

St. Helen Without Parish Council

GRANTS POLICY

The Council makes grants to various bodies. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that grants are considered in a fair and equitable manner.

ELIGIBILITY

The Council will ordinarily make grants only to organisations, groups or bodies whose activities have a direct impact or relevance to the parish or those living within it. The Council may, if it sees fit, require applicants to state how they consider their application meets the eligibility criteria and may request from the applicant such financial details and activity data as they see fit. The Council will not make grants to political parties or politically affiliated organisations.

PROCEDURE

The Council will not expend more than 10% of its precept income in any one financial year on grants unless it

- a) Considers there are exceptional circumstances relating to the needs of the parish or parishioners or that there are local or national considerations that warrant a breach of this limit, AND
- b) That the decision to exceed the 10% limit described above is considered at a meeting of the full council and supported by at least two thirds of those voting councillors present.

Applications will be accepted in writing or, at the discretion of the Chair, by personal representation at a full council meeting. The decision reached by the Council in respect of each grant application will be made, following a vote, at a full Council meeting and the decision recorded in the minutes of that meeting. Applicants will be notified of the result of their application by the Clerk.

The Council may, at its sole discretion, require from any successful applicant an account of how the grant made by the Council was expended.