

Any other business

Community Fund Panel 18 December 2019

Parishes Together Fund / Communities Together Fund requests from applicants for the panel's decision:

1. Amendments to a drainage and ditching project from Colyton Parish Council.

Parishes Together Fund amendment request from Colyton Parish Council. Would you agree to these amendments to the previously approved project?

In 2017 / 2018 we gave Colyton Parish Council a grant of £1,292.90 towards specific ditching and drainage works along both sides of the road from Sandpits Lane to Guernsey Corner and onto the cemetery. You can see the full application online: <https://democracy.eastdevon.gov.uk/Data/New%20Homes%20Bonus%20Panel/20180327/Agenda/270318NHBPCCombinedAgenda.pdf>

The original deadline for them to spend the funding was 16 April 2019. They were granted an extension by the Chairman of the Community Fund Panel to this deadline to the new deadline of 16 January 2020.

They have come back to us today (12 Dec) saying they don't want to spend the funding on the areas it was originally approved for. Instead they'd like to spend it on the areas outlined in the statement below.

Any changes to the original application have to be approved by the Chairman of the Panel. In this case it was timely to bring the decision along to this meeting instead.

Statement from Colyton Parish Council outlining why they would like to amend their project:

Thanks for your response to my enquiry about making an amendment to the original grant offer.

Can I formally ask on behalf of Colyton Parish Council for an amendment in respect of the Council's original application. We need to ask for this amendment to change the location of the work from the New Sidmouth Road to Love Lane and Clay Lane to divert water running into and across these lanes into restored ditches and lets which will prevent flooding and icing of the road surfaces. The purpose of this work remains the same as in the previous application and with regular maintenance will provide a sustainable improvement to flood protection.

The reason we are asking for this amendment is that the County Council have used their digger to restore the ditches and lets along the New Sidmouth road and the hand restoration work is no longer necessary. We are obtaining a quote from the Halcyon Company for this work and hope it will qualify for the same grant.

Please could you seek permission from the Community Fund Panel for the change from the original approved project.