

FACILITY GRANTS UPDATE – FEBRUARY 2017

APPENDIX E

Applicant	Date	Total approved	Comment
Ansty Village Hall	11-Feb-09	£17,440	<p>This grant was awarded to rebuild the village hall which is in a poor state of repair. The Village Hall Trust has been working in partnership with Ansty and Staplefield Parish Council and the Ansty Sports and Social Club to develop a joint project to build and manage a multi-purpose facility.</p> <p>Planning permission has been granted four times – once for the construction of a replacement village hall and pavilion amalgamated into one single storey building with an extensive footprint (Approved February 2008), secondly an application which renewed that consent (Approved January 2011) and thirdly for a further extension for renewal (Approved February 2014). The fourth application was for a new Ansty Village Centre on one storey adjacent to the old hall. A fifth application currently under consideration was submitted by Ansty & Staplefield Parish Council in October 2016, it details a revised proposal involving demolition of the existing village hall and the attached Ansty Sports and Social Club, and construction of a one and a half storey replacement structure on a footprint which is significantly reduced from the previously approved scheme. The new building will provide a range of flexible community facilities, including the replacement village hall, social club, sports changing rooms and associated amenity facilities as well as a snooker room. The new building will be located immediately to the north of the existing buildings, with the cleared site, owned by Ansty Village Hall Trust, used to provide additional car parking spaces as per the previously approved plans.</p> <p>Lease agreements will need to be drawn up between the Council, the Village Hall Trust and the new charity regarding construction on Ansty Recreation Ground and members of the project group have met with Corporate Estates & Facilities to discuss the issues. There is still a significant funding gap which needs to be filled before they can deliver the project so a further extension of time is needed to enable the project to proceed.</p> <p><u>Recommendation: change special condition to extend the period to secure project funding to December 2017, completion by December 2018.</u></p>
Ansty Village Centre Trust – combined sports pavilion, social club and village hall	30-May-13	£127,000	<p>As above, the project partners need more time to secure the funds and deliver the project.</p> <p><u>Recommendation: change special condition to extend the period to secure project funding to December 2017, completion by December 2018.</u></p>

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Burgess Hill Youth	13-Jan-15	£19,710	The work to upgrade the multi-use games area at Fairfield Recreation Ground was completed in September 2016 and the grant has been paid in full.
Crawley Down Lawn Tennis Club – compost toilet extension	30-May-13	£5,218	£2,236 was drawn down in 2013 toward the cost of building the path and base but the project was delayed due to bad weather, environmental health / drainage issues and changes in the club committee personnel. The Club was given an extension until June 2016 to complete the works but has not submitted any further claims against expenditure so the award has been withdrawn and the remaining funds will be made available for other projects.
Copthorne Sports and Community Association	15-Sept-14	£15,163	The applicant drew down £14,022 to purchase grounds maintenance equipment and a storage container and the project is now complete. The remaining funds will be made available for other projects.
Cuckfield Cricket Club – four changing rooms	12-Sept-13	£30,000	The extension and refurbishment of the pavilion was successfully completed in June 2015. The applicant drew down £20,767 toward the project costs but did not submit receipts for the remaining amount (which were expected in January 2016) so this will be made available for other projects.
East Grinstead Rugby Football Club – single storey extension	10-Oct-12	£50,000	The building work was completed in 2015 and the junior clubhouse extension is now open to the public. The applicant did not draw down the full award, £3,334 was unspent and is available for other projects.
East Grinstead Rugby Football Club – 3G pitch	2-Jun-15	£50,000	The club was awarded a grant toward the installation of a 3G pitch. They obtained planning permission for the scheme but were unable to secure the funds needed to deliver the project. As a result they have decided not to go ahead with the scheme at the current time so the s106 funds will be made available for other projects.
East Grinstead Town Council	13-Jan-15	£47,302	Work to rebuild St Swithun's West Wall was completed in Dec 2015. The final payment of 2.5% was due to be made following a 12 month retention period in case there are any problems so we are expecting a claim for the final instalment in early 2017.

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Hurstpierpoint Bowling Club	12-Jan-16	£61,716	<p>The award to extend the clubhouse was made subject to securing the funding within 12 months, gaining planning permission and completing the works by January 2018. As the grant exceeds £50,000 a formal grant agreement with the Council is needed and it is a standard condition of funding that recipients of capital awards have a minimum of 14 years security of tenure. The Council's solicitor raised some queries about the validity of the bowling clubs lease with the Parish Council which has delayed issuing the grant agreement. A new lease is currently being prepared and the grant agreement will be issued on receipt. The project is out to tender and fundraising is on-going with a view to carrying out the building work in Autumn 2017.</p> <p><u>Recommendation: change special condition to extend the period to secure project funding and complete the project to October 2017.</u></p>
Hurstpierpoint Parish Council	21-Mar-16	£99,943	The project to extend and upgrade the South Avenue play area with an Octa Net with slide, swings, springers and seesaws was completed in August 2016. The Parish Council has drawn down all the funds.
The Rawson Hall	15-Feb-11 16-Jan-14 10-Feb-14 (Cabinet)	£124,500	The new Community Hall at Batchelors Field, Bolney opened to the public in May 2015. It has a large main hall, small hall, café, sports changing and office space and hosts regular activities including a community café, youth club, exercise and dance classes including circuits and pilates, football club, amateur dramatics, WI and history society meetings, gardening club, after school and holiday clubs, forest school, play group and pre-school. The applicant has drawn down the majority of the funds; the final £8,000 held for retentions will be paid on submission of invoices / receipts in relation to the fit out and equipment costs.

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St Andrews Church	2-Jun-15	£28,500	<p>The grant offer toward external improvements to access for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles and refurbishment of the toilets was made subject to a number of conditions, one of which was that the project funding should be secured within 12 months and the project should be completed by June 2017 at the latest. Work has been completed to improve the internal configuration of the building but the landscaping and outdoor works have been delayed whilst the church continues fundraising. It is likely they will secure match funding shortly, for at least some of the works, and would like an extension to allow them more time to complete the project.</p> <p><u>Recommendation: change special condition to extend the period to secure project funding to June 2018, completion by June 2019.</u></p>
Scaynes Hill Cricket Club	12-Jan-16	£12,600	The grant contribution toward the installation of new cricket nets has been paid in full and the project is completed.
Slaugham Parish Council	21-Mar-16	£472,842	The Parish Council has been working on the project and the total project cost is likely to be significantly higher than they anticipated when they submitted the original bid. The total cost of the revised schemes is estimated at approximately £900,000 and we understand they are going to submit a bid for a second Facility Grant for £143,592 (in respect of the development at the Former Driving Range) – this is the maximum that can be awarded due to the pooling restrictions. The Parish Council is also considering a loan to cover the remaining budget shortfall. They will appoint an architect to produce plans and submit a planning application in due course. The grant offer is also subject to the submission of a business plan and completion of a lease agreement with the Council in relation to the land. It should be noted that the deadline for securing the funds to deliver the project is March 2017 and the project should be underway by late Spring / Summer 2017.
Warden Park Academy Trust	12-Jan-16	£10,000	The grant was awarded toward the cost of perimeter fencing for the new Artificial Turf Pitch subject to planning approval and the completion of a community use agreement. The applicant has completed the works and the facility is now available for hire by community sports clubs. The grant has paid in full.

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Worth Parish Council	13-Oct-15	£32,231	The grant was awarded for a youth shelter and play equipment at Bowers Place but following consultation with local residents there was some concern about the potential for noise nuisance and anti-social behaviour so the Parish Council has decided not to proceed with the project so the s106 funds will be made available for other projects.