



SOUTH NORFOLK GRANTS & AWARDS PANEL

Minutes of a meeting of the South Norfolk Grants & Awards Panel of South Norfolk Council, held on Friday, 2 October 2026 at 10.00 am.

Committee Members Present: Councillors: K Carsok (Chair), D Elmer (Vice-Chair), S Blundell and C McConnell

Officers in Attendance: N Turner (Assistant Director of Individuals and Families), D Goodwin (Communities Manager), J Price (Lead Community Officer) and J Hammond (Democratic Services Officer)

28. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

29. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

Declarations of interest were received from the following members:

For Community Action Fund Applications

Application	Councillor	Declaration
4, 9, 20	Cllr S Blundell	As the spouse of the Applicant, the member declared she was predetermined. She confirmed she would not be involved in the discussion and deliberation of these items.
10, 11	Cllr D Elmer	As the Applicant, the member declared he was predetermined. He answered questions as the applicant but was not be involved in the discussion and deliberation of these items.
25	Cllr K Carsok	As the Applicant, the member declared she was predetermined. She answered questions as the applicant but was not be involved in the discussion and deliberation of the item.

For Community Facilities Grant Applications

Minute Item	Councillor	Declaration
23	Cllr C McConnell	As the Applicant, the member declared she was predetermined. She answered

		questions as the applicant but was not be involved in the discussion and deliberation of the item.
25, 26, 28, 33	Cllr K Carsok	As the Applicant, the member declared she was predetermined. She answered questions as the applicant but was not be involved in the discussion and deliberation of these items.

30. COMMUNITY ACTION FUND APPLICATIONS

Members considered the applications to the Community Action Fund.

Officers updated members on any updates received subsequent to the agenda being published.

The Panel then **RESOLVED** to make the recommendations with regard to individual applications, as detailed below. A total of £426,298.50 was awarded.

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
1	Cllr C Brown	Alburgh Parish Council: To install a gazebo within the Millennium Garden, a community space located alongside the village hall and new pétanque pitch	£1,890
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
2	Cllr A Evans	Aldeby Parish Council: To redevelop and enhance the children's play areas and playing fields at Common Road and Old School Playing Fields in Aldeby.	£15,600
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	The Lord Fuller OBE	Alpington with Yelverton Parish Council: Removal of ageing wooden equipment and installation of new play structures, new safety surfacing around the equipment; relocation of the basketball hoop with a new hard surface; and additional seating and a picnic table.	£40,000
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
4	Cllr G Blundell	Broadside Warriors ABC: For the purchase of an automatic minibus to enable Broadside Warriors ABC members to travel safely to competitions, training sessions and tournaments, while also supporting wider community engagement activities and access for partner groups.	£14,000
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
5	Cllr C Hudson	Brockdish Village Hall: To provide audio visual equipment for the Hall in order to widen the range of facilities and achieve greater community involvement as well as future proofing the Hall.	£3,807
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 J Easter	Burston and Shimpling Parish Council: To provide play equipment to the younger elements of the community (4yrs and under).	£3,365
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 S Wateridge	Community Arts Club CIC: To deliver 12 monthly art sessions at Bunwell Village Hall for neurodivergent adults and people with SEND or additional learning and mental health needs.	£1,200
Recommendation:		That funding be refused	
Reason for recommendation:		Members were not convinced of the long-term sustainability of the service and felt that other funding sources might be available to support the project.	
DECISION:		FUNDING REFUSED	

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
8	Cllr J Cork	Costessey & District Community Shed CIO: To expand its facilities on a second site to meet the demands of its members and the community.	£10,500
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, SUBJECT TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT BEING CONFIRMED AS COMPLETED	

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
9	Cllr G Blundell	Costessey Crown Bowl Club: To regenerate the existing bowling green and transform it into a safe, level and playable facility.	£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, SUBJECT TO THE LONG-TERM PERMISSION TO USE THE GREEN BEING CONFIRMED	

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
10	Cllr D Elmer	Cringleford Parish Council: To invest in standard flat swings in three parks to enable more communal play.	£3,529
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 D Elmer	Cringleford Tennis Club: The construction of a new all-weather full-size tennis court.	£37,000
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
12	Cllr C Brown	Denton Parish Council: To demolish and rebuild the multi-play fort at Denton play area, which is currently closed due to being unsafe.	£14,000
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
13	Cllr G Minshull	Diss Community Partnership CIC: funding towards a 12 month pilot project to establish a Community Exchange Network (CEN) in Diss and surrounding areas.	£22,000
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.	
DECISION:		FUNDING REFUSED	

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
14	Cllr G Minshull	DISScovered: For session facilitation (4 weekly groups across 16 weeks) as well as room setup & heating equipment.	£2,270
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 B Bernard	Ditchingham Parish Council: To install a new safe pump cycle track.	£29,500
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
16	Cllr J Woolliscroft	Hingham Playing Field Association: To improve and extend the damaged, potholed and overgrown car park at Hingham Sports Centre	£32,900
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, SUBJECT TO RELEVANT PLANNING PERMISSION BEING GRANTED IF REQUIRED	

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
17	Cllr K Mason Billig	Loddon Town Council – Play Area: To comprehensively renew and enhance Kitten’s Lane Play Area.	£40,000
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
18	Cllr K Mason Billig	Loddon Town Council – Youth Provision: To expand youth provision in Loddon through additional youth sessions and holiday activities delivered by Pilot IMS.	£15,000
Recommendation:		That funding be refused	
Reason for recommendation:		Members were not convinced of the long-term sustainability of the service and felt that other funding sources might be available to support the project.	
DECISION:		FUNDING REFUSED	

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
19	Cllr J Cook	Newton Flotman Village Centre and Alan King Playing Field: For the installation of additional play equipment aimed primarily at children aged 7 to 14.	£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
20	Cllr G Blundell	RNAA: Make the Norfolk Showground Trail circular walk open to the public all year round, by developing a 1.5km trail of new hedging and fencing in strategic areas of the existing trail, increasing segregation between pedestrians and other users of the Showground site, and enabling the trail to remain open along its full length at times when the main Showground is in use for other events.	£11,500
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, SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION THAT ANY SHORTFALL IN FUNDING HAS BEEN SECURED	

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
21	Cllr R Elliott	Runhall Recreation Ground: Phase 4 of the Runhall Recreation Ground Improvement Programme.	£8,000 (Previously £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 OF £8,000 APPROVED	

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
22	Cllr J Cook	Saxlingham Nethergate Village Hall: to purchase and install an audio-visual (A/V) system at the Hall.	£9,378
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
23	Cllr J Cook	Shotesham bowls club volunteers: For the purchase new equipment and a shed. To organise for clearing an area for a container to store equipment and a fence to encircle the container.	£3,000 (Previously £4,000)
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 OF £3,000 APPROVED	

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
24	Cllr J McCloskey	St Helen's Pre-School: To replace the existing concrete surface with a safe artificial grass play surface and install a permanent 12m x 6m tensile shade canopy.	£27,000
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
25	Cllr K Carsok	Tacolneston Parish Council: To support groundworks associated with the electrical power upgrade, installation of a new accessible front entrance, replacement toilet flooring, and the installation of new fire-compliant side and plant room doors.	£14,441.50 (Previously £14,608)
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 OF £14,441.50 APPROVED	

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
26	Cllr J Woolliscroft	The Gralix Hall Committee: To replace the grass & chippings car parking area with a hard permeable surface.	£5,100 (Previously £6,100)
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 OF £5,100 APPROVED	

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
27	Cllr L Overton-Neal	The Kindness Company Norfolk Ltd: To offer the Step Up Plan which is an 8-week personal development, wellbeing and employability programme designed for care leavers.	£7,050
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.	
DECISION:		FUNDING REFUSED	

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
28	Cllr A Evans	Thurlton & Norton Community Gospel Choir: Support for essential development opportunities and resources. Including three choir workshops, choir leader training, travel support for community performances, printing costs, and subscriptions for legally licensed lyrics and backing tracks.	£2,762 (Previously £3,062)
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 OF £2,762 APPROVED	
NOTE:		Cllr A Evans confirmed that he would allocate £300 of his Member Ward Grant to the project.	

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
29	Cllr A Evans	Toft Monks Community Group: To create a community hub facility in St Margaret's Church.	£40,000
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, SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION OF ENVIRONMENT AGENCY APPROVAL	

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
30	Cllr R Elliott	Wicklewood Playground Committee: To upgrade the play area behind Wicklewood Village Hall through the installation of new play and activity equipment, safety surfacing and associated improvement works.	£38,756
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	

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
2 October 2026

31. COMMUNITY FACILITIES GRANT APPLICATIONS

Members considered the applications to the Community Facilities Grant.

Officers updated members on any updates received subsequent to the agenda being published.

Members were advised that the remaining funding of £73,701.50 from the Community Action Fund could be used to fund Community Facilities Grant applications, where members found this appropriate.

The Panel then **RESOLVED** to make the recommendations with regard to individual applications, as detailed below. A total of £511,035.51 was awarded.

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
1	Cllr S Wateridge	Aslacton Parish Council: To refurbish the existing public toilet facility at St Michael's Church, Aslacton.	£1,200 (Previously £1,500)
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 OF £1,200 APPROVED	

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
2	Cllr R Elliott	Barford & Wramplingham Playing Field and Village Hall: For Phase 2 of the Barford & Wramplingham Village Hall Improvement Project.	£40,000
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
3	The Lord Fuller OBE	Brooke Village Hall: Replacement and upgrade of the Flat Roof Element of the Village Hall to secure the use and improve thermal insulation and environmental sustainability.	£16,000
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, SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION THAT ANY SHORTFALL IN FUNDING HAS BEEN SECURED	

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
4	Cllr S Wateridge	Bunwell Village Hall: To install CCTV, replace the main entrance and fire exit doors, and upgrade the kitchen with new equipment and associated works.	£7,700
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 J Rowe	Chedgrave Bowls Club: To replace its existing, inadequate clubhouse with a modern, insulated, accessible facility.	£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, SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION THAT RELEVANT PLANNING PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED	

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
6	Cllr K Cross	Crusaders Rugby Union Football Club Ltd: For a clubhouse roof replacement, completion of changing room facilities, pitch reseeded, and upgrades to temporary and permanent floodlighting.	£22,810
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 D Thompson	Dickleburgh and Rushall Parish Council: For the modernisation and improvements to various aspects of the hall including replacing 5 internal fire doors, renewing ceiling tiles, and overhauling the electrical system with additional sockets.	£11,900
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 D Thompson	Dickleburgh Village History Group: Provide external access to wheelchair users, complete electrical, door and damp-proofing works; install ventilation; redecorate; upgrade the kitchen and accessible WC; and install energy-efficient lighting and heating.	£18,750
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, SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION THAT RELEVANT PLANNING PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED AND OUTSTANDING SHORTFALLS HAVE BEEN SECURED	

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
9	Cllr G Minshall	Diss & District Community Shed: Support to establish a community shed in Diss.	£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
10	Cllr G Minshull	Diss Corn Hall Trust: To replace ageing and failing LED acoustic lighting drivers in the main hall.	£11,356
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 G Minshull	Diss Rugby Union Football Club Ltd: to install a borehole, water storage tank and irrigation system at Diss Rugby Club to provide a reliable water supply for maintaining its three rugby pitches.	£22,500
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 C Brown	Geldeston Memorial Hall: The installation of solar panels on the south facing roof with internal batteries and inverter.	£9,173
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 M Dewsbury	Great Melton Cricket Club: Replacement of the Astro wicket that facilitates all weather cricket practice and training for the junior members.	£9,000
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
14	Cllrs J Webber, B McClenning & I Spratt	Ketteringham Hall Cricket Club: To extend the pavilion and provide improved shower, toilet and changing facilities.	£10,320
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, SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION THAT RELEVANT PLANNING PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED AND OUTSTANDING GRANT APPLICATIONS OR SHORTFALLS HAVE BEEN SECURED	

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
15	Cllr K Mason Billig	Loddon Squash Club: To modernise and improve its aging facilities.	£12,144
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 V Thomson	Margaret Mack Room in Rockland St Mary: New comfortable and safe chairs.	£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
17	Cllr T Graham	Needham Village Hall: Replacement and upgrade of the village hall's heating and hot water system, as well as guttering and external repairs.	£6,430
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
18	Cllr K Mason Billig	Norton Athletic Football Club: For the installation of a permanent irrigation system for its main grass football pitch.	£30,583
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.	
DECISION:		FUNDING REFUSED	

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
19	Cllr L Overton-Neal	PCC of St Andrew's Church, Framingham Earl: To install toilet and sink facilities within St Andrew's Church.	£40,000 (Previously £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, SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION OF DIOCESAN APPROVAL	

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
20	Cllr J Overton	Poringland Parish Council: To install solar panels via a ballasted system to improve the control of heating and ventilation systems to ensure energy wastage is minimized.	£30,000
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 C Hudson	Pulham Market Parish Council: For purchase of Lightweight Folding Table(s) and Trolley & Carpet to Lounge Area (of main hall).	£2,372
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
22	Cllr C Hudson	Scole & District Bowls Club: To restore the heat-damaged bowls green, increase irrigation water storage and repair the second-hand mower used for regular maintenance.	£3,418
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
23	Cllr C McConnell	Spooner Row, Sutton & Wattlefield Village Hall Committee: For the installation of additional solar panels and battery storage, alongside the creation of a new outdoor community space.	£12,461
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
24	Cllr K Mason Billig	St John's Church Loddon: For the replacement and upgrade of the heating system serving the church and lecture hall, which are used by more than 18 community groups as well as church activities.	£1,000 (Previously £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 OF £1,000 APPROVED	

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
25	Cllr K Carsok	Tacolneston Football Club: Re-Roofing of flat roofed Changing Facility due to the water ingress	£10,388 (Previously £11,388)
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 OF £10,388 APPROVED	

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
26	Cllr K Carsok	Tacolneston Parish Council: To upgrade the village hall's electrical power supply to three phase supply and associated electrical infrastructure.	£14,160.51 (Previously £14,327)
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 OF £14,160.51 APPROVED	

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
27	Cllr C Hudson	The Pennoyer Centre: To replace worn carpets, upgrade heating controls, install a new sound system, replace damaged seating, and repair the automatic entrance door at the Pennoyer Centre.	£19,239
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
28	Cllr K Carsok	The Woodlands Club Tacolneston: To upgrade heating, lighting, seating, security doors, fascias and loft insulation, and remove asbestos.	£24,600
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
29	Cllr D Thompson	Thorpe Abbots Village Hall: Undertake a feasibility study to determine the future of their Village Hall.	£5,232
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
30	Cllr J Easter	Tibenham Community Hall: To install an equipped bar, stage extensions and curtains; upgrade and redecorate the meeting room with new lighting; and add hall ventilation, CCTV, a cinema system and three exit doors.	£14,804 (Previously £23,852)
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 OF £14,804 APPROVED	

ITEM	APPLICANT	DETAILS	FUNDING REQUESTED
31	Cllr D Thompson	Tivetshall Village Hall: to resurface and improve its car park to make access safer and more accessible for all users.	£40,000
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
32	Cllr L Overton-Neal	Trowse with Newton Parish Council: To repair and recommission an existing Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) which has been out of use for 20 years, to create a community sports facility for residents.	£12,895 (Previously £18,240)
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
33	Cllr K Carsok	Wacton Village Hall: To refurbish and modernise the hall through decoration, accessibility and toilet upgrades, fire-safety works, signage and general updates.	£14,000
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
34	Cllr C Brown	Woodton Village Hall: to replace the village hall's 40-year-old kitchen, including new units, appliances, electrical works, flooring, wall coverings and a replacement window.	£14,808
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
35	Cllr J Webber	Wreningham Village Hall: to install a rooftop solar PV system with battery storage.	£10,500
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
36	Cllr R Savage	Wymondham Baptist Church: To install 20 solar panels (9.2kW), an inverter and an 11.5kW battery as part of its Reducing Carbon Footprint plan.	£13,875
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	

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
2 October 2026

It was agreed that the application process would be reopened, with a second meeting of the Grants & Awards Panel scheduled to take place on 12 February 2026, to enable member Members to consider applications for the remaining Community Action Fund totalling £62,666.

(The meeting concluded at 11.49 am)