ASTON TIRROLD& ASTON UPTHORPE
PARISH COUNCIL

Grant Criteria

Grant Criteria Grants are considered once each year in October for payments in April. Grants must meet the Council's grant criteria which are set out below and applications must be made to the Parish Council in writing. All applications must be accompanied by appropriate accounts or supporting financial information by the deadline stated. Council must be confident that any grant awarded will benefit village residents.

Terms and conditions

1. The amount of the award will be at the discretion of the Parish Council
2. All applications will be considered on their merits, but in general grants will be awarded for capital projects, such as the purchase of equipment, works to buildings, improvements to premises. In addition the Council may support a community event, festival or other special event. Grants towards running costs, salaries or consumables, may be considered in exceptional circumstances.
3. Grants will be awarded to voluntary groups and societies, clubs, not-for-profit organisations, charities operating in the local area where the benefit will be for the this area.
4. Grants will not be awarded to individuals or to regional or national charities unless it is for a specific project in the local area or where there will be obvious benefit to the Council's area.
5. The purpose for which the grant is made must be in the interest of the local area or any part of it or all or some of the inhabitants of the local area which is defined by the boundaries of the Parish Council. The benefit to the area or inhabitants must be commensurate with the expenditure.
6. Groups from outside the Parish who can demonstrate direct benefit to the area are eligible to apply.
7. The Parish Council will take into account any previous grant made to an organisation or group when considering a new application.
8. No grant will be awarded to or for any commercial venture for private gain.
9. Retrospective applications will not be funded where the expenditure had been made, the project has been carried out or the event has taken place.
10. All grants will be conditional upon submission of accounts (audited where appropriate) and supporting documentation detailing costs of capital expenditure, project or events for which the funding is being sought.
11. All grant recipients are required to provide the Parish Council with a brief report, including photographs where appropriate, of how the grant has been utilised, how it has assisted the organisation or group and what it has achieved. This must be submitted within two months of the purchase of the capital equipment or completion of the project.
12. If the grant is put to purposes other than those for which it was awarded without the prior approval of the Parish Council, the recipient organisation or group will be required to repay the grant to the Parish Council.
13. The organisation or group should supply such information as the Parish Council may request regarding the impact of the project on the Parish Council's area.
14. Recognition of the grant from Parish Councils must be made in any publicity.

How will the application be assessed?

1. How well the grant will meet the needs of the community, providing positive benefit to the

inhabitants.

2. How effectively the group will use the grant.
3. Whether the costs are appropriate and realistic.
4. What level of contributions has been, or will be, raised locally.
5. Whether the organisation or group could reasonably have been expected to obtain sufficient funding from another, perhaps more appropriate source.
6. How the organisation or group is managed, as indicated by the constitution.

Signed by: Charlotte Ray
Clerk to the council of Aston Tirrold and Aston Upthorpe
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