

## **Grant Application – Pollyanna Pre-school**

### **Background Information**

Last summer the pre-school converted their outside space from a normal grassed area to an artificial grassed area.

For them to finance the project they made a grant application to VAHT for £6,811 (£5,675.84 plus vat).

However, VAHT requested that the application be made in the name of the parish council as the landowner, which is what was done.

Normally, grant awards are made net of VAT but in this case VAHT paid the gross amount of £6,811.

Being a parish council, the council can reclaim its VAT that it has paid, so at the end of the year I reclaimed £1,135 vat.

Therefore, the parish council has benefited financially from a project that was not theirs and so could give a grant of £1,135.

The cost of the new fencing will be £1,486 (including VAT of £247) and it is hoped that it can be done during the May half term.

The parish council grants policy states that the maximum grant should be no more than £1,000 but in exceptional circumstances it can be higher.

I have indicated to Pollyanna that the grant application would be considered at the June PC meeting, but this could be considered under delegated authority (Reg 4.1) by the Parish Council Chair and/or the Communities Chair as it is under £5,000. It would then be reported to PC for formal minuting.

Since then, there has been complications with the company who have installed poor quality fencing and not what is required. As a consequence, they have taken £743 and are not prepared to rectify the work.

Pollyanna have now obtained two quotes to replace the sub-standard fencing. One for £3,900 and one for £5,000. Peter has reviewed the quotes and given feedback to Pollyanna.

Pollyanna are requesting further funding to complete the replacement fencing.

The parish council are asked to consider whether it wishes to provide a further grant on top of the £1,135 that was agreed under delegated authority by the Council Chairman and the Chairman of Communities.