Agenda Item 10(g)To CONSIDER the application from The Coddenham Centre for s106 grant funding and Sustainable Communities Food Fund grant aid and to AGREE actions as required.

The Coddenham Centre's (TCC) current oven/hob/grill is powered by calor gas, supported by an electric extractor - it's TCC's last fossil fuel dependency. TCC needs to replace it as:

a) It is late in life and the TCC team is fearful of it faulting when most required,
b) Volunteers are reluctant to use it, as the oven can often give rise to burns,
c) It inhibits TCC's ability to attract commercial users, income from which enables TCC to support its community activities; bakers especially. (TCC has attracted new businesses in the recent past, which have gone on to develop their propositions and acquire their own premises).

Decommissioning of the current facility and the acquisition of an electric arrangement is sought. The cost is c.£7,500* inclusive of VAT. To fund the new equipment and following discussion with the grants team at Mid-Suffolk District Council (MSDC), TCC has applied to draw down the remaining S106 monies held for Coddenham, which total £3,713.93, with the rest of the monies to come from MSDC's sustainable communities' food fund.

In making the funding applications, TCC had to state that amongst other support it has that of the parish council. The trustees based this on the terms of the asset transfer agreement and past support for similar TCC initiatives, subject to a formal request being made at the meeting of the parish council to be held on 18th November 2026.

N S D Mills
Chair of the trustees
The Coddenham Centre

* The applications ask for optional quotations, with the likely cost being in the region of £7.5k.