

Widdington Parish Council

Grant Awarding Policy

Widdington Parish Council has the statutory power to award grants. When awarding a grant the Parish Council shall believe it is in the interests and will bring direct benefit to the parish or any part of it for all or some of its inhabitants.

Grants must be formally applied for using the Widdington Parish Council Application Form together with all supporting documentation as requested in that form.

Grant applications will be assessed on the following criteria, which are in no priority order –

- The benefit to all or part Widdington parish.
- The benefit to all or some residents of Widdington.
- What proportion residents will benefit from the grant.
- The assessment of the viability and robustness of the application.
- The availability of Parish Council funds for grants

The Parish Council reserves the right to reject applications or to reduce the award made.

Grants will not be considered if the applicant has any money overdue to the Parish Council.

The Parish Council's Grants scheme is specifically for "one off" grants, to support the cost of small community projects or events which are open to and for the benefit of all residents of the Parish.

Please note the conditions below apply to all applications.

The Parish Council reserves the right to request copies of the organisations audited accounts or in the case of a charity their annual return.

If they wish grant applicants can address the meeting at which their grant is considered. For further details please contact the Parish Clerk.

If successful in obtaining a grant the payment must be paid into the organisation's bank account and payment cannot be paid to individuals.

Conditions

1. Applications will not be considered from individuals.
2. Applications will not be considered from health, education or welfare organisation whose services should be provided by statutory funding.
3. Applications will not be considered from organisation intending to support or oppose any political party, or to discriminate on the grounds of race or religion.

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4. Applications will not be considered from private organisations operated as a business to make a profit or surplus.
5. Applications will not be considered if the applicant has any overdue payments to the Parish Council.
6. Applications will not normally be considered from national organisations or local groups with access to funds from national 'umbrella' or 'parent' organisations, unless funds are not available from their national bodies, or the funds available are inadequate for a specified project.
7. Applications from religious groups will be considered where a clear benefit to the wider community can be demonstrated, irrespective of their religious beliefs. Compliance with this requirement will need to be demonstrated.
8. The organisation must have clearly stated aims and objectives.
9. The organisation must provide or propose to provide an activity or service that is believed to be clearly needed by the local community or by a particular group of residents.
10. The organisation must provide a written constitution that has been formally adopted by the membership, or in the event of a less formal organisation a similar written document.
11. Widdington Parish Council reserves the right to reclaim the grant in the event of it not being used for the purpose specified on the application form.
12. Grants will not be awarded on a retrospective basis but only for future funding requirements.
13. Organisations that receive a grant are required to acknowledge the contribution from Widdington Parish Council on publicity and printed material.

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