

Culmington Parish Council

Grant Awarding Policy

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Culmington Parish Council has a small budget for the awarding of grants, providing support to community organisations. The Parish Council will consider applications for grants from voluntary groups or charitable organisations, which are not for profit, and who can demonstrate that any funding received will directly benefit the Parish, or residents of the Parish. Grant applications will be dealt with by the Full Council.

Applications will be considered for the following purposes:

1. To purchase or maintain equipment either in part or in full.
2. For the funding of transport that will enable group members to partake in a group trip or outing regardless of their income.
3. For training activities, or to purchase the expertise of an outside trainer/ instructor/ facilitator.
4. For activities that raise the profile of the area.
5. For running costs of a viable group that is experiencing a period of hardship.
6. For hosting special events or celebrations.
7. For the provision of recreational facilities.
8. For the improvement of biodiversity within the parish

Conditions:

1. Grants will not be awarded to individuals.
2. Grants will not be awarded to regional or national organisations unless they are for a specific project in the Culmington area.
3. Additional applications within a 12-month period will not normally be considered.
4. The award must be used for the purpose for which the application was made.
5. If the group is unable to use the award for the stated purpose, all monies must be returned to the Parish Council.
6. All awards must be properly accounted for, and evidence of expenditure should be supplied as requested. If the Parish Council is not satisfied with the arrangements, they reserve the right to request a refund of monies awarded.
7. The Council reserves the right to not make a grant.

Eligibility: -

1. Any Charity, Voluntary Group or Community Organisation.
2. Agencies that operate within the Parish and are of benefit to the local community, with the following provisos:
 - The Parish Council will not fund activities that it considers to be the responsibility of a Statutory Authority.
 - The Parish Council will not fund activities outside its powers and functions.

Applications:

Applications should be made by email to the clerk (clerk@culmington-pc.gov.uk, giving full details of the request, and clearly setting out how the funding will benefit residents. A copy of the financial accounts for the previous financial year may be requested.