



Policy on Disbursement of Funds **Bonded to the Council Under Agreement** **with J S Bloor (Newbury) Ltd dated 17** **December 1991**

Background

Ashchurch Parish Council (the Council this Bond was with) reviewed the policy for the disbursement of funds bonded to the Council under an Agreement with Bloor (Newbury) Limited having first sought advice from the Council's Solicitor and from the District Auditor. The review was necessary because the previous strict interpretation of the agreement prevented Ashchurch Parish Council assisting community groups seeking to renovate or improve existing facilities. Capital projects were limited to the new community assets with affordable running costs. The Council considered that the previous policy did not allow the funds to be used in the best interests of the Parish.

Policy Statement

Northway Parish Council will disburse the funds bonded to the Council under an Agreement with J S Bloor (Newbury) Limited on Capital Projects in the best interests of the Parish.

Capital Projects shall be limited to new facilities and the improvement or renovation of existing facilities.

The funds shall not be used to support running costs or other routine expenditure save where such are allocated as part of a start-up grant.

Disbursement of funds must be subject to public consultation (where such has not already taken place except where the expenditure is less than 2% of the original capital sum of £340,000) when consultation is subject to the discretion of the Council.

Interest payments received on investment of the funds shall be added to the capital account and shall be subject to this policy.

Each quarter the Council shall ensure that at least 90% of the funds shall be allocated to earmarked reserves i.e. identified projects. The list of earmarked reserves shall be regularly reviewed to ensure that the projects are achievable in a realistic timescale.