



MARCHWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

CRITERIA FOR AWARDING GRANTS

1. Objectives

To support residents or organisations by way of grants which in the Council's opinion operate for the benefit for some or all of the parish or residents and for which there is no other statutory support.

2. Beneficiaries

Any voluntary, charitable organisation or individuals meeting the criteria.

3. General

- 3.1 The council will set its grant budget during the autumn prior to the financial year in which it will be spent.
- 3.2 Grants may be made under a range of the powers held by the council, including Section 137 of the Local Government Act (1972).
- 3.3 Grants made under Section 137 will be recorded separately, as a requirement of audit and there is a limit of funds that can be allocated under this heading in any financial year. The Secretary of State may review this limit each year.
- 3.4 Section 137 can only be used when there is no other existing power of expenditure and when members consider that the expenditure would be of benefit to all or part of the parish, commensurate with the level of expenditure incurred.
- 3.5 If the parish has adopted the General Power of Competence then grants must be awarded under this power.

4. Policy

- 4.1 All grant applications will be considered on their own merit and any award made is purely at the discretion of the Parish Council.
- 4.2 Grants will be made in April and September of each year.

- 4.3 All grant applications must be made on a grant form and submitted with a full set of accounts, including a balance sheet, child protection policy and constitution. The constitution only needs to be submitted on the first application unless it is changed.
- 4.4 Failure to provide the financial information specified on the application form or under point 4.3 of this policy may mean that the application will not be considered.
- 4.5 Applications will be dealt with in the order of the date they are received by the Clerk to the Council.

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