

Great Finborough Parish Council

GRANTS POLICY

Great Finborough Parish Council sets aside a sum of money each year to support local groups, charities or organisations who work to develop or enhance our community facilities, or who contribute to the well-being of parishioners.

The Parish Council is governed by rules set out in the Local Government Act 1972 (section 137) which states the money must be spent on purposes for the direct benefit of the parish and be commensurate with the expenditure incurred, for example, spending a large amount for the benefit of only one or two people is not acceptable.

Grant giving is funded from annual precept income and is subject to agreement by councillors and to funds being available.

Applicants must be non-profit making or charitable. Grants will not be made retrospectively and only one application will be considered from an organisation in any one financial year. The financial year runs from 1 April.

Contributions may be made to charities and bodies providing a public service on a non-profit making basis, but only in furtherance of their work in the United Kingdom.

This process is intended to support organisations in small projects, typically below £300. There is no lower limit. A request for £20 will be given as detailed consideration as one for £250.

WHEN TO APPLY

Applications will be accepted throughout the financial year from individuals (on behalf of a group) or not for profit community groups, or where the donation is to provide benefit to residents of Great Finborough.

National public service charity donations will be considered on an annual basis in January.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Applicants must be non-profit making/charitable organisation operating within the parish of Great Finborough. Organisations should be registered as a charity, but non-registered organisations will still be eligible if a management committee is in place and all other criteria are met.
- The organisation must be one that, in some way, benefits the local community and where the aims and objectives clearly show the direct benefit to Great Finborough Parish and/or the lives of people within the Great Finborough community.
- Applicants must have a bank/building society account with at least two signatories.
- The organisation may be asked to demonstrate a clear need for financial support by providing a description of the project / activity for which a contribution is needed.
- A set of audited accounts or suitable financial statement may be required to ensure there is a genuine need for a grant.

PROCEDURE

- Local Community grant applications will be considered at the next Parish Council Meeting after they are received. The application will be placed on the agenda and consideration will be based on the information provided. Please note that all agenda papers are published and therefore in the public domain.

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- Each application will be assessed on its own merits. However, to ensure as fair a distribution as possible of available funds, the Parish Council will take into account the amount and frequency of any previous awards, and the geographical spread within the parish.
- The Parish Council may make the award of any grant or subsidy subject to such additional conditions and requirements as it considers appropriate.
- The Parish Council reserves the right to refuse any grant application which it considers to be inappropriate, or against the objectives of the Council.
- The Clerk of the Council will inform the applicant of the Councils' decision and arrange payment if you are successful or an explanation if the grant or donation was turned down.
- The Parish Council reserves the right to publish details of any grant funding given and projects supported.
- Monitoring may take place.
- The council reserves the right to require repayment in the event of the outcome not being achieved.

HOW TO APPLY

If you meet the eligibility criteria above, please submit your application in writing, stating what the grant is required for, how the grant will benefit the parish/community or the lives of people within the community and state the amount of grant requested.

Applications to the Clerk:

Email: finboroughparishclerk@gmail.com

If you need assistance with your application, please contact the Clerk.