

Bitteswell with Bittesby Parish Council

Guidelines for Bodies applying for Grants

The Parish Council welcomes applications for grant funding from clubs, associations, and similar bodies within the parish.

In order to ensure that any funds awarded are used for bona fide purposes and in ways that legitimately benefit groups of residents, the following conditions will need to be met by applicants.

Any application will need to demonstrate:

- A formally constituted group/club/association.
- A bank account with a minimum of two signatories who should ideally reside within the parish.
- The aims of the organization.
- The purpose for which the grant will be used.
- The benefits to residents of the parish of the use to which the grant will be put.
- In the case of an application for an amount exceeding £1000, other sources of grant aid have also been applied for.
- The proposed timescale for completion of the proposed project/use of the funds.

General Conditions

1. Grants will be made only where Parish Council finances allow.
2. No retrospective grants will be made in any circumstances, unless exceptional circumstances can be shown.
3. Bodies applying for grant aid will need to demonstrate that fund raising efforts have been made by the body concerned prior to an application to the parish council, e.g., in the case of a youth club that members and parents, etc have engaged in fund raising activities.
4. If the funds are not used for the purpose applied for or not within the agreed timescale, the Parish Council reserves the right to claim back the amount awarded.
5. The Parish Council reserves the right to award funds on production of relevant invoices.
6. An application from a group whose aims were illegal or discriminatory will be rejected

The aim of imposing these conditions is to ensure that public funds are used in ways that benefit groups of residents and protect the interests of residents into the future.

Examples of applications, which would be considered, are: start up grants for new clubs; grants to groups e.g., sport clubs, youth club, playgroup, to purchase equipment.

Contact the clerk for further information.