

## **NOTICE - NEW HOMES BONUS APPLICATION**

New Homes Bonus is a grant to the local community that is received by the parish council for all new and previously unoccupied properties that come onto the council tax register. The grant was introduced in 2009 by the government to encourage support for new housing development and is paid for six years after the additional property comes into use.

Since 2009 there have been over 20 qualifying properties built in the three parishes and we have been allocated a total of £16,446 to date. There is some debate as to whether the government may rescind on its original promise to pay the grant for six years and so at the present time we are allocated the grant on a year by year basis.

It is up to the local community to decide how to spend the money but any proposal has to be approved by Wychavon District Council and it has laid down various criteria that we need to meet. One of these requirements is that the parish council consults on its intentions (See The New Homes Bonus Protocol on Wychavon D C website)

In 2014 we spent £1,994 on a contribution to the refurbishment of the Three Parishes Hall.

At the present moment we have an application from the Flyford Social Group for £963.60 towards some new trestle tables which would be used for community events such as the Big Lunch this summer. These would be available for the whole community to use from time to time.

This notice is to ask for suggestions and comments concerning the use of the News Homes Bonus.

Please let me know if you have any objection to the application for the tables and if you have any other suggestions for the use of the money.

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