

REQUEST FOR “EXCEPTIONAL CASE” CAPITAL GRANTS

Organisation	Leybourne Parish Council
Project	Upgrade Village Hall Toilets
Cost	£11,850
Grant requested	£6,500 <i>The applicant did not specify a grant sum. Using the section 136 special works project grant formula gives a sum of £6,177. Figure above is rounded up to the nearest £500.</i>
Details	The disabled toilet is not compliant with DDA regulations, and the main hall toilets do not comply with current health and safety legislation with particular regard to the number of young children who use the village hall.
Officer's Comments	Chief Leisure Officer: It is important that the village hall has fully accessible toilets that are to an appropriate standard to enable the facility to be hired by the local community for a wide range of activities.
Local Member Comments	Cllr Brian Luker I am in favour of this project, but would like to see more than one set of quotes for the work. Cllr Sandra Luck I support this scheme, but would like to see more than one set of quotes for the work.

Organisation	Snodland Town Council
Project	Refurbishment of All Weather Training Area
Cost	£35,952
Grant requested	£9,000 <i>The applicant applied for £8,988 being 25% of estimated cost. Figure rounded up to the nearest £500</i>
Details	Refurbishment of all weather training area including, re-surfacing, re-lining, repairs to fencing, overhaul of floodlighting and improving access for disabled people. The project should be considered as exceptional because without these works the facility may need to close, resulting in the loss of a valued amenity serving a population of approx 10,000, for whom there are no local alternatives. The Town Council has set aside £5,000 for this project and will start work, which should take about 3 weeks, as soon as funding is secured.
Officer's Comments	Chief Leisure Officer: The Snodland All Weather Pitch is a valuable local sports facility in terms of both casual use and structured club use. The repair and refurbishment work included in the application is needed urgently if the Town Council is to recover the pitch's former usage, and to develop new users/activities. The application is considered to be exceptional on health and safety

	<p>grounds and is supported.</p> <p>Director of Planning and Transportation I believe there are special circumstances in this case which would be 'exceptional' in view of the strict test we should be applying to such applications.</p>
Local Member Comments	<p>Cllr David Keeley I support this project. The training area is in continuous use throughout the year for people of all ages. The health and safety aspect comes to mind especially when young children play on it. The surface is very rough and if one falls it can be quite painful with small pieces being lodged in the skin etc.</p> <p>Cllr Anne Moloney I am fully supportive of this application.</p> <p>The All weather pitch is a valuable asset to the sporting facilities in Snodland and it would be a great loss if it were unable to continue to offer the facilities so greatly valued. The pitch is in relatively poor condition and the added improvement to the existing facility, of access for the disabled would be a great benefit.</p>