

St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council

Grant Policy 2022

The Council recognises the importance of supporting groups, organisations and charities that benefit the local community, and that making grants is a valuable method of support. This policy expressly excludes donations which the Council may give for charitable purposes and to benefit a cause, for example to Heals or Malmesbury-In-Bloom.

The purpose of this document is to ensure that the Parish Council has an open, consistent and easily understood approach to awarding grants to such bodies, but not to individuals.

The Parish Council has statutory powers which enable it to make funds available to local organisations for the overall benefit of the parish. The Council will consider an application for grant aid from any local voluntary or charitable organisation where the group's activities can be seen to be of benefit to the parish. The total figure available for grant aid will be agreed by the Council as part of its budget each financial year.

Only applications made on the appropriate grant application form will be considered. This form is available from the Clerk or on the Parish website www.stpaulmalmesburywithoutparishcouncil.org.uk The form needs to be fully completed and submitted to the Clerk (clerkspmw@outlook.com) before it can be considered and then included in the monthly agenda.

The Council will only make grants that satisfy the following conditions:

- A grant will only be made to local non-political, non-profit making groups, organisations, educational establishments or charities
- Applications must be for the benefit of residents of the parish, even if the organisation is based outside the parish
- Only one grant, up to a maximum amount of £250 will normally be given to a group in any one financial year, but groups may submit an application for grant aid each year
- Applicants must have a bank account and a copy of their last bank statement(s) must be supplied together with a copy of their latest accounts
- Applications must state
 - The purpose of the amount sought
 - The amount sought
 - If the applicant is a registered charity, the registration number
 - For any other applicant, a signed declaration that the applicant is non-profit making
- Grants will **not** be made to local groups whose fund raising is sent to their central headquarters for redistribution, nor to religious organisations.
- Applicants must **not** change the use of their grant award without the written permission of the Council. These are not unrestricted donations.
- Applicants must acknowledge the Council in any publicity relating to the grant and agree to the Council publicising details of any grants it makes.
- The decision of the Council to award a grant or not is final and no appeal is allowed.
- The council reserves the right to see evidence that the grant has been applied to the stated project.