Clipstone war memorial, located in the grounds of the Clipstone Miners Welfare Trust.

Low-level railings similar to those at the war memorial at St Albans Church Forest Town have been requested by local ex-service personnel to prevent memorial wreaths (which the community of Clipstone lays on remembrance Sunday) being blown onto the bowling green, carpark and surrounding areas. The following photo displays the Forest Town war memorial low-level railings which protect memorial wreaths once they have been placed.



Clipstone and Forest Town Royal British Legion have gained consent for the installation of low-level railings from the Clipstone Miners Welfare Trust on whose ground the Clipstone war memorial is located.

The grant request is to fund the supply of materials only. The Clipstone and Forest Town Royal British Legion branch have engaged the support of West Notts College for the railings to be made by fabrication students. The installation of the railings would be conducted by members of Clipstone and Forest Town Royal British Legion.

The Royal British Legion Charity rules do not permit spending on war memorials; however, Parish Councils have the power to maintain, repair, protect and adapt war memorials within War Memorials (Local Authorities' Power) Act 1923, s.1.

A redacted grant application form supports this report.

Summary

The Clipstone and Forest Town Royal British Legion grant application satisfies the criteria of Clipstone Parish Councils Grant Aid policy.

There are sufficient funds in the 2023- 2024 grant budget to approve this grant application.

Council has the legal power to spend its income to maintain, repair, protect and adapt war memorials.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Council approve the grant application request.