

HARTLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Date	8 Jan 2019
Agenda Item No	10
Title	New Homes Bonus Community Legacy Grant.
B a c k g r o u n d	<p>When we carried out consultation for the Parish Plan, parking, particularly at the top of Inn Lane by the shops and at the bottom of Inn Lane, was considered a major issue for residents and was subsequently placed as a high priority on the Parish Improvement Plan.</p> <p>In conjunction with possible parking restrictions Council decided to pursue the idea of purchasing land to develop as community car parks.</p> <p>Two pieces of land were identified, named for these purposes as Plot 1 and Plot 2, and a feasibility study was undertaken and presented to Council.</p> <p>It was agreed to pursue this matter further and two Expressions of Interest for £100k each were submitted to Wychavon under their newly launched Community Legacy Grant Scheme. As agreed by Council priority was given to Plot 2.</p> <p>Wychavon responded immediately stating that the expressions of interest met with the criteria of the scheme and asked the Parish Council to submit one full application for £200k. The deadline for that application is 18 January 2019.</p> <p>A condition of this award is that consultation on the use of the money has to be undertaken. Notices were therefore placed in the Parish Magazine and in the Post Office. Leaflets were distributed to all homes in Hartlebury. All response to the idea has been positive. Only one alternative suggestion was put forward which we may be able to explore through a different avenue, but which in any case, would not have met with the criteria for this specific funding.</p> <p>Severn Waste had expressed that they would be prepared to support the scheme for a community car park by offering a considerable amount of financial support.</p>
C o n s i d e r a t i o n s	<p>In consideration of Plot 1</p> <p>In December 2018 Council considered an offer made by the owners of Plot 1. This offer was a purchase price of £20,000 for a 5-year lease with both parties having the right to review or cancel with £10,000 returned if the lease was not renewed, and an annual rent of £7,200.</p> <p>This offer was considered unacceptable for a number of reasons which were conveyed to the owner.</p> <p>A further offer has been made of £100k. This is the amount that the owners believe they can make in profit if they obtain planning permission and build housing on the site in question.</p> <p>If Council accepted this offer, we would need to raise an additional approx. £60k for works and services. Severn Waste funding could not be used for this particular site as has previously been explained. Raising this amount with no clear and apparent funding source would be difficult and speculative.</p> <p>In consideration of Plot 2</p> <p>Communication with the owners of this plot has been difficult. The company in question, star pubs and bars (part of the Heineken group), have now confirmed that they no longer wish to sell the site in question. They want to 'keep their options open'. They have been asked to therefore remove the 'For Sale' sign and to tidy up the site in question.</p>
P r o p o s a l	<p>Regrettably we:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) withdraw the application to Wychavon for £200k from the Community Legacy Grant scheme (ii) thank Severn Waste for their support and explain that we are unable to continue (iii) inform the community via the Parish Magazine and on appropriate notice boards that we are unable to continue (iv) inform other interested parties i.e. the school, Castle, St James' Church that we can no longer pursue this scheme (v) Put on hold the idea of forming a Charity (vi) Investigate other potential projects to enable Hartlebury to benefit from the Community Legacy Grant Scheme.
Risk	Low
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