

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive Member for Leisure and Community for Decision 26 November 2020

Portfolio:	Leisure and Community
Subject:	Community Funding Application – St Paul’s Sarisbury Green
Report of:	Director of Leisure and Community
Corporate Priorities:	Leisure Opportunities for Health and Fun

Purpose:

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

Executive summary:

An application for community funding has been received from St Paul’s Church in Sarisbury Green for the sum of £2,000, to contribute to the refurbishment of their clock tower’s clock face and movement.

The Church has 68 parishioners, with the building itself a prominent feature of Sarisbury Green. The large clock tower, built in 1836, is a vital part of the historical character of the church that has sadly deteriorated over the years. The slate dial is in need of restoration, the roman numerals, minute markers and hands require their gold leaf to be replaced and the movement of the clock itself is in need of maintenance to make sure this local landmark continues to keep time for the community.

The Church has determined that the project to refurbish and maintain the clock will cost £6,798. They have applied to their Hampshire County Councillor for funding of £2,000, to mirror the application to Fareham Borough Council. They plan to fund the remainder of this project from their reserves.

The last accounts of the Church listed £24,079 in funds carried forward from the accounting year ending December 2019. However, the Church has allocated £17,922 of these reserves towards the refurbishment of the clock tower structure itself, a project that will run alongside that of the refurbishment of the clock.

Both Ward Councillors, Councillor Woodward and Councillors Butts, are supportive

of this application.

Recommendation/Recommended Option:

That the application for £2,000 from Fareham Borough Council's Community Fund submitted by St Paul's, Sarisbury Green, to fund the refurbishment of their clock tower's clock face and movement, be approved.

Reason:

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

Cost of Proposals:

The total allocation towards the project will be £2,000, which can be met from the existing budget for the Community Fund Programme.

Risk Assessment:

There are no identified risks with this report.