

## REPORT 20.081

### LAVERSTOCK & FORD PARISH COUNCIL

**Subject:** Grant Application by St Andrew's Church, Laverstock.  
**Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020.  
**Author:** Andrew Prince, Clerk

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#### 1. Report Summary.

- 1.1 This Report includes the original Application by the Treasurer of St Andrew's Parochial Church Council and a recommendation by Cllr Hayes.

#### 2. Background.

- 2.1 The Parish Council is empowered by Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 to incur expenditure which in their opinion is in the interests of, and will bring direct benefit to, their area or any part of it or all or some of its inhabitants.
- 2.2 The Council has £5181.60 remaining in its Grant Budget for the FY 2020-2021.
- 2.3 Since 2007 the Council has made 9 grants to St Andrew's Church totalling £1,125. All grants have been for churchyard maintenance except for one, which assisted the placement of a war memorial plaque. The last grant in November 2016 was £100.

#### 3. Report by Cllr Hayes.

- 3.1 I met Michael Bunting in the Churchyard yesterday and he showed me, the quite large, stump of a tree that had to be felled because it was considered unsafe. An added factor is that it was on the edge of the churchyard up near the road on the school side. Arguably it was an even greater hazard being close to a public highway. My suggestion would be that the PC treat this as a one off grant of £600 for the tree work. Bunting explained that his funds for the churchyard were severely depleted by having to spend on the tree.
- 3.2 We discussed briefly that the Churchyard is considered as a social amenity by the village and he reminded me that small children from St Andrew's (Primary School) are using it as an after-school supervised play area at certain times. I had the distinct impression that the church welcomed it being used as a local amenity. Added to that; most of the allotments are taken by none churchgoers. I think the Church Yard deserves to be treated as an amenity like the Community Farm.

#### 4. Recommendation.

- 4.1 That the Council approve a grant of £600 to St Andrew's Church, Laverstock under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

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## Application for Grant for Voluntary Organisations

Local Government Act 1972, Section 137

**Please be advised that all applicants are invited to attend and address the Laverstock and Ford Parish Council Meeting deciding your application.**

**Although this is not compulsory it is seen to be beneficial especially for grant applications over £500.**

**Please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Council if you need help completing this application.**

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1. Name of Organisation. St Andrews Church Laverstock

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2. Amount of Grant Aid being requested. At PC discretion £600.00

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3. Please detail your project or activity and explain why you need this grant funding.

For the last few years we have managed to cover the costs of the upkeep of the churchyard, but this year we have had to have a dead tree removed at a cost of £600, which means we will run an estimated deficit for the churchyard upkeep of £550 this year, so any amount the Council feels it may award would be gratefully received

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4. Please explain how your project or activity supports the Laverstock and Ford Parish Council's Parish Plan. This is on the Laverstock and Ford Parish website <http://www.laverstock-ford.co.uk>

Not sure on this but assume would come under the maintenance of village facilities

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5. Please explain how your project or activity meets the criteria set out in the Laverstock and Ford Parish Council's Grant Policy. This is on the Laverstock and Ford Parish website <http://www.laverstock-ford.co.uk>

See item 4

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6. Approximately how many of those who will benefit are Laverstock and Ford Parish residents?

All

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7. What will be the total cost of the above project or activity? £600

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8. Have you applied for grant/s for this same project or activity to any other organisation/s?  
Please give details and dates when applications are allocated.

No

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9. If the total cost of the project or activity is more than the grant being applied for, how will the residue be financed?

Church Reserves

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10. Name and Address of Contact.

Mr M S Bunting, 39 Mayfair Road, Laverstock, Salisbury SP1 1PQ

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11. Role with the applying organisation.  
[Treasurer]

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12. Telephone Number and email address of contact.  
01722 503742 buntingmichael384@yahoo.com

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13. Is the Organisation a Registered Charity? If yes, please give registration number.  
1141301

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14. Does the Organisation have a bank account?  
Yes

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Signed

Date 07.09.20

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