

Report to Parish Council – Community Mural Project

Proposal

To approve the use of up to £2,100 from the Parish Council's earmarked reserve for young people aged 11–18 to fund a community mural project at Stoke St Michael Playing Field, subject to final confirmation of costs, agreement of the mural designs and appropriate arrangements being in place for the participation of young people.

Background

The Parish Council has £3,766.75 in earmarked reserves for projects benefiting young people aged 11–18 within the village.

A proposal has been received to use some of these funds to deliver a community street art/mural project at Stoke St Michael Playing Field. The project would involve local young people working alongside a professional mural artist to create artwork on the football rebound wall and potentially one side of the Pavilion building.

Proposed Project

The project would begin with a 1–2-hour workshop at the Village Hall, where young people would be invited to contribute ideas and take part in the initial design process. The artist would provide materials and templates of the walls for participants to work with.

Following the workshop, the artist would develop the ideas into final mural designs for approval before the painting takes place. The painting could be carried out over two separate events, potentially at weekends or during school holidays. The estimated time required is 1–2 days for the rebound wall and 2–3 days for the Pavilion wall, depending on the number of young people taking part.

The artist is a full-time freelance muralist with a background in street art and graffiti, a First-Class BA Honours degree in Fine Art and experience delivering workshops for young people.

Estimated Cost

The estimated project cost is £2,100, comprising:

- Artist's time – £1,500
- Spray paint – £300
- Masonry paint – £200
- Other disposable materials/expenses – £100

A separate design fee of £150 to be paid upfront for design work.

The artist's quoted day rate is £300 per day. Additional expenses may apply depending on the scale and location of the work, including materials, travel and any necessary access equipment.

Recommendation

Councillors are recommended to approve the proposal and allocate up to £2,100 from the earmarked young people's reserve towards the community mural project.

Examples of Recent Works

