

Little Missenden Parish Council – Grant Awarding Policy

The Parish Council will consider applications for Grant Awards from:-

1. A charity, voluntary group or community organisation.
2. Agencies that operate within the Parish and are of benefit to the local community, with the following provisos:-
 - The Parish Council will not fund activities that it considers to be the responsibility of a statutory authority.
 - Applications from schools/colleges for activities that take place within the school day will not be considered.
 - The Parish Council will not fund activities outside its power or functions.

To qualify for a grant award the application must demonstrate that any funding from the Parish Council will benefit the Parish, or residents within the Parish.

Grant award applications will be considered by the Full Council and in determining the validity of the application; the Council will only consider an application relating to the under mentioned purpose:-

1. Purchase of equipment either in full or in part.
2. Funding for transport or transportation that will enable the voluntary group members to partake in a group trip or outing.
3. Activities that raise the profile of the Parish.
4. Running costs of a viable group that is experiencing a period of financial hardship.
5. Hosting special events or celebrations within the Parish
6. Provision of recreational activities within the Parish.
7. Up keep of cemeteries within the Parish

Conditions of Award

1. Grant awards will not be awarded to individuals.
2. Additional applications within a 12 month period will not be considered.
3. The grant award must be used for the specific purpose for which the application was made. Supporting documentation may be requested before a decision will be made.
4. If the group is unable to use the grant awarded for the original stated purpose, all monies must be returned to the Parish Council immediately.
5. All grant awards must be properly accounted for and evidence of expenditure should be supplied if requested. If the Parish Council is not satisfied with the arrangements, they reserve the right to request a full refund of the monies awarded.
6. Grant awards to registered Charities in response to a general fundraising appeal will not normally be considered; unless it can be demonstrated that it will be of direct benefit to the residents of the Parish.

7. Grant award applications originating from outside the Parish boundary will only be considered providing it is demonstrated that the Parish or the residents of the Parish will benefit

This Policy was adopted by Little Missenden Parish Council at its Full Council meeting held on 20th October 2014.

Parish Clerk