

## RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Agenda Item No.

meeting date: 26 MARCH 2013  
title: MONITORING REPORT ON VILLAGE AMENITIES GRANTS  
submitted by: CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
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### 1 PURPOSE

1.1 This report provides Committee with a progress report on the projects approved through the village amenities grant to allow further consideration of any underspend that may occur.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- Community Objectives – The grant programme will support a broad range of community objectives set out in the Community Strategy.
- Corporate Priorities – This grant programme supports the Council's priorities to sustain a strong and prosperous Ribble Valley, to help make peoples lives safer and healthier and to protect and enhance the existing environmental quality of the area.
- Other Considerations – N/A

### 2 BACKGROUND

2.1 A report was taken to Committee on 25 September 2012 to provide information on the allocation of village amenities grants made available through the Council Tax income on Second Homes/Performance Reward Grant Monies.

2.2 21 applications were approved which totalled £116,224.

2.3 It was agreed that projects progress and evidence of matched funding will be monitored on a regular basis and reported back to committee.

### 3 ISSUES

3.1 Members will recall that the deadline for projects to claim the grant funding offered to them was April 2013.

3.2 At the time of this report being written most projects have provided anticipated end dates prior to or by the end of April 2013. However, given the individual nature of some of these projects there is always the possibility that the anticipated completion date will not be met and they will subsequently be looking at claiming funding beyond April 2013.

3.3 Details of progress of individual projects are contained in Appendix 1. Of the £116,224 offered to projects through this grant scheme £40,050 has been claimed to date thus leaving a potential slippage of £76,174 beyond April 2013.

3.4 In some cases projects have required phased payments to ensure delivery. This has been agreed in all relevant cases and part invoices accepted in accordance with the Council's financial regulations and terms of the grant to help projects wherever possible.

#### 4 RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:

- Resources – Funding for the award of grants is in place. There is an ongoing staff resource needed to ensure proper use of the grant scheme.
- Technical, Environmental and Legal – Issues here depend on the particular nature of each grant.
- Political – No implications identified.
- Reputation – No implications identified.
- Equality & Diversity – No implications identified.

#### 5 **RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE**

5.1 Confirm that where projects are making progress but are likely to complete beyond April 2013 that an additional 6-month period in which to claim their grant funding will be accepted.

5.2 Ask the Chief Executive to keep this Committee informed of progress.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

#### BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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REF: MR/EL/260313/P&F

## Village Amenities Grant

Applicant Number	Name of Group/Project	Description of Project	Anticipated end date	Amount originally offered	Final grant received to date/Part payment made	Underspend	Reason for project delay
1	Bashall Eaves Village Hall	Installation of a new door, storage cupboard and internal works to the hall	ASAP	£5,600	£0.00	£5,600.00	Internal works complete. Waiting for the weather to improve to begin the exterior works
2	Balderstone Church and Primary School	Provision of a community car park at St Leonards Church, Balderstone	Jul-13	£10,000	£0.00	£10,000.00	Bad weather delaying the project start
3	Dinckley Parish Meeting	Planting of a wood and provision of benches at Dinckley Bridge	Apr-13	£1,000	£0.00	£1,000.00	Bad weather delaying the project at present. Hope to complete in Spring.
4	Knowle Green Village Hall	Upgrade of the sound system at Knowle Green Village Hall	Apr-13	£500	£0.00	£500.00	Fundraising being carried out to raise the shortfall to allow the project to complete in full.
5	Grindleton Pavillion	Development of second phase of the Grindleton Pavillion project	COMPLETE	£10,000	£10,000.00	£0.00	COMPLETE
6	Dunsop Bridge Village Hall	Replacement of Kitchen at Dunsop Bridge Village Hall	May-13	£7,234	£6,974.40	£259.60	Kitchen flooring to complete which will be done shortly

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7	Slaidburn Village Hall	Purchase of new projector	COMPLETE	£500	£500.00	£0.00	COMPLETE
8	Read United Reformed Church	Replacement Lighting	COMPLETE	£1,900	£1,900.00	£0.00	COMPLETE
9	Wilpshire Methodist Church	Replacement Insulation	COMPLETE	£5,000	£5,000.00	£0.00	COMPLETE
10	Salesbury Memorial Hlal	Feasibility Study/structural and condition survey	COMPLETE	£500	£500.00	£0.00	COMPLETE
11	Bolton by Bowland Village Hall	Restoration of Kirk Beck Wall	ASAP	£7,500	£0.00	£7,500.00	Planning permission received. Some issues over ownership.
12	Gisburn Festival Hall	Insulation and refurbishment of the hall	Jun-13	£10,000	£0.00	£10,000.00	The project has only recently secured the match funding required so this has delayed the start date slightly.
13	Newton in Bowland Village Hall	Energy improvements to the village hall	Mar-13	£10,000	£0.00	£10,000.00	Awaiting progress update.

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14	Little Green Bus Company	Purchase of a new bus	Mar-13	£2,500	£0.00	£2,500.00	Ongoing fundraising to subsidise the remaining amount needed to purchase the bus
15	Queen Elizabeth II Playing Fields	Provision of MUGA, youth Shelter & Green Gym	Sep-13	£10,000	£0.00	£10,000.00	Complex project awaiting details of match funding. Have indicated that project completion will be by September 2013
16	Ribchester Playing Fields Trust	Replacement of timber stanchions to support the childrens play area	COMPLETE	£5,000	£5,000.00	£0.00	COMPLETE
17	St Johns Church Read	Purchase and fitting of a new sound system	COMPLETE	£4,990	£4,990.00	£0.00	COMPLETE
18	Ribchester Village Hall	New toilet facilities and kitchen in Ribchester Parochial Hall	Jul-13	£10,000	£0.00	£10,000.00	Awaiting confirmation on match funding
19	Longridge Social Enterprise Company	Refurbishment of toilets	COMPLETE	£2,500	£2,500.00	£0.00	COMPLETE
20	Chipping First Responders	Purchase of community defibrillator	ASAP	£1,500	£0.00	£1,500.00	Awaiting invoice

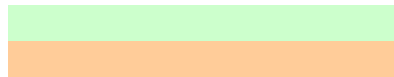
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21	Pendleton Village Hall	Roofing Project	May-13	£10,000	£2,685.60	£7,314.40	Work partially completed. Expected to be completed in in the next couple of months but is in some ways weather dependant.

**Total**

**£116,224**

**£40,050.00**

**£76,174.00**



Payment complete  
Part payment made