

Ref: Resolution 9.7(5)a

Email trail from Citizens Advice requesting funding and the Parish Office.

Dear all,

I have had the attached funding request from Citizens Advice (please see email trail attached below and supporting document attached).

Please give this some consideration – it would not fit the criteria for our normal Grants Policy, nor is it in this years budget, however there is a budget heading for Care in the Community (£2,000) which has not had any spend allocated it at the moment. This is not to say that you have to spend it (!!!!) but I am advising you that it is there.

If you wish to check the current budget spend for this year – the end of Qtr 2 figures (to end of Sept 2023) are on the website under the Finance tab.

Any question let me know.

Thanks

Kate Alford
Parish Clerk
South Petherton Parish Council

South Petherton Parish Office
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Please note that the Clerk works 30 hours per week, Monday-Friday.

Due to the nature of the role, these can often be out of office, and hours are worked flexibly around the demands of the Parish.

Emails will be responded to as soon as possible, or if you require a more urgent response, please call 01460 241002, and leave a message.

Please note that the Assistant Clerk works 15 hours per week, split flexibly between Mon, Weds & Thurs, and although primarily works from the office, these may also involve work around the Parish.

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From: Laura Miller <Laura.Miller@casomerset.org.uk>
Sent: 19 October 2023 12:16
To: Kate Alford <clerk@southpethertonparishcouncil.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Application to the Parish Council for Funding Support

Hi Kate

I have attached a breakdown of the work we have delivered in the last year in South Petherton. Mostly Village Agents sign post clients to us for support in more complex cases such as debt, benefits etc as our advisors are trained to deal with these.

For us to train, supervise and support at volunteer for a year costs around £300, this volunteer on average supports 100 people, on that basis having helped 178 of your residents has cost us appx £500.

I hope that makes sense. Please ask me if you need any more information, I like looking into our facts and figures!

Best wishes

Laura

From: Kate Alford <clerk@southpethertonparishcouncil.gov.uk>
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2023 11:46 AM
To: Laura Miller <Laura.Miller@casomerset.org.uk>
Cc: 'Rose Swift' <Rose.swift@southpethertonparishcouncil.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Application to the Parish Council for Funding Support

Hi Laura,

Thanks for this.

Do you have any statistics which show how many people have been helped within the Parish of South Petherton, as I am sure that the councillors will ask this question when considering your request.

We already pay over £21,000 a year for a Village Agent via Community Council for Somerset who covers our parish exclusively – I wonder if any of your work has a crossover with them?

Many thanks,

Kate Alford
Parish Clerk
South Petherton Parish Council

From: Laura Miller <Laura.Miller@casomerset.org.uk>
Sent: 18 October 2023 15:18
Subject: Application to the Parish Council for Funding Support

Good afternoon

Please find attached outlining our current position and asking for support with grant funding.

We are not applying in LCN areas 1, 13 and 14 as these are served by West Somerset CA. I have to the best of my knowledge not written to any in this parish but please delete this email if I have inadvertently included you in error.

Very best wishes
Laura

Laura Miller
Citizens Advice Somerset
I work part-time – generally Monday, Thursday and Friday
www.citizensadvice-somerset.org.uk

Please note that I may send or answer emails outside of standard office hours. Citizens Advice Somerset is committed to wellbeing at work and we respect the different working hours of all our staff, partners and stakeholders. We do not expect an immediate response to this email and look forward to hearing from you in due course.



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A yellow banner for Open Mental Health Somerset. On the left is the 'Open Mental Health' logo, which consists of a white speech bubble containing the text 'Open Mental Health'. To the right of the logo, the text reads: 'Giving you the support you need, when you need it.' Further right, it says: 'Lots of things can impact our mental health. If you are an adult living in Somerset and need support Open Mental Health are here to help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.' At the bottom, it provides contact information: 'Contact our team at Mindline Somerset locally on 01823 276892 or freephone 0800 138 1692'.

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