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APPLICATION FOR A GRANT

Before competing this form, please read carefully the attached document entitled Thurston Grant Awarding Policy. Copies of the form together with the latest copy of examined accounts must be submitted along with any supporting documentation requested.

General information for applicants

It is Thurston Parish Council's intention (subject to budget restrictions and available resources) to support initiatives from local community groups and organisations. Priority will be given to applicants who have not previously received grants from Thurston Parish Council. The size of any grant awarded is at the discretion of the Parish Council but will not exceed £500 in any one application. If you have any queries on the completion of this form please contact the Parish Clerk, Thurston Parish Council, New Green Centre, Thurston, IP31 3TG. Email: clerk@thurstonparishcouncil.gov.uk

DETAILS OF YOUR ORGANISATION

Name of Organisation: Thurston Parochial Church Council (PCC)

Address: St Peter's Church, Church Road, Thurston, Suffolk IP31 3RU

Contact Telephone No: 01359 230865 or 07552 234443 (Mrs Pat Sadler)

Email: patsadler@hotmail.com

Registered Charity No: Charity Commission number is 1201053

If you are part of a larger organisation, enter its name: Church of England, St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocese

Principal aims and objectives: To provide regular public worship free of charge and open to all. Objectives include: a full range of services: teaching and learning; taking assemblies; donations to other charities and our own projects to provide public benefit in the relief of poverty and need, often for minority groups with particular needs such as the elderly.

DETAILS OF GRANT REQUESTED: The PCC made a successful application for CIL funding in the Bid 2 round of December 2022. This was to significantly upgrade the path to the church, the graveyard and the meeting room. In our application, we explained that we had raised 20% of the cost and, if our application was successful, we could apply for VAT relief. We applied to you for the remaining cost. Unfortunately, our attempt to recover the VAT has not been successful. Having raised the 20% and an additional £100 as the cost has risen, we are unable to raise the £990 needed to pay the VAT. The work is scheduled for completion in late April so that all members of the Thurston community can access the village's special service on 7th May to mark the Coronation of King Charles III.

Explain your need for a grant with the likely number of beneficiaries, their age profiles and their location.

The work on the path is needed as a result of recent and on-going developments in the area. More people are using the church and its meeting room. More people are also using the path to gain access to the peaceful wildflower area, to the graveyard and to the fields beyond. This includes dog walkers. It became evident during Covid lockdowns that considerably more people were using the church footpath. This pattern of usage has both continued and increased as more new housing has been occupied and people moving into all the developments around the village are using the path in order to gain access to the church and to the green spaces in its immediate environment.

The church continues to be used by various youth groups and there has been a marked increase in its use by Thurston Primary Academy since our new vicar arrived in September 2021. The school has expanded to take two more year groups and its roll has also increased as a result of the major housing developments in the village. The project will therefore benefit the increased demand in all age groups.

In addition to increased general demand, there is a corresponding increase in parents with children using pushchairs, elderly people with mobility issues and wheelchair users who experience great difficulty in using the existing path and in those with wellbeing issues for whom access to open spaces and peaceful areas is essential. If successful, this small grant will complete the funding needed to enact the successful CIL bid and will address these issues and contribute to the equality and access aims that underpin both the BMSDC and TND plans. Our work for our CIL bid showed that 95% of those using the areas currently are from within Thurston and cover the full age range from babies to those in their nineties. The numbers benefitting are in the low to mid-100s.

Grant requested: £990

DETAILS OF OTHER GRANTS

Received in the last two years: CIL funding of £3168 on 14.02.23 towards the work on the path (as explained above, this did not include the VAT or the extra £100 in addition to the 20% raised by the PCC, required to complete the project.)

Currently applied for: None

Please use this space for any significant information about your organisation not already supplied

Full details were provided in our CIL bid in December 2022.

I certify that the foregoing replies are accurate to the best of my knowledge

Signature of applicant P. A. Scoller

Office Held: Church Warden

Date: 12th March 2023