

GRANT / LOAN AWARDING POLICY

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The Parish Council recognises it's responsibly to assist local (mainly voluntary) groups and organisation in achieving their aims in providing facilities for the general well-being of residents and visitors. Local groups will include those based within the parish, and those based more widely within the county, and which provide a service from which parish residents may benefit. Only exceptionally will financial assistance be granted if for the benefit of an individual person.

In addition to regular annual grants the Parish Council will consider 'one-off' requests for financial assistance at any time during the year.

ANNUAL GRANTS POLICY

The basis of these grants is:

Group A. The three village halls and Clearwell Recreation Ground

Group B. Parish based groups

Group C. Other groups which benefit parishioners

The amounts awarded will be agreed annually as part of the budgeting process and at the same time consideration will be given to additional beneficiaries. New groups may be added to each category from time to time.

ANNUAL GRANTS PROCEDURE & PROVISION OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION

For those groups receiving an annual grant this will be made in June each year, but subject to the provision of annual accounts, for a period ending no earlier than 18 months previously. (E.g. awards made in 2024 must be supported by accounts for a period ending no earlier than September 2022). The grant will be delayed pending production of those accounts.

The Parish Council reserves the right to request further information in support of the grant.

NON REGULAR GRANTS / LOANS

All applications for other financial assistance must be made on the Parish Council's standard application form which calls for full details of the cost of the project, funding already in place (including own funds) and funds committed or promised. The application must be accompanied by accounts fulfilling the same criteria as for annual awards.

All applications will be considered by full Council (unless, subsequently the Council forms a Finance committee) and the aim is for a decision within 3 months of receipt of the application.

Funding is subject to available finance within the Parish Council's budget or reserves and there may be cases where release of the funds is required to be delayed. The Parish Council reserves the right to request further information in support of the grant.

Applicants will be advised of the Parish Council's decision as soon as possible; a refusal may invite an amended application, but in any event, the Parish Council is not required or obliged to give a reason for a refusal.