

Charney Bassett Parish Council

Grants Policy

The Parish Council will consider providing financial support, by way of a grant, to a local initiative for a specific purpose that will benefit the Parish, or residents of the Parish, and which is not directly controlled or administered by the Parish Council.

Any grant award is entirely at the Parish Council's discretion. An organisation must demonstrate a clear need for such financial support and show that it will (list not exhaustive):

- a. enhance the quality of life for village residents;
- b. improve a local recreation and/or sports activity;
- c. improve the local environment;
- d. promote the Parish in a positive way.

Any funding must demonstrate that it will make a real difference to the service that the organisation offers to the Parish.

Generally speaking, grants will not be award to:

- a. private individuals;
- b. commercial organisations;
- c. purposes for which there is a statutory duty upon other local or central government departments to fund or provide;
- d. "Upward funders" i.e., local groups where fundraising is sent to a central HQ
- e. for redistribution;
- f. political parties;
- g. religious organisations, unless for a purpose that does not discriminate on grounds of belief.

This list is not exclusive, and may be added to at the Council's discretion.

Being small, the Parish Council does not keep a specific grant fund for a given financial year. Any application will be considered on its merits and reported to the first available meeting. If there are inadequate funds to meet a supportable request, funding may need to await a future financial year.

Applications should be submitted on the Parish Council's Grant Application Form and should address all of the questions posed. Further information may be requested if felt necessary. At the Council's discretion other forms of application may be considered if sufficient information is provided.

Organisations receiving grant funding from the Parish Council must include mention of the financial support provided in any publicity associated with their project or event.

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