



SOUTH NORFOLK GRANTS & AWARDS PANEL

Minutes of a meeting of the South Norfolk Grants & Awards Panel of South Norfolk Council, held on Tuesday, 24 March 2026 at 10.07 am.

Committee Members Present: Councillors: K Carsok (Chair), J Overton (Vice-Chair), K Kiddie

Apologies for Absence: Councillor: G Race

Substitute: Councillor: J Morland (In place of G Race)

Officers in Attendance: N Turner (Assistant Director of Individuals and Families), F Field (Lead Communities Officer), K Squires (Lead Communities Officer) and J Hammond (Democratic Services Officer)

20. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr G Race, with Cllr J Morland substituting.

21. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were received from the following members:

Application	Councillor	Declaration
18 & 20	Cllr K Carsok	As the Applicant, the member declared they were predetermined. They answered questions as the applicant but left the meeting for the discussion and deliberation of these items.

22. COMMUNITY ACTION FUND APPLICATIONS

Members considered the applications to the Community Action Fund.

The Panel then **RESOLVED** to make the recommendations with regard to individual applications, as detailed below. A total of £149,320 was awarded.

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
1	Cllr C Brown	Alburgh Parish Council: Redevelopment of a disused allotment area.	£1,200
Recommendation:		That funding be refused	
Reason for Recommendation:		The Community Action Fund criteria was not met because the relevant planning permission had not been secured. There was also uncertainty as to whether the site contained statutory allotments, which would require permission from the Secretary of State to remove.	
DECISION:		FUNDING REFUSED	

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
2	The Lord Fuller OBE	Alpington with Yelverton Parish Council: Phase One of improvements to the children's play area.	£5,318
Recommendation:		To fund the application in full	
Reason for Recommendation:		The application met the criteria and the Panel wished to support the application in full.	
DECISION:		FUNDING APPROVED	

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
3	Cllr S Wateridge	Aslacton and Great Moulton Coronation Hall: Installation of AVA equipment.	£11,632
Recommendation:		To fund the application in full	
Reason for Recommendation:		The application met the criteria and the Panel wished to support the application in full.	
DECISION:		FUNDING APPROVED	

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
4	Cllr K Cross	Bawburgh Village Hall: Replacement of the wooden fencing at the children's play area with new metal hoop fencing.	£6,850
Recommendation:		To fund the application in full	
Reason for Recommendation:		The application met the criteria and the Panel wished to support the application in full.	
DECISION:		FUNDING APPROVED	

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
5	Cllr K Mason Billig	Chedgrave Parish Council: Refurbishment of the Pits Play Area.	£15,000
Recommendation:		To fund the application in full	
Reason for Recommendation:		The application met the criteria and the Panel wished to support the application in full.	
DECISION:		FUNDING APPROVED	

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
6	Cllr D Elmer	Cringleford Parish Council: The Willow Centre Pump Track Project, to deliver a pump track with separate beginner & skilled user tracks.	£15,000
Recommendation:		To fund the application in full	
Reason for Recommendation:		The application met the criteria and the Panel wished to support the application in full.	
DECISION:		FUNDING APPROVED	

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
7	Cllr B Bernard	Ditchingham Parish Council: Replacement of unserviceable fencing along Cheyne Walk footpath.	£3,000
Recommendation:		To fund the application in full	
Reason for Recommendation:		The application met the criteria and the Panel wished to support the application in full.	
DECISION:		FUNDING APPROVED	

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
8	Cllr B Bernard	Geldeston The Locks Inn Community Pub: For the purchase of a Bottle Crusher, to enable bottles, jars and other glass items to be recycled.	£8,000
Recommendation:		To fund the application in full	
Reason for Recommendation:		The application met the criteria and the Panel wished to support the application in full.	
DECISION:		FUNDING APPROVED	

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
9	Cllr R Savage	Glow Run Club: For the purchase and use of branded kit, cones, whistles and safety equipment.	£1,346
Recommendation:		To fund the application in full	
Reason for Recommendation:		The application met the criteria and the Panel wished to support the application in full.	
DECISION:		FUNDING APPROVED	

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
10	Cllr T Graham	Harleston Sandcroft Academy: For the purchase of lighting equipment for the stage in the school auditorium, to replace the original 1960's wiring and lights.	£10,000
Recommendation:		To fund the application in full	
Reason for Recommendation:		The application met the criteria and the Panel wished to support the application in full.	
DECISION:		FUNDING APPROVED	

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
11	Cllr M Hooton	Hempnall Baby and Toddler Group: To replace toys and equipment that is suitably safe for the age groups.	£2,500
Recommendation:		To fund the application in full	
Reason for Recommendation:		The application met the criteria and the Panel wished to support the application in full.	
DECISION:		FUNDING APPROVED	

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
12	Cllr J Rowe	Loddon Community Gym: To replace a number of pieces of older gym equipment and increase the number of fixed pieces of equipment to 14.	£12,849
Recommendation:		To fund the application in full	
Reason for Recommendation:		The application met the criteria and the Panel wished to support the application in full.	
DECISION:		FUNDING APPROVED	

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
13	Cllr K Mason Billig	Loddon Town Council: To fund a survey to inform the Town Council on maintenance and future works required to The Hollies in Loddon.	£1,900
Recommendation:		That funding be refused	
Reason for Recommendation:		The Panel felt that insufficient information had been provided to demonstrate the value of the project and allow them to consider the application. They also considered that the project could be funded through the groups existing funds.	
DECISION:		FUNDING REFUSED	

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
14	Cllr R Elliott	Morley Village and Sports Hall Charity: To extend the climbing wall to provide 50% more roped climbing routes and additional traverse and overhang features.	£13,240
Recommendation:		To fund the application in full	
Reason for Recommendation:		The application met the criteria and the Panel wished to support the application in full.	
DECISION:		FUNDING APPROVED	

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
15	Cllr J Webber	Mulbarton Parish Council: For the refurbishment of the playpark at the Meadows on Cuckoofield Lane, Bracon Ash to include new pump action cycle track.	£15,000
Recommendation:		To fund the application in full	
Reason for Recommendation:		The application met the criteria and the Panel wished to support the application in full.	
DECISION:		FUNDING APPROVED	

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
16	Cllr C McConnell	South Wymondham Youth Basketball: To purchase and install permanent outdoor basketball hoops for public use within the South Wymondham community.	£1,585
Recommendation:		To fund the application in full	
Reason for Recommendation:		The application met the criteria and the Panel wished to support the application in full.	
DECISION:		FUNDING APPROVED	

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
17	Cllr K Mason Billig	Loddon St Johns Church and Lecture Hall: For the installation of a new efficient heating system as well as a new wi-fi system.	£15,000
Recommendation:		That funding be refused	
Reason for Recommendation:		The Panel felt that other funding sources were available to support the project.	
DECISION:		FUNDING REFUSED	

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
18	Cllr K Carsok	Tacolneston & Fornsett Recreation Association (TAFRA): To complete the investment in the recreation ground. Including primary-age play equipment, a youth-focused log swing, and an adult outdoor fitness suite.	£15,000
Recommendation:		To fund the application in full	
Reason for Recommendation:		The application met the criteria and the Panel wished to support the application in full.	
DECISION:		FUNDING APPROVED	

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
19	Cllr M Hooton	Tasburgh Village Hall & Playing Field: For the refit of the Village Hall kitchen.	£7,000
Application was WITHDRAWN prior to consideration.			

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20	Cllr K Carsok	Wacton Parish Council Woodland: To replace the damaged bridge, provide new waste bins and general works to tidy the site.	£13,000
Recommendation:		To fund the application in full	
Reason for Recommendation:		The application met the criteria and the Panel wished to support the application in full.	
DECISION:		FUNDING APPROVED	

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
21	Cllr R Savage	Wymondham Baptist Church: For the installation of an air-to-air heat pump system to replace the existing outdated infra-red heating.	£11,265
Recommendation:		That funding be refused	
Reason for Recommendation:		The Panel felt that other funding sources were available to support the project.	
DECISION:		FUNDING REFUSED	

I confirm the above decisions which I have made, taking into account the recommendations of the Grants & Awards Panel.

Please note that officers are available to discuss applications and provide additional support to unsuccessful applicants.

Nicola Turner
Assistant Director of Individuals and Families
24 March 2026

(The meeting concluded at 10.59 am)