

Niton and Whitwell Parish Council

Guidance for grant funding applications

The parish council occasionally receives requests for grants from a variety of organisations and the aim of this policy is to both **encourage and support** activities and projects which benefit residents, but also to ensure a **simple, consistent, fair and equitable** process.

Each year, the Council will agree on the **total** amount that can be allocated for grant funding. Normally, it will only receive one application from a single organisation each year and any single award would typically not exceed £250.

Overarching consideration

The funding by the council is to be used by an organisation for a specific purpose that will benefit the parish, and /or residents in the parish.

Criteria

The Parish Council will make any grant funding award based on the following criteria:

1. The council will award grants, at its discretion, to community organisations and activities which **contribute constructively to the life and wellbeing** of some or all of the residents within the parish.
2. All request for grant funding must be submitted in writing direct to the parish clerk **well in advance** of the funding being requested. It will be considered at a meeting of the parish council no sooner than three weeks after the application has been received and in-line with the published meeting dates of the council.
3. The funding request should be based upon a **demonstrable need**. It should also be shown that other funding methods have been considered.
4. Funding will only be considered if it does not **discriminate** on grounds of racial origin, gender, disability, age (except for obvious reasons, such as becoming a member of a youth club) and political or religious persuasion.
5. The council **will not fund**:
 - a. Private Individuals
 - b. Political Parties
 - c. Religious organisation unless a clear benefit to the whole community can be demonstrated, irrespective of religious beliefs.
 - d. National organisations, except where it can be demonstrated that the funding will substantially benefit residents of the parish
 - e. Purposes for which there is a statutory duty upon other local or central government departments to fund or provide
 - f. Retrospective applications

6. Any assistance given may be subject to **ongoing monitoring and subsequent evaluation** of the outcome of the grant.

7. Organisations **should not make a presumption** that funding will continue on a year-to-year basis.

Ends

Please send funding requests in writing to:

Parish Clerk
Niton & Whitwell Parish Council
The Exchange
High Street
Niton
Isle of Wight
PO38 2AZ

or email to: clerk@nitonwhitwell.org.uk