

# **WILBY PLAYING FIELDS TRUST**

## **CHARITY NO: 304454**

January 2019

Dear Parish Councillors

### **APPLICATION FOR A GRANT WILBY PLAYING FIELDS TRUST**

Wilby Playing Fields Trust is writing in application of a grant for the year 2019/20.

In the financial year 2018/19 the Parish Council increased its grant to £800. We hope we are able to show that the money was put to good use in the upkeep and improvement of the playing fields and its facilities. I have attached a copy of our latest independently examined accounts.

As you can see from the accounts we have had a good year for fundraising. Having set ourselves goals in 2016/17 of replacing the tractor and providing facilities for adults, in the form of an outdoor gym, we undertook targeted fundraising. The fundraising has taken place over this time and resulted in grants from a variety of sources: Tesco's, Maud Elkington Trust, Northamptonshire Community Foundation, and Wellingborough Council which have enabled us to fulfil these goals in 2018.

We have installed the gym equipment and purchased a new tractor. We are still negotiating with the gym installers over the fence around the equipment and at this time have not yet paid for this portion of the contract. The fence was required to isolate the equipment from the children's play equipment but the fence does not meet ROSPA standards, and was not installed to a satisfactory standard. The "Tractor" Account still shows available funds, however these are restricted and can only be used for the fencing. The tractor has been put to use and is meeting our expectations.

We have been careful with other expenditure in the past year. We were able to save on some repairs through a donation of time by a qualified electrician. We have delayed some expenditure on repairs – roof leak and tree pruning due to delays in obtaining quotes. This expenditure will fall in 2019. Any excess of income over expenditure (minus the funds for the gym fencing), shown in the accounts (amounting to £335) will be put to completing the work on the roof and the tree.

In the coming year we will continue to fundraise to improve and maintain the park facilities with our plans to include:

1. Fixing the roof leak and replacing the water damaged external light
2. Improving the showers to meet football standards. Over the years these have scaled up and need replacing.
3. Pruning the willow tree.

We hope that you will agree to support our work with a further grant of £800. I apologise for the late provision of this report and am happy to attend a Parish Council meeting to answer any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely

Helène Vancliff  
Chair