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MOORLANDS PARTNERSHIP BOARD AGENDA

Date: Thursday, 28 November 2024

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: Dove Room, Moorlands House, Leek

20 November 2024

1. Apologies.
2. To Approve the Minutes from the Previous Meeting. **(Pages 3 - 6)**
3. Disclosure of Interests:
 - Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:
 - Other Interests
4. Summary of Projects **(Pages 7 - 10)**
5. Financial Summary and Proposed Grant Awards **(Pages 11 - 20)**
6. Any Other Business.

ANDREW STOKES **CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

Membership of Moorlands Partnership Board

Councillor A Hart	Councillor C Jebb (Chair)
Councillor L Malyon (Vice-Chair)	Birch
Councillor B Emery	Councillor E Fallows
Councillor K Flunder	Councillor K Harper
Hart	Councillor M Johnson
Councillor V O'Shea	Councillor D Price
Sillitoe	Swindlehurst
Councillor N Yates	Upton

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STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL

MOORLANDS PARTNERSHIP BOARD DECISIONS

TUESDAY, 16 JULY 2024

PRESENT: Councillor C Jebb (Chair)

Councillors B Birch, B Emery, E Fallows, K Flunder, A Hart, M Johnson, L Malyon, V O'Shea, D Price, L Swindlehurst, P Upton and N Yates

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor(s) J Biddulph, M Spooner and C Wood

APOLOGIES: Councillors K Harper and S Sillitoe

15 **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING.**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 March 2024 be approved.

16 **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:**

Agenda No.	Member Declaring Interest	Nature of Interest
Item 4 – Summary of Projects (Den Engel, Anticipated application)	Councillor Price	Other – Knows the owner of Den Engel.
Item 4 & 5 – Financial Summary & Proposed Grant Awards and Summary of Projects (Endon projects)	Councillor Jebb Councillor Flunder Councillor Biddulph	Other – Members of Endon Parish Council
Item 5 – Financial Summary & Proposed Grant Awards (The Plough, Endon)	Councillor Flunder	Other – Held meeting with brewery.
Item 5 – Financial Summary & Proposed Grant Awards (St Giles Church)	Councillor Upton	Other – Member of St Giles Church.

17 **SUMMARY OF PROJECTS**

The board received a report which provided an update and reviewed progress on the grants already approved (in previous years) under the Moorlands Partnership Board.

This report dealt with progress to date on those projects, awaiting commencement, on site or, completed since the last meeting of the Moorlands Partnership Board.

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This report was for information only but offered Members an opportunity to comment on progress. The report was presented with an accompanying power point presentation which displayed images of each project.

Members discussed the process for chasing applications which were coming toward their grant expiration date and when funding should be withdrawn.

RESOLVED:

- That the update report be noted.
- That the application for Christ Church, Biddulph Moor remain open until the next meeting.

18 FINANCIAL SUMMARY AND PROPOSED GRANT AWARDS

The report sought Member's approval to allocate grant funding from the Moorlands Partnership Board (MPB) in 2024/25. The budget for this year is £60,000.

Members discussed the requirement for applications, the difficulties in obtaining Diocese approval for religious buildings, the implications of funding limited companies and private dwellings. Members questioned the length of time the current door at 31 London Street had been there as well as the windows in the property not being of any historical significance.

RESOLVED:

1. That the financial summary in 3.2 be noted.
2. That a maximum grant of £8,000 towards the cost of eligible works towards the repointing of St Mark's Church, Foxt be approved. The work would be subject to the standard grant scheme conditions and the following technical conditions:
 - The works to be carried out in accordance with the Architects specification.
 - The works receive approval from the Diocese.
3. That a maximum grant of £8,000 towards the cost of eligible works towards the refurbishment of the mural at the Plough Inn Endon be approved. The work would be subject to the standard grant scheme conditions and the following technical conditions:
 - Listed Building Consent is approved prior to works commencing on site.
 - There is an approved scheme of redecoration for the rest of the building prior to works commencing on the mural.
 - Full payment of the grant is withheld until the entire frontage of the building's redecoration is complete or well underway.
 - That the brewery be in direct contact with Officers.
 - That there is significant progress on works by November 2024. If members consider that insufficient progress is being made the grant will be withdrawn and reallocated.

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4. That the application for a 75% grant of £5,475 (VAT inc) towards the cost of eligible works towards joinery repairs and restoration at 31 London Street, Leek be refused.
5. That a maximum grant of £8,000 towards the project costs of internal bell protection to St Giles Church in Cheadle be approved. The work would be subject to the standard grant scheme conditions and the following technical conditions:
 - Works to be carried out in accordance with the architects specification and drawings as approved by the Diocese of Birmingham.
6. That the application for a maximum grant of £8,000 towards the cost of eligible works for the repair of summer house No 2 at St Edwards Cheddleton be deferred until the end of the financial year and be considered at the March meeting if funds permit.

19 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

The Chair thanked Officers and members for their support and attendance at the tour earlier today. She advised that she had requested more social media presence and documents to be added to the website. This would advise the community what Moorlands Partnership Board offers and how it supports the economy and tourism by preserving the heritage and landscape within the Moorlands.

The meeting closed at 4.50 pm

Chairman

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STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL

Moorlands Partnership Board

28th November 2024

TITLE:	Summary of Progress with Approved Projects
PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	Councillor Darren Price - Deputy Leader & Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Planning
CONTACT OFFICER:	Joanne Brooks - Regeneration Officer
WARDS INVOLVED:	Non-Specific

1. Reason for the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is update and review progress on the grants already approved (in previous years) under the Moorlands Partnership Board.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the update report is noted.

3. Executive Summary

- 3.1 This report deals with progress to date on those projects awaiting commencement, on site, or completed since the last meeting of the Moorlands Partnership Board.
- 3.2 This report is for information only but does offer members an opportunity to comment on progress. The report will be presented with an accompanying power point presentation which displays images of each project.

4. How this report links to Corporate Priorities

- 4.1 This report concerns publicly funding the restoration and repair of historic properties or places that are either listed or an identified heritage asset. This in turn, is related to the Council's corporate aim:
- Help create a strong economy by supporting further regeneration of towns and villages.

5. Alternative Options

5.1 There are no alternative options as this an update report on progress only.

6. Implications

6.1 Community Safety

No implications at this stage.

6.2 Workforce

The Moorlands Partnership Scheme is administered by an officer within the Regeneration Team with assistance when required from the Council's Conservation Officer.

6.3 Equality and Diversity / Equality Impact Assessment

No implications at this stage.

6.4 Financial Considerations

There are allocations within the capital programme for the Moorlands Partnership grant scheme. The projects outlined in this report have been met from approved budgets from previous years. The budget for this year 2024-2025 is £60,000.

6.5 Legal

Local authorities are empowered to give grants towards improvements in conservation areas under Section 57 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

6.6 Climate Change

No Implications at this stage.

6.7 Consultation

Grant offers are made in consultation with and approved by the Moorlands Partnership Board. Where required, projects that require planning permission and listed building consent are subject to the normally statutory consultations.

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Web Links and
Background Papers

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7. Project Updates and Progress

2016/17 OFFERS:

Biddulph Town Council Projects

The Trough – The new stone pieces have been completed. The County Council have confirmed that the town council can have temporary traffic signals on Thursday 7th November. Work should be completed by the date of the meeting.

2020/2021 OFFERS:

St Edwards Summerhouse – Repair of Grade II listed summer house within site

All the joinery work to the summer house has now been completed including the roof structure and new timber soffits all around the building. Large areas of timber panelling have been reinstated inside on a like for like basis. Just waiting for the zinc roof to be reinstated.

2021/2022 OFFERS:

Christ Church, Biddulph Moor – Roof repairs

Applicant has made contact with Officers. They have had to divert funds towards the repair of the Church Hall roof as more critical.

2022/2023 OFFERS:

Foxlowe Arts Centre – Conservatory Repairs

The contractor will be on site imminently.

2023/2024 OFFERS:

Endon Station new gate and sign board, reinstatement of windows and door

New gate and signboard installed and repaired and decorated. Works to reinstate windows and doors delayed.

Cheddleton Station Signal Box relocation

Signal box relocated and grant paid.

St James Court Clock tower redecoration

Due to coming winter months works will now start next spring.

8 King Street Sash Window reinstatement

Windows manufactured and waiting to be installed. Delays due to specialist glass supply.

6 Leonard St Ghost Sign

Applicant has liaised with the Development Control team and advertisement consent is required prior to the reinstatement of the sign. This is proving problematical as costs for consent are excessive against the overall cost of the

works. As a result, the grant may be declined. Regeneration Officers are liaising with the Development Control Team to see if there is a suitable resolution.

Biddulph Town Council Miners lamps refurbishment

Lamps installed and grant paid.

Endon Village Hall Refurbishment

Works currently on site.

2024/2025 OFFERS:

St Marks Church Foxt – Pointing

Works complete and grant paid.

The Plough Endon – Mural restoration

A new grant application has been submitted by the brewery rather than the Parish Council, as such a formal grant offer has now been made subject to a number of conditions. The brewery has confirmed that the LBC application for the mural will be submitted 15 – 22 November. Subject to the Brewery Board approval a full refurbishment will also be undertaken including toilets, all trading areas, kitchen and external decorations. The proposed programme is to start on site on 19 May 2025 with completion on 23 June 2025 subject to Planning Approvals.

St Giles RC Church Cheadle – Bell protection

The applicant has made an agreement with their contractor that work will not start before February 1st. This will give the applicant further time to fund raise but also coincide with school holidays so that the school playground would be available as a car park for the contractors.

ANTICIPATED APPLICATIONS:

Buttercross Cheddleton - Schedule Monument repairs

The Parish Council has been awarded £10,000 from Historic England for the restoration of the cross but it will be next year now before specialist conservator can do the works. Looking to complete by April 2025. As a result, there will not be an application for funds from the MPB.

Den Engel Leek - Courtyard resurfacing and refurbishment of outbuildings

Application will be made next year.

White Bridge Endon – Bridge repairs after vandalism

Cheddleton Station – Crossing gates reinstatement

Application to be made in March. There are difficulties in obtaining estimates.

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Moorlands Partnership Board

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PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	Councillor Darren Price - Deputy Leader & Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Planning
CONTACT OFFICER:	Joanne Brooks - Regeneration Officer
WARDS INVOLVED:	Non-Specific

1. Reason for the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Member's approval to allocate grant funding from the Moorlands Partnership Board (MPB) in 2024/25. The budget for this year is £60,000.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Board:

- 2.1 Note the financial summary in 3.2.
- 2.2 Approve a maximum grant of £8,000 towards the cost of eligible works totalling £21,264.61 (VAT excl.) towards the repair of the original cast iron windows at the Alton Castle. The work will be subject to the standard grant scheme conditions and the following technical conditions:
- The works to be carried out in accordance with the Architects specification.
- 2.3 Approve a 75% grant of £5,925 towards the cost of eligible works totalling £7,900 (VAT excluded) towards the renewal of the flat roof to the Well building at the former Stockton Brook Pumping Station. The work will be subject to the standard grant scheme conditions.
- 2.4 Approve a 75% grant of £4,736 (VAT incl.) towards the cost of eligible works totalling £6,315 (excl. VAT) towards the roof repair of the porch at St Chad, Longsdon. The work will be subject to the standard grant scheme conditions and the following technical conditions:
- Any new materials brought to site to match existing.

2.5 Approve a maximum grant of £8,000 towards the costs of repairing and restoring the Garage at School Green, Ipstones of £15,700 (VAT excl.). The work will be subject to the standard grant scheme conditions and the following technical conditions:

- Any new materials brought to site must match the existing exactly
- Rainwater goods to be in cast iron
- New joinery details to match the existing exactly unless otherwise agreed
- Colour scheme to be agreed
- The applicant to consult with Planning and ensure planning permission is not required.

2.6 Approve a maximum grant of £8,000 towards the cost of eligible works totalling £15,840 (VAT excl.) for the repair of the historic dam at Belmont Farm, Ipstones The work will be subject to the standard grant scheme conditions.

3. Executive Summary

3.1 This report allows the Board to consider applications for environmental enhancement and heritage grants under the MPB for funding toward suitable projects within the district.

3.2 The Board will recall that given the impact of the pandemic unallocated funds from 2020/21 were rolled forward to the subsequent 4 years funding of the MPB. This resulted in an enhanced budget of £60,350 in 2021/22 followed by a further 3 years with a £60,000 budget. It should be noted however that the usual budget rules apply and there is no ability to carry forward any unused allocation. Subject to the approval of all the grant applications in this report then the table below represents the current financial position.

Scheme Budget	£60,000
Grant offers to date:	
St Marks Foxt	£8,000
The Plough Endon	£8,000
St Giles Cheadle	£8,000
	£24,000
Grant offers for consideration:	
Alton Castle	£8,000
Stockton Brook Pumping Station	£5,925
St Chad Church Longsdon	£4,736
Garage School Green Ipstones	£8,000
Belmont Farm Dam	£8,000
Total of grant offers for approval	£34,661
Remaining Allocation for 2024/25	£1,339

4. How this report links to Corporate Priorities

- 4.1 This report concerns publicly funding the enhancement, restoration or repair of historic properties or places that are either listed or an identified heritage asset. This, in turn, is related to the Council's corporate aim:
- To help create a strong economy by supporting further regeneration of towns and villages.

5. Alternative Options

- 5.1 Not approve environmental and heritage grant awards under the Moorlands Partnership Board and not allocate the capital budget of £60,000 set aside for this grant scheme. As a result, the MPB would not be able to continue to financially assist a number of environmental and heritage projects throughout the district and secure the repair, restoration and enhancement of heritage features, places and buildings. NOT RECOMMENDED
- 5.2 Continue to approve environmental and heritage grant awards to suitable projects throughout the district and to ensure the allocation of the budget of £60,000 this year. As a result, the MPB can financially assist with projects that secure the repair, restoration or enhancement of heritage features, places and buildings and contribute towards the further regeneration of town and villages through Staffordshire Moorlands. RECOMMENDED

6. Implications

- 6.1 Community Safety
No implications at this stage.
- 6.2 Workforce
The Moorlands Partnership Scheme is administered by an officer within the Regeneration Team with assistance when required from the council's Conservation Officer.
- 6.3 Equality and Diversity / Equality Impact Assessment
No implications at this stage.
- 6.4 Financial Considerations
There are allocations within the capital programme for the funding of the Moorlands Partnership scheme. The current funding position is set out in section 3 above.
- 6.5 Legal
Local authorities are empowered to give grants towards improvements in conservation areas under Section 57 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and

Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

6.6 Climate Change
No Implications at this stage.

6.7 Consultation
Grant offers are made in consultation with and approved by the Moorlands Partnership Board. Where required, projects that require planning permission and listed building consent are subject to the normally statutory consultations

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7. Proposed Grant Awards

ALTON CASTLE COMPLEX – WINDOW REPAIRS

- 7.1 An application has been received for the repair of the original cast iron windows at the Alton Castle complex. The castle is of a gothic revival design (mid-19th century) located high on a hill overlooking the Churnet Valley.
- 7.2 Designed by Pugin it is a grade 1 listed building. The castle, church and guildhall form an imposing historic complex which is now home to the Kenelm Youth Trust. Members will recall that both the guildhall and church (St. Johns the Baptist) have benefited from funding from the Moorlands Partnership Board to carry out joinery and roof repairs. These works have been completed and Board members visited the site in July this year to see firsthand the historic complex, completed works and the work that the Kenelm Youth Trust undertake.
- 7.3 At the time of the site visit by the Board, the trustees expressed their concern on the condition of the original cast iron windows that exist throughout the complex. The applicant appointed conservation architects to undertake a survey and repair schedule for window repairs on the site. The repair works include easing casements to ensure that they open and close; repairing hinges and fixings, including stays and catches, sealing the perimeter of casements and re-puttying glass panes. Ironmongery, such as catches and stays are of varying age and condition, so some replacement and/or repair of ironmongery is required to ensure that windows are operable. Given the listed status of the complex the works will be carried out on a 'like for like' basis. 4 contractors were invited to tender during September this year. Only two tenders were returned the lowest of which was £215,338.73 (plus VAT).
- 7.4 Given the cost of the works the applicants is phasing the window repairs and is applying for funding against the first phase totalling £21,264.61 (plus VAT). This first phase will be focused upon the dormitory windows in the Castle.
- 7.5 The Board offers 75% grants which are capped at £8,000. Members of the Board are recommended to approve a maximum grant of £8,000 towards the cost of eligible works totalling £21,264.61 The work will be subject to the standard grant scheme conditions and the following technical conditions:

- The works to be carried out in accordance with the Architect's specification.

STOCKTON BROOK FORMER PUMPING STATION – NEW FLAT ROOF OVER WELL BUILDING

- 7.6 The Stockton Brook Waterworks was built in 1884 to provide clean water to the people of North Staffordshire. One million gallons of water a day were first steam pumped up to reservoirs at Bagnall, Brown Edge, and Golden Hill.
- 7.7 Water was then gravity fed to houses and businesses. The site is located next to the Caldon Canal in the heart of North Staffordshire. The building is

not listed but falls within the Cauldon Canal Conservation Area and set within 20 acres of woodland and part of the Stoke on Trent wildlife corridor. The building is privately owned and leased to a Community Interest Company (CIC) that seeks to further the site to create a community space for arts, nature and heritage. Longer term ideas include, café, meeting rooms, conference facilities, nature trail, exhibition and event space.

- 7.8 The site was acquired just over 20 years ago and since then the owners have completed major works to the roof of the Engine Hall including the renovation of five 32 foot pitch pine Queen post trusses, re-roofing the Engine Hall with original Westmorland slate, re building parapet walls, laying new handmade feature bricks and renovation of downspouts and lead work. Following on from the open days in September, the CIC are applying for feasibility / development funding with the aim to phase works starting with the Boiler House roof which is in urgent need of repair.
- 7.9 The grant funding application to the MPB is targeted towards the repair of the building that houses the well at the west side of the Stockton Brook Waterworks. This is a flat roofed brick building, built in 1936 when the Stockton Brook Waterworks was converted from steam driven pumps to electricity. The interior is not exactly useable in a normal way, but a very interesting part of the heritage of this building. The roof of the well building is constructed in concrete and covered in asphalt. It is failing badly, and the deterioration of this roof means that water is soaking into the Engine Hall wall adjacent, jeopardising the work already done to make this space watertight.
- 7.10 The works include the removal of the original failing asphalt flat roof over the well / borehole building and replace this with 3 layers of polyester based felts and fix 4 existing lead drain outlets. 3 estimates have been received for the works the lowest of which totals £7,900.
- 7.11 There is growing recognition of the historical and cultural significance of waterworks architecture and this is a fine example. Two open days in September and had over 300 visitors. Crowd funding has provided support to install a sink and toilet which are much needed to facilitate ongoing volunteers and community use.
- 7.12 The Board offers 75% grants which are capped at £8,000. Members of the Board are recommended to approve a 75% grant of £5,925 towards the cost of eligible works totalling £7,900 (VAT included). The work will be subject to the standard grant scheme conditions.

ST CHAD CHURCH LONGSDON – STEEPLE REPAIRS

- 7.13 St Chad is an imposing Anglican Parish Church situated in an elevated position on the A53 road between Leek and Endon. It is flood lit at night and an important part of the public realm and townscape. The building was constructed of local sandstone in the early part of twentieth century in the Late Victorian Gothic style, with a spacious and decorative interior. It is Grade 2* listed and consecrated in 1903 and designed by Gerald Horsley. It is constructed with rock faced coursed stone with ashlar dressings.

- 7.14 There is ingress of rainwater from the broken roof into the porch and into the church itself, causing penetrating damp and deterioration of the walls. Further deterioration will occur without the proposed restoration of the roof section affected.
- 7.15 Works include scaffolding to the porch, strip roof, fix breathable felt membrane, tanalised laths and re-lay existing roof tiles, with any new to match. Renew all leadwork and flashings.
- 7.16 St Chad hosts concerts, recitals, carol services and harvest festivals, to which the wider community are attracted beyond the regular congregation. In addition, St Chad also hosts many weddings a year, with couples drawn far beyond the parish because of its attractive location, available parking and beautiful interior. St Chad also acts as agent for the collection of unwanted items prior to transfer to Leek's charity shops as stock for sale. The front porch acts as a drop off point for items during the week and this arrangement is threatened if the roof above the porch is not made watertight.
- 7.17 Three estimates have been received for the works the lowest and most appropriate, given the listed status of the church, totals £6,315 (excluding VAT).
- 7.18 The Board offers 75% grants which are capped at £8,000. Members of the Board are recommended to approve a 75% grant of £4,736 (VAT excl.) towards the cost of eligible works totalling £6,315. The work will be subject to the standard grant scheme conditions and the following technical conditions:
- Any new materials brought to site must match the existing.

SCHOOL GREEN GARAGE IPSTONES

- 7.19 An application has been received to refurbish and restore the existing brick garage located on School Green, Ipstones. The building is not listed but lies within the northern part of the Ipstones Conservation Area. It is located in a triangle of 18th and 19th Century piecemeal development and it shown on the 1880 ordnance survey map of the area. The applicant states that the building housed the first local fire engine. The garage is not widely visible from the surrounding area/streets but presents itself onto the area known as School Green and has become a well cherished local feature. There is a footpath located adjacent to its northern elevation. The garage is brick built with clay roof tiles. It has a timber garage door to the front, timber vertically boarded door to the rear and a side window to its southern elevation.
- 7.20 The applicant and owner of the existing garage is keen to restore the building to be used as a garage and rent to local residents. The proposed repair and restoration include the following scope of works:
- Roof tiles and king post structure to be removed and stored for reuse
 - Unsound or leaning walls to be taken down and stored for reuse
 - New foundations for new wall reconstruction

- Repointing
 - Roof structure reinstated
 - Garage door and rear access door to be replaced on a like for like basis
 - Rainwater goods to be installed
- 7.21 3 estimates have been received for the works the lowest of which total £15,700 excluding VAT.
- 7.22 The Board offers 75% grants which are capped at £8,000. Members of the Board are recommended to approve a maximum grant of £8,000 towards the cost of total project costs totalling £15,700 (VAT excl.). The work will be subject to the standard grant scheme conditions and the following technical conditions:
- Any new materials brought to site must match the existing exactly
 - Rainwater goods to be in cast iron
 - New joinery details to match the existing exactly unless otherwise agreed
 - Colour scheme to be agreed
 - The applicant to consult with Planning and ensure planning permission is not required.

BELMONT ROAD, IPSTONES – 18TH CENTURY DAM RESTORATION

- 7.23 An application has been received from the landowner of an 18th Century dam located on Belmont Road, Ipstones. The dam is not listed and neither does it lie within a conservation area. However, it is contained on the County Historic Environment Record (HER record number 06275 as part of the Belmont Hall Farm) and was once part of the Belmont Hall Park estate. The watercourse leads from two fishponds upstream (HER 1703), one of which is silted up. There are 3 dams downstream and dam 3 is the subject of this application. Dam 3 has been breached on the left hand side and water is now following this route with inevitable short term consequences of further failure. The downstream masonry face of the dam is also displaying signs of movement and displaced masonry.
- 7.23 The owner of the dam is applying to the MPB for funding to repair and rebuild the dam on a like-for-like basis and reforming the shape of the pond by removal of vegetation and silt. There is an early 20th century photo showing a 'duckpond' above the dam, but this is not apparent on historic maps. This will be reformed as a result of the works.
- 7.24 The dam repair would slow the flow of the existing watercourse as intended when first built, helping to reduce the risk of erosion and flooding in the area. The pond originally known as Belmont Duck Pond would reform itself after the works as a natural feature viewed from the roadside. This would support nature and would once again create natural habitat for wildlife in the area.
- 7.25 Two estimates have been obtained for the dam repair works the lowest of which totals £15,840 (incl. VAT). The repair works consist of the following:

- Removal of earth and fallen trees causing the break in the dam wall.
- Stone masonry repairs to the breach in the wall.
- Removal of vegetation and silt to reform shape of duck pond.

7.26 The Board offers 75% grants which are capped at £8,000. Members of the Board are recommended to approve a maximum grant of £8,000 towards the cost of eligible works totalling £15,840 (VAT incl.). The work will be subject to the standard grant scheme conditions.

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