

SWAINSTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

GRANT AWARDING POLICY

Swainsthorpe Parish Council will consider applications for grants from either charitable organisations or voluntary groups.

The applicant must be able to demonstrate that any request for funding from the Parish Council will benefit the parish or the residents of the parish to qualify for funding.

All applications for grants will be decided at a full meeting of the Parish Council.

The Parish Council will assess each application against the following criteria: -

1. To purchase equipment (either fully or partially)
2. To fund transport that will enable the members of the group to partake in a group trip or outing regardless of their income
3. To fund training activities or to purchase the services of an external instructor or a facilitator
4. To assist a viable group experiencing a period of hardship
5. To host special events or celebrations
6. To fund the provision of recreational activities

The following conditions will prevail: -

1. Grants will not be awarded to individuals
2. Only one application will be considered in each 12 month period
3. The award must be used for the purpose for which the application was made
4. If the money cannot be used for the purposes it was granted it must be returned to the Parish Council
5. All awards must be properly accounted for and proof of expenditure must be supplied if requested, if the Parish Council is not satisfied that the award has been used properly it reserves the right request that all monies be returned
6. Requests for donations from registered charities undertaking general appeals for funding will be considered to a maximum four times a year at no more than £25 each.

The following eligibility criteria apply:-

1. Any charity, voluntary group or community organisation
2. Any agency that operated within the parish and is of benefit to the local community but any activities that are the responsibility of a statutory authority will not be eligible