

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE

9 JULY 2019

Title:

FUNDING REQUEST – ALFOLD SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

**[Portfolio Holder: Cllr David Beaman
[Wards Affected: Alfold]**

Summary and purpose:

This report proposes to allocate funding from Waverley's capital receipts towards a project to improve Alfold Sports & Social Club.

How this report relates to the Council's Corporate Priorities:

People – this project will actively engage our social sporting customers and identify their future needs as clubs. Supporting the health and well being of our residents by ensuring sporting and social opportunities exists for all.

Prosperity – the funding of this project seeks to use easement funds allocated towards communities and sporting facilities, maximizing the use of Council funds.

Financial Implications:

The costs and funding of this project is set out in the report.

Legal Implications:

There are no direct legal implications associated with this report.

Background

1. Alfold has seen some significant housing developments in the local area and as a result some of the community facilities in existence need to be enhanced to meet this additional need. Following Executive approval, Waverley Borough Council received a financial sum from a housing development in Alfold for its interest in some adjacent land required for access. The majority of this sum will contribute to Waverley's overall capital programmes but this report proposes that a relatively small proportion is allocated to improve local facilities in Alfold. This project covers two organisations which cater for the needs of the Young and Elderly both in sport, leisure and community well being. Alfold Parish Council is supportive and the proposed scheme has been developed following several meetings with members of the Sports and Social club. The Club will be managing the project governance.

2. Alfold Village Hall was built in 1963. It was the culmination of considerable local fundraising, and the physical hard work of the community. Over the past 53 years, the village Hall has continued to flourish. In 2005 the hall was extended, the kitchen enlarged and a small meeting room built and the toilets were refurbished. The hall is structurally sound, but as the years go by, the fixtures and fittings are becoming tired and worn. Fundraising takes place, but the amount raised is generally small, and the upgrades and replacements are beyond their reach. The carpet requires replacing, and new tables and chairs are urgently needed. The stage curtains are at the end of their useful life, and the car park is inadequate to cope with the demand to park. The purchase of parking strips will allow for this parking, and help protect the grass. The ovens in the kitchen need replacing as they are inefficient, and hand driers in the building would be both more efficient in financial terms, but also more hygienic.
3. These necessary improvements will allow the hall to be fit for purpose for the future, and will ensure that the facilities are used extensively for future generations as they are now.
4. Alfold Sports and Social Club has been serving the community for over 40 years. The facilities support sporting activity to football, cricket, tennis, stoolball and darts, as well as providing an environment for social events. The club house was last updated many years ago. The carpets are worn and ripped in many places being held in place with tape, and the curtains which were made by a local resident, are still in use some 30 years later.
5. The club house requires the ceiling to be removed, and old wiring to be removed or replaced. The club needs insulating to be more efficient. The general electrics need to be brought up to current standards, and the plumbing system needs to be upgraded to be able to cope with the current demands. The curtains, chairs and tables need replacing, and in addition some alterations are required to make better use of the building. The existing beam needs to be removed so a larger opening can be created. With the installation of folding doors, it will enable the club to be split into two, maximising its potential use. Walls need plastering, skirting and floor screed will make the facilities outstanding, and upgrades to the existing kitchen facilities.
6. Finance Implications:

Estimated Costs	2018/2019
Village Hall	£18,200
Alfold Sports & Social Club	£55,500
Total	£73,700

Funding	
Alfold Community	£12,500
WBC Easement	£61,200
Total	£73,700

Recommendation

That the Executive agrees to support Alfold Sports & Social Club in their bid to improve facilities for the young and old of their community, releasing funding from the capital receipt that Waverley was paid for an easement on land in Alfold.

Background Papers

There are no background papers (as defined by Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) relating to this report.

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