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Dear Joanna and Ewhurst and Ellens Green Parish Coucil

**Heritage Lottery Application**

**The Friends of St Peter & St Paul.**

 The Friends of St Peter & St Paul (FSPSP) have received permission from Heritage Lottery Fund(HLF) to submit a full application for a Grant towards the repair and restoration of the south transept of St Peter& St Paul church, which is on the “At Risk” register.

As part of the Grant, we need to show that we have commitment from the local community for this work and that organisations are willing to support us in our community initiative linked to the project. The initiative is to improve the visual and sound capacity of the church so that we can host small drama events in the church reflecting village historical events that would have involved the church and the community.

We hope that Ewhurst and Ellens Green PC could show its support for us in the following ways:

* Emphasise the importance of the church to your organisation as a building
* Mention the importance of church and community for the “well being” of the village and its residents
* Encourage support for FSPSP by the PC advertising FSPSP events and encouraging participation by the community
* Acknowledge you will support us financially when possible by donations to some events and forgoing payment for hire of some Parish equipment/venues

 We do need to submit evidence of your support to HLF as a formal letter we can e-mail to them.

The letter needs to have

* Your logo and website
* Full address & date
* Role of the person in the organisation sending the letter
* Signed by that person

I am sorry this is quite prescriptive – but there are a lot of criteria we have to meet to stand a chance of us actually getting our application accepted.

I do hope you can send me a letter of support, if possible, immediately after your next meeting on **Mon 20 November**

Thank you - in hope

*Jane Harry*

*Chairperson Friends of St Peter & St Paul*