

Langley with Hardley Parish Council

Meeting of Full Council Tuesday 9 January 2024.

Item 13. Parish Pride Initiative

Background: The Parish Pride Initiative seeks to foster a sense of community pride and environmental stewardship within in the villages of Langley and Hardley. This work supports the Council's new Biodiversity Policy (see Agenda Item 12). The Parish Council has applied for £300 grant funding from South Norfolk District Council, known as the 'Clean up and Bloom' grant. Should this grant application be successful it is proposed that it used in the following ways;

To purchase (up to a combined value of £300);

1. Litter Pick Equipment:

- High-visibility vests
- Bags and hoops
- Pickers

2. Wildlife Conservation Boxes:

- Bat Boxes
- Bird Boxes
- Hedgehog Boxes

3. Seeds and Plants:

- Mixture of sunflower seeds
- Spring bulbs
- Small trowels for planting

4. Advertising

- Leaflets to be printed for each household in the Parish advertising the event.

5. Refreshments for Volunteers

By agreeing to this proposal the Council delegates the exact proportioning of the £300 grant to Cllr Baldwin, (within categories 1-5 above).

Utilisation: In conjunction with the whole of the Parish Council, Cllr Baldwin will lead a Community Pride event on Saturday 2 March 2024, meeting at 09.30am at Langley with Hardley Village Hall. The Village Hall organising committee have agreed to open up the Hall at no cost and provide tea and coffee to the volunteers, the refreshment cost in the budget will be for biscuits. This event aims to bring together residents and foster a sense of community involvement, as well as contribute to the conservation efforts within the Parish.

Financial Implications: The total cost of the proposed spending will be within the grant funding allocated by the South Norfolk District Council. However, if grant funding is not successful the Parish Council will need to consider if this event still goes ahead and if so how it is funded. South Norfolk Council will collect the rubbish collected during the litter pick free of charge, normally within two days from a nominated address.

Recommendation: Councillors are asked to support this proposal and decide if the event goes ahead if grant funding is not successful and if so how it is funded.