

## **OVING PAVILION PROJECT – REPORT OF FUNDING WORKING GROUP**

**Submitted by Roger Ball, Susie Hawkins and John Palmer to Meeting of full Working Group held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2006**

### **1. Successful local projects**

- Cublington - A mature project. Pavilion constructed in 1997 at a cost of £120,000 with contribution of £85,000 from the National Lottery/Sport England. A buy-a-brick scheme was also successful among residents. Main users are cricket and tennis clubs. See [www.cublington.org/biggs](http://www.cublington.org/biggs) for further details.
- Little Milton, Oxon - A village hall built by Pinelog at a cost of £280,000 with a grant of £140,000 from the District Council, £45,000 from WREN (see below), a Public Works Loan of £35,000 and £40,000 raised by the village.
- Quainton – A large village hall costing around £500,000, including £78,000 professional fees. Major funder was The Big Lottery Fund (£197,000), after first application was declined. All Quainton residents were asked for a contribution.
- Long Crendon – Conversion of an existing single storey football pavilion into a two-storey club house. Total cost originally estimated at £237,000, but there was an over-run and a Public Works Loan had to be taken out. Major funder was Football Foundation (50%) with £40,000 from Parish Council and £10,000 from AVDC. Used mainly by Long Crendon FC, which has a very active junior section. Adjacent Tennis Club pays annual rent for use of toilets. Large meeting room on first floor.

### **2. Potential funders**

- National Lottery - There has been a moratorium on grants for the past 18 months, and a backlog has built up. Details of a new Community Building Fund are due in June 2006.
- WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental Fund) - Maximum grant £50,000 to projects within a 10-mile radius of land-fill sites (Oving qualifies through Calvert and Bletchley). Sports facilities must include a public function room for hire by local groups.
- Football Foundation - Will fund up to 50% of major football- related projects but has no objection to other sports using them. All grants are subject to stipulations such as minimum size of changing rooms, provision of changing facilities for male and female officials, and disabled access and toilet. Although we have a very small Football Club, the Oving Villages Cup may carry some influence. We have a copy of Long Crendon's application to the Football Foundation.

- Bucks CC have no schemes, AVDC have very limited funds and The Bucks Foundation will not fund Parish Councils.

### **3. What we have learned from talking to our contacts**

- Any project must be **COMMUNITY DRIVEN**
- A **COMMUNITY QUESTIONNAIRE** can help to demonstrate this
- A **BUSINESS PLAN** demonstrating how the project will be managed after completion is essential
- A **PARISH PLAN** may also be helpful
- The full **CO-OPERATION AND SUPPORT** of the potential users is essential – this was a problem in Long Crendon
- The **DIMENSIONS AND FACILITIES** of the building must meet the criteria of all funding bodies
- **CASH FLOW** during the construction must be properly managed – another problem in Long Crendon
- **BENEFITS TO CHILDREN** are helpful in any application
- The **VAT SITUATION** needs to be clarified
- Speak to the **PLANNING AUTHORITIES** as early as possible