Application to Bishops Lydeard and Cothelstone Parish Council for a grant from C.I.L funds by Bishops Lydeard Village Hall Management Committee (BLVHMC).

1. Introduction.

In addition to owning the Village Hall, the Annexe, the Playing Field (known as the village green) and the car park, the Village Hall and Playing Field Charity also own the Play Park. The Play Park is provided free of charge for the use of the younger members of the community, the costs (management, maintenance, insurance, and inspection costs are paid by the Village Hall. The item of play equipment in the toddler section of the Play Park is approaching the end of its useful life and repairs have been judged as not cost effective. BLVHMC is therefore seeking a grant of £10,000 toward the capital cost of replacing this item of equipment.

Details of the Project

The Village Hall Play Park contains of a number of items of play equipment for older children within a fenced area providing them with the opportunity for exercise and entertainment. Within this area is a separate small fenced area containing one item of equipment designed specifically for toddlers and smaller children. This area provides an space where toddlers can safely play without any risk of interaction with the older children in the main play park.

This item of toddler equipment is over 20 years old and is reaching the end of its useful life. Recent ROSPA inspections of the Play Park have highlighted this issue. Investigations into refurbishing this equipment have shown that these would be short lived and not cost effective. Also comments have been made by the parents of several children using this section of the Play Park to the same effect. BLVHMC has therefore investigated the market and identified two items of suitable replacement equipment manufactured by Wicksteed and Dragon Play. Of these two it has been judged that the item proposed by Dragon Play is the one most suitable for this Play Park.

The work to carry out this replacement will include removal of the existing equipment, excavation for and installing of new foundations, installation of the

new equipment and then making good the “wet pour” safety surface area within this section of the play park.

Finance

The overall cost of supplying and installing the chosen item of Dragon Play equipment is £18340 plus VAT, which BLVHMC cannot reclaim, making a total cost of £22008. The equivalent cost of the Wicksteed equipment is £25205 incl. VAT.

BLVHMC is therefore seeking a capital grant of £10,000 towards the overall cost of this project from Bishops Lydeard and Cothelstone Parish Council. BLVHMC is also making an application to Awards for All for a similar grant of £10,000 towards this project. The balance of funds for this project (£2008.00) will be provided from hall funds.

Signed …Richard Peacocke……

Position on BLVHMC …Vice Chairman……

Date …08/06/2024……