

# Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Full Council 14/09/2023

## Youth Club Donated Funds Earmarked Reserve

**Agenda item 23/063 6. To consider the proposals received for appropriate projects and resolve the allocation of funds.**

### BACKGROUND

The funds held in the Youth Club Donated Funds Earmarked Reserve of £3477 were donated to the Parish Council in August 2022.

The unspent funds came from the Mortimer Youth Club following its closure with the proviso that the Council provides services or facilities to benefit young people between the ages of approximately 14 to 18 years, which was the main target age group for both the youth club and the Duke of Edinburgh group, in Mortimer and the local area.

There was no expectation for the Council to keep them informed as to how the money has been used.

### COUNCIL DECISION

At its meeting on the 13th of July 2023, on the recommendation of the Finances and General Purposes Committee, the Council resolved to:

*invite proposals from the Mortimer scout and guide groups and The Willink School for a service or facility for 14 – 18 year olds, with a view to making a donation of the funds held based on the ideas received.*

Emails inviting the three parties to submit their proposals were sent.

### RESPONSE(S) and PROPOSAL(S) RECEIVED

#### Mortimer Scouts

*This is very timely and couldn't have come at a better time.*

*We are just beginning our plans and organisation for a cycle tour of Normandy next year for our Scouts "most of whom fall within this age group "this will coincide with the 80th year since the D day landings.*

*We have undertaken this tour which takes 5 days and is fully self supporting (we take all our kit with us on cycle trailers"4 times over the years always subsidising from our own funds or by fund raising.*

*We of course also have our on going redevelopment works but these of course will benefit all of our children not just this particular age group.*

*The 14 to 18 year olds is always a challenging time for our young people with exams and choices at school as well as the challenges that come with moving to adulthood.*

*We have found that this particular trip gives them a real challenge and leaves them with memories that last a lifetime and brings some light relief from the daily pressures they face.*

*Thanks for thinking of us if there are other organisations who could use the funds perhaps we could share ? but I would fully understand if there are others that have better use of the funds.*

*Many thanks and kind regards*

*Clerk 07/09/2023*