

Dear Mrs. Clee,

GRANT AID TO PARISH/TOWN COUNCILS

Further to recent correspondence with Keith Bannister I am now submitting our application for a Section 136 grant from WFDC for the following expenditure with the reasons for the request shown in the notes.

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a) Wyre Hill Play Area ¹	5,114
b) CCTV for Skate Park ²	1,600
c) Youth Café ³	1,000
d) Provision and maintenance of seats ⁴	2,250
e) Churchyards ⁵	200
f) War memorials ⁶	600
g) Life belts ⁷	<u>300</u>
TOTAL	<u>11,064</u>

I should be grateful to receive your Council's approval to these suggestions: and if approved the Grant of £11,064

Yours sincerely,
Town Clerk

This paper was prepared by The Town Clerk for the Town Council Meeting on 4 June 2007.

¹ Following the decision some years ago by WFDC to close the Play Area this expenditure is required to keep the area open for the benefit of residents in this area of the town and is required for regular maintenance and inspections. We have also made provision for any unexpected capital expenditure that we could be called upon to contribute to.

² The Town Council considers that this area could benefit from CCTV, on similar lines to that to be installed in Bewdley Town Centre to which the town council contributed and which is largely funded by WFDC. This expenditure will go towards the capital cost of such provision which will clearly benefit the residents of the area who are regularly disturbed by anti-social behaviour. In future years it will have to be budgeted for in our revenue expenditure.

³ The Youth Café has now been awarded a significant grant towards its establishment and the Town Council considers that this contribution of £1,000 is required to give a clear commitment of local government to facilities for young people.

⁴ As a major tourist town in Wyre Forest with some 38 seats on the riverside and throughout the town, the council considers that this expenditure is necessary to enhance the experience of visitors to the town.

⁵ Under a separate provision WFDC provides a grant of £2,800 and in light of the Town Council's regular contribution of £3,000 to the churches involved, this additional expenditure is considered to be justified to maintain the two churchyards in the town.

⁶ The Town's war memorials at St Anne's and All Saints Churchyards provide vital recognition from those in the town and surrounding area of the gratitude to those who gave their lives in the 2 world wars. They both require refurbishment and the memorial in St Anne's is particularly important due to its prominent position.

⁷ As a major tourist resort in Wyre Forest the town council considers it has an obligation to provide lifebelts along the river. These unfortunately are often the thrown into the river on Friday and Saturday evenings resulting in excess expenditure for the council. This is expenditure which we consider is reasonable for sharing with WFDC.