

BARLEY PARISH COUNCIL

GUIDELINES ON MAKING DONATIONS 2021

Grants & Donations: Statement of Policy

The Parish Council has agreed to budget a sum of money available which can be given as donations or grants to village organisations to help support their endeavours or for special projects.

The legal maximum sum which could be available each year is about £1980 but in reality, BPC is unlikely to deem it responsible, or be able to afford, to give away such a sum which equates to almost 8% of its direct income.

Throughout the year groups or organisations who wish to request a donation must approach the council and submit an application, in writing, to the Council providing as much information as possible. The Parish Council will then consider all requests and formally allocate and record any donation. Applicants should be based within the parish of Barley with Wheatley Booth and should be submitted prior to costs being incurred.

The Parish Council hopes that by helping our village groups in this way we can promote and encourage the development of community values and community life and improve the health and well being of the parishioners.

The Council's criteria for awarding grants are: -

- to promote and encourage sports, leisure and cultural facilities,
- to encourage and support valid non profit-making local organisations and community groups whose primary aim is to improve the quality of life to sectors of the community,
- to stimulate and encourage civic pride,
- to support youth leadership and civic pride.

The Council will always aim to arrange the direct purchase of supplies wherever possible and will not make any cash donations.

Grants & Donations Guidance

Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables local authorities in England to incur expenditure for certain purposes not otherwise authorised and it can only be used if it brings benefit to the local inhabitants in the area and is proportionate to the cost incurred. This power can only be used if no other power exists and there is a limit to the amount available to spend.

This expenditure must not exceed the amount produced by multiplying a specified sum by the relevant population of the authority's area. The relevant population is currently the number of elector's resident in the authority's area.

Calculation of S137 Expenditure Limit 2021 = No. of Electors (238) x Set Amount (£8.32) = £1,980

The Parish Council is the sole trustee of the Village Hall and has Powers to provide and equip buildings for use of clubs having athletic, social or recreational objectives Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19. Other contributions will be treated as donations.