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DONATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2019 USING THE GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

Recipient	Reasoning for request for donation	Notes	Amount requested	Proposed
Recreation Ground Charity	Grant towards the redecoration of the pavilion - internal works	Income reduced due	680.00	
	from historic water stains; kitchen dampness and general tidy	to COVID-19		
New Green Community	Grant towards the New Green Open Spaces - since March 2020,	Previously	Costs for last	
Trust	trust has minimised expenditure but would like assistance to	donated £1500	fin year were	
	ensure the facility is maintained for all residents for their		circa £8,000	
	daily exercise			
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TOTAL FOR YEAR			£0.00	
BUDGET FOR YEAR			£3,000.00	
COVID-19 EMERGING NEEDS GRANT **			£2,000.00	
TOTAL BUDGET AVAILABLE 2020-2021				£5,000.00

^{*} The General Power of Competence (GPC) was introduced by the Localism Act 2011 and took effect in February 2012.

Although at its Annual Parish Council Meeting of 8 May 2019 the Parish Council resolved that it fulfilled the eligibility criteria set by the SoS (Localism Act 2011 s8) and that it was enabled to use the General Power of Competence (GPC); following resignations of Councillors it can no longer use the power for any new projects coming forward.

Council might wish to note that it is the responsibility of Councillors to satisfy themselves that they have the appropriate legal power to incur expenditure, the Clerk will ensure that reference is made to the exact power being used to ensure that all financial decisions or payments being made are in accordance with statute and the Council is not undertaking any decisions or payments that are ultra vires.

General Points:

St Peter's PCC/Church

Receives an annual grant of £1,500 by way of grass cutting for the maintenance of the Churchyard against budget of £1500

Suffolk Libraries

Receives an annual sum of £2,700 by way of donation as a contribution to support Thurston Library and Children's Centre against a budget of £2,700

^{**} Total grant is £2,500. £500 has been kept back for expenses incurred by Volunteers and Co-ordinators.