FINANCE COMMITTEE SEPTEMBER 2025

WEALDEN COMMUNITY LED INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (CLIF)

13th July 2025 I emailed Buildings Assets Group the following:

> *"We'd hoped that the CLIF grant programme would help with the Old Station purchase but Penny and I have read the Grant Fund requirements and criteria and unfortunately WPC would not be eligible as the purchase of land is excluded.*
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> *Routine maintenance is also excluded, which covers most of the work listed in the survey we had. However, the CLIF guidance notes indicate improvements could be covered, and gives as examples damp proofing work, and upgrading to secondary double glazing which may be something for the Old Station. Penny has also flagged Phoenix House, whilst we think most of the maintenance there is routine (and therefore excluded), we did talk about secondary double glazing previously and dismissed it as being too expensive.*
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> *Please could I therefore ask for your views. Link to the fund is Wealden Community Led Infrastructure Fund (CLIF) - Wealden District Council – please do take a read and let me know if you have any ideas for things we could/should apply for.*
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> *If it's felt that it is worth putting in an application then I will arrange a Buildings Group meeting to discuss.*
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> *I have also circulated it to Kelly, Natalie and Stephanie to consider if there's anything else in CEAG/the Parish Plan that might be appropriate."*

Cllr Gordon-James has queried whether Phoenix House may be eligible to improve the insulation of the building, thereby reducing heating costs.

Whilst the residential part of the property isn't a community space, the benefits could be argued to be a way of enhancing the rental potential which in turn funds the community post office, thereby helping to sustain that community asset. However it would be whether the post office can be considered a multi-purpose community building or a community space.

Robert has made an initial eligibility check with the WDC officer responsible for the fund who was unable to answer the query.

Should Finance Committee wish to take enquiries further and make an application for this, RFO to take further enquiries/actions forward

No other recommendations for applications have been suggested.

Finance Committee to confirm that there are no further potential applications to prioritise.