



## GRANT POLICY

Siston Parish Council is committed to improving the quality of life for its parishioners and it is therefore keen to empower parishioners to take an active role in meeting these aims. Each year Siston Parish Council welcomes applications from voluntary groups and organisations within the Siston Parish Council area for financial support. The applications must demonstrate that the grant award will benefit Siston Parish and/or its residents. In order to award a grant, the Council must be satisfied that the award will both satisfy local need and comply with current empowering legislation.

1. The amount of any grant payable will be determined by Siston Parish Council but, in general, this will not exceed £500.00. Applications for sums of £500 or less will be accepted bi-monthly, starting from April each year.
2. Where a grant is being sought for a larger project within the community and exceeds £500, the Council will accept applications only in September each year, and if approved, will be used to calculate the budget for the forthcoming financial year and will be paid shortly after the May meeting.
3. Any financial support would not normally exceed 50% of the total cost of the intended expenditure required by the voluntary organisation for the purpose stated in its application.
4. Where a grant is awarded, the organisation concerned should be able to demonstrate that it has clear plans for raising the remainder of the necessary finance. (Please supply names of other sponsors to whom applications have been made under item 8 on the grant application form).
5. The applying organisation should be a properly constituted voluntary body and should be based either wholly in the Parish of Siston or be able to demonstrate to the Council's satisfaction that a significant number of its beneficiaries are parishioners of Siston.
6. The organisation concerned should demonstrate that it is providing a service outside the scope of or in addition to normal public or private provision.
7. The organisation applying needs to evidence that is financially stable and where possible would need to provide a set of audited accounts from the previous financial year (except in relation to new organisations).
8. The Clerk may seek from the applicant any further details in order to assist the council in its deliberations.
9. The condition of any grant is that the Parish Clerk is authorised, on behalf of Siston Parish Council, to verify that the grant has been used for the purpose authorised. If the due purpose cannot be verified the previous grant may be reclaimed and future grants stopped. Furthermore, on an annual basis, a random sample of grants will be taken and will be examined for audit purposes.
10. That grants or donations are not payable to organisations or charities operating abroad, as stipulated by Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972.
11. That grants or donations cannot be utilised to

sponsor named individuals, e.g., aspiring sportsmen, etc. as stipulated by Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972

Please contact the Clerk for a grant application.

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