



Tockwith with Wilstrop Parish Council North Yorkshire

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GRANT AWARDING POLICY

Introduction:

A grant is any payment or gift awarded by the Parish Council to an organisation 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. Grants are limited and are made available to organisations that can demonstrate a need for assistance.

Budget:

The Parish Council have the power to allocate an amount in its annual budget to support the community through the grant process. The amount is discussed and decided at the November Parish Council meeting within their budget preparations for the following financial year.

Power to award grants:

General Power of Competence

The Parish Council have various legal powers to award grants to certain types of organisation without needing to use its powers under the Power of General Competence (GPC) as it fulfils the criteria to use the GPC.

Section 137

The law requires that in accordance with Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (LGA) grants must be "in the interests of or will directly benefit the area or its inhabitants, or of part of it, or some of it" and "the direct benefit should be commensurate with expenditure". Each year the Secretary of State sets an amount per elector which in total must not be exceeded.

All grants awarded under S137 will be recorded and published in accordance with LGA 1972 s228.

The Clerk will provide the Council with the appropriate legal advice under which power each grant can be awarded and the amount set by the Secretary of State for each financial year.

Policy:

Tockwith with Wilstrop Parish Council recognises the value of voluntary community activity and its contribution to resident's well-being, the local economy and the sustainability of a wide range of services which benefit visitors and people living and working within the Parish.

The Parish Council awards grants, at its discretion, to Parish Organisations which can demonstrate a clear need for financial support to achieve an objective which will benefit the Parish by: -

- * Providing a service
- * Enhancing the quality of life
- * Improving recreation and/or sports
- * Improving the environment
- * Promoting the Parish in a positive way

The Parish Council will not award grants to: -

- * Private Individuals
- * Commercial organisations
- * Purposes for which there is a statutory duty upon other local or central government departments to fund or provide.
- * Upward funders, i.e. local groups where fund-raising is sent to a central HQ for redistribution.
- * Political parties.
- * Religious organisations, unless for a purpose which does not discriminate on grounds of belief.

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

All applications will be considered on their merits, but in general grants will be awarded for capital projects, such as purchase of equipment, works to buildings, improvements to premises. In addition, the Council may support a community event, festival or other special event.

The Parish Council will take into account any previous application made to an organisation or group when considering a new application.

Conditions of Support:

Applications must be made using the Tockwith with Wilstrop Parish Council application form which is available on the Parish Council website or from the Parish Clerk.

- * Where expenditure on a specific project exceeds £500 quotations from at least three providers must accompany the application form.
- * Funding must only be used for the purpose agreed with the Parish Council and if monies are not spent on the project/items agreed, they must be returned.
- * Funding must be spent within the financial year awarded and cannot be added wholly or partly to your reserves.
- * Details must be provided of the extent to which funding has been sought or secured from other sources or own fund-raising activities.
- * In order to fully understand your project or activity the parish councillors may wish to visit your project/activity once the funded activity is underway.
- * The need to provide evidence of expenditure to the Clerk to the Council on completion of your project, will be discretionary - based on the amount given and the purposes given.
- * The Parish Council should be notified once the project/activity has been finalised/completed.
- * You should show the grant awarded separately in your published financial accounts and Tockwith with Wilstrop Parish Council should have access to your financial records, on request, where appropriate.

When to apply:

The Parish Council prepares its annual budget in November. Organisations should therefore ensure applications are with the Parish Clerk by 1st November each year. All awards granted will become available for payment after April the following year.

How decisions will be made:

All applications will be considered at the November Parish Council meeting. The Council's decision is final. We may not be able to fund all projects as there may be more applications than there is money available, however all applications will be carefully considered. Due account will be taken of the extent to which funding has been sought or secured from other sources or own fund-raising activities.

Grant policy adopted on:.....19/4/17.....

Signed:.....NR Waller.....(Chairman)