

WOLVEY PARISH COUNCIL

GRANTS POLICY

Wolvey Parish Council is able (under the General Power of Competence) to make grants to organizations working for the benefit of the community in the parish of Wolvey.

The Objectives of community grants

- To benefit all sections of the community
- To promote a vibrant , active and sustainable community
- To contribute to the development of facilities in the community
- To assist, develop and promote local voluntary and charitable organizations
- To ensure that Council tax payers of Wolvey Parish get value for money from the Parish Council

Policy

1. Usually grants will only be awarded to local organizations rather than individuals. If awarded to an organisation the grant must be paid to that organization rather than to an individual.
2. Grant Applications for projects that require on-going funding will only be considered if there is a clear plan of how it will be funded after the initial contribution from the Parish Council Community grants fund.
3. Grants will normally be made at a meeting in June and a meeting in November. Applications for the June meeting must be received by 20th May and applications for the November meeting by 20th October.
4. All applications must be made on the official application form. Applicants must set out how the community in Wolvey will benefit from the work funded by the grant.
5. Applicants must set out any other funding they have been awarded or have applied for. Where the Parish Council is being asked to be the sole funder the applicant must explain the reason for this. Applicants are encouraged to submit applications to other funding sources.
6. Applications must be accompanied by 8 copies of the organization's most recent accounts, its latest bank statement and any other policies/documents requested by the Parish Council (eg Health & Safety policy, Child Protection policy, insurance documents, Safety certificates, Inspection reports, etc)
7. Grants will not be considered for projects that have already been completed.

8. Extended grants (ie grants that run over a period of more than one year) will not normally be considered
9. Grants over £1000 may be made in scheduled payments during the financial year (at the discretion of the Council)
10. Grants will be limited to one per organisation per year unless there is exceptional justification for a second grant.
11. Recipients of grants will need to provide ongoing updates to Parish Council meetings and a written report after 31 March of how the grant money has been used.
12. Grant recipients will be invited to the next Annual Parish Meeting (normally in April) and are expected to provide feedback in the form of a display or a presentation of how the grant was used.
13. Recipients may be asked to acknowledge Parish Council support on stationery and promotional material.

Application forms

Application forms can be obtained from the Parish Clerk or downloaded from the Wolvey website www.wolvey.org

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