

**Date:** 07 October 2021

**Title:** Report Item 7 – Council Grant scheme

**By:** K Larkin (Parish Clerk)

**Purpose:** To report on applications received to date

**Recommendation:** a) To consider an application from the Cricket Club  
b) To consider an application from the Parish Magazine  
c) To consider an application from the Bowls Club

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## 1. Introduction and Budgetary Provision

The parish council at their meeting on 29 July 2021 resolved to re-launch their grant scheme in 2021/22 to assist village organisations and locally based charities in starting up again after the lockdown, and with other suitable projects. The parish council has set aside a budget of £2,000 for donations in 2021/22, and a sum of £1,047 remains (the council's Charity of the Year is one of several beneficiaries that have already been paid).

No time limit has been placed on applications, and it is anticipated that some applications will come in during the autumn.

Three applications have been received for consideration at the October council meeting, and are detailed below.

## 2. East Dean and Friston Cricket Club

A grant of £650 is requested, to be matched by a further £650 to be raised by the club. The application states that 'A repaired cricket net and the addition of a bowling machine will dramatically increase the capacity of the club to offer training and practice facilities to both members and non-members alike. These additional facilities will also help the club to both attract new and retain existing members. EDFCC was able to attract 52 5 - 11 year olds to the club this summer for All Stars and Dynamos and these proposed improved facilities will help us in our efforts to retain these young people within the club's developing Youth cricket offering. EDFCC intends to raise funds to match any grant provided by the Parish Council.' A copy of the full application is attached to this report (Annex A).

## 3. Parish Magazine

A grant of £400 is requested, though a grant of any size will be welcome. The magazine has suffered a loss of advertising revenue during the lockdown, which included one month when no publication was possible. Some regular advertising has been lost as advertisers are now suffering themselves and the editors are reluctant to raise the fees charged for carrying adverts.

#### **4. The Bowling Club**

The Club states that it is looking to the council for general financial assistance to help it to continue as a viable village organisation. Its main income is normally from subscriptions, but it has been very limited in its activities for two years, so this source of income has considerably diminished. It has cut costs where it can, but some unavoidable costs have increased. The Club requests whatever assistance the council is willing to provide.