

# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

### Report to the Executive Member for Leisure and Community for Decision 08 October 2018

<b>Portfolio:</b>	Leisure and Community
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Community Fund Application – St Mary’s Church, Portchester</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	Head of Leisure and Corporate Services
<b>Strategy/Policy:</b>	Leisure Opportunities for Health and Fun

**Purpose:**

This report presents an application for funding under the Council’s Community Fund Programme.

**Executive Summary:**

An application for community funding has been received from St Mary’s Church, Portchester for the sum of £3,092.12, towards the erection of a World War II memorial plaque at this historical place of worship.

St Mary’s is a popular church that serves the community of Portchester. A small group of volunteers, comprised of attendees of the church and other local residents, has previously worked on a project to research the names of the men of World War II who were residents of Portchester during 1939-1945, and Portchester residents who were in service during the Falklands conflict. A total of 194 individuals were identified who are to be listed in two memorial books, funded by donations from local businesses.

The Church is now seeking to erect a memorial plaque to further recognise the sacrifice that these men made for their country, and to provide surviving servicemen and relatives with a peaceful place to reflect. The permission of all existing relatives has been sought for the inclusion of these names.

As St Mary’s Church is a Grade 1 listed building, necessary permissions for the work have been obtained in advance.

The cost of making and installing the plaque has been identified as £3,831.60. The

Church maintains £739.48 in donations that are not already allocated to further works. As a result, the funding request received from St Mary's Church is for the £3,092.12 remaining.

Two Ward Councillors, Councillor Cunningham and Councillor Kelly, have indicated their full support for this application. Councillor Price has declared a conflict of interest, as he has been heavily involved in the project.

**Recommendation:**

That the application for £3,092.12 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Fund, submitted by St Mary's Church, Portchester, be approved.

That the funding is released under the condition that the Council's contribution to the project is recognised, using wording supplied by the Council, in the Church's World War II Memorial Books

**Reason:**

This application meets the agreed Community Fund criteria for financial support for community capital projects.

**Cost of Proposals:**

The total allocation towards this project will be £3,092.12 which can be met from within the existing budget for the Community Fund Programme.

**Risk Assessment:**

There are no identified risks associated with this report.