



Grants Policy

Chinnor Parish Council is committed to giving financial support to local initiatives but has a responsibility to distribute grants in a fair and equitable manner to reflect the value of the organisations, services or activities to the residents of Chinnor. To this end the council will consider only donating to organisations, services or activities which can demonstrate that the money will make a real difference to the services that they offer to The Parish.

The Parish council will not fund activities outside its powers and functions or activities which it considers to be the responsibility of a Statutory Authority

There are two methods by which the Council supports local groups. The first is by contributing directly towards the cost of an organisation by budgeting for a grant towards the work of an organisation. This is done by raising money (through the Council Tax) and making a direct grant to groups such as The Village Centre. Grants under this scheme need to submit their application to the Parish Clerk by 1st October each year and will be considered by the council for inclusion in the following year's budget

The second method is for small grants. Each year, the Parish Council, has a budget for making relatively small grants to local organisations. Applications for small grants are considered by the Council at its June and October meetings and must be submitted by either 1st June or 1st October annually. Successful applications will have a cheque forwarded at the beginning of July and November

All Applicants should fill the following criteria:

- The organisation (even if it is a national organisation) is based or has a branch locally and benefits local residents.
- Can demonstrate a record of, or potential, benefit to the village.
- The organisation can demonstrate how the money will be used.
- A group bank account must be held. Cheques WILL NOT be made payable to individuals
- A copy of the last audited accounts to be included

Conditions

- Additional application within a 12 month period will not normally be considered
- All awards must be properly accounted for.
- The award must be used for the purpose for which the application was made
- If the group is unable to use the award for the stated purpose, all monies must be returned to the Parish Council
- Donations to Registered Charities in response to a general fundraising appeal will not normally be considered.
- The completed form must be signed and dated by a responsible person in your organisation.
- Chinnor Parish Council Plaque/Acknowledgement to be displayed in prominent position

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