Application for Grant for Voluntary Organisations Local Government Act 1972, Section 137



1. Name of Organisation:

Alderbury Village Hall Management Committee
The Village Hall Management Committee is not a Registered Charity. It is formally answerable to the Parish Council.

2 Contact Details:



3. Details of the application:

- (a) The amount of grant requested is £750; 25% of the estimated full cost.
- (b) The Village Hall has recently been refurbished and upgraded to a high standard. It is now a much more attractive venue for events such as weddings, large family parties and social gatherings. The kitchen has also been upgraded to cater for larger and more formal events. For some reason, most likely cost control and affordability, it was decided including a dishwasher was not necessary. Recent research, however, has discovered most Village Halls in the area have a dishwasher installed and the majority are of a commercial standard.¹ It has also become clear the lack of a commercial dishwasher is a disincentive to those considering hiring the hall for larger events, not least because of the need for outside catering companies to employ extra staff and charge accordingly.
- (c) Having taken advice from Inn Gear, a local company who refurbish public houses, the recommended model is a Hobart EcoMax 504W. The current estimated cost, including VAT and installation by the recommended supplier, Nisbets, is £3,000.²
- (d) The Committee have also been advised a grant from Wiltshire Council may be possible and traditionally the Council match whatever the applicant is contributing. In short, if this application is successful, we would hope to obtain half the balance of £2,250 from Wiltshire Council.
- (e) The Village Hall is run entirely for the benefit of Alderbury residents and those who use the Hall will be the main beneficiaries in terms of having a much more attractive and useable facility. More to the point, making the Hall more attractive to hirers from outside the village at a competitive rate, will enable charging a more favourable and, in many cases, more affordable rate to groups and organisations based in the village.



¹Commercial dishwasher cycles are considerably shorter.

²There may be additional cost for installing three phase power. To enable the cycles to be so much shorter they run considerably hotter and need a 30Amp power source.