

WHATLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

GRANT AWARDING POLICY

1. Introduction

1.1 Whatlington Parish Council welcomes and values the work of local voluntary groups and organisation's. The council has a policy for making grants to groups and organisation's which contribute to the welfare of the community by improving or supporting facilities and/or activities. Applicants must be able to demonstrate a clear need for financial support.

2. Guidelines

2.1 An overall limit for the annual provision of grant aid will be determined as part of the budget setting process for the coming year.

2.2 Applicants must complete a grant application form and return it, together with the required financial information, to the council to meet the following deadlines:

- By **1st March** for decision at the **March council meeting**

2.3 Cheques for grants awarded at the March Council Meeting will be drawn and signed at the meeting and then forwarded by the clerk.

2.4 Grants will not routinely exceed 50% of the cost of the project or activity.

2.5 Applicants will provide details of the project/activity and the approximate number of residents expected to benefit.

2.6 Organizations must provide a report of how the money has been spent. Any unspent money must be returned to the council..

2.7 The council will not normally support commercial organisations, major charities, bodies considered to be self-funded or provided for by other authorities.

2.8 In exceptional circumstances, a grant may be awarded outside the grant timetable following consultation with councillors. The council reserves the right to refuse any grant application, or offer an alternate amount to that originally requested.

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