

Barningham Parish Council Grants Policy

Introduction

Barningham Parish Council has statutory powers to allocate funds to groups and organisations that benefit the parish and its residents. This policy sets out the guidelines for awarding grants and formalises the application process to ensure accessibility, transparency, and fairness for the groups and organisations we aim to support.

General Information for Applicants

Barningham Parish Council aims to support initiatives from local community groups and organisations, subject to budgetary constraints and available resources. Priority will be given to applicants who have not previously received grants from the Council.

The size of any grant awarded will be determined at the discretion of the Parish Council. Grants may be awarded to:

- **a.** Charities based in Barningham.
 - **b.** Organisations serving the needs of Barningham residents.
 - **c.** Individual residents of Barningham seeking financial assistance for a project or event that benefits the local community.
 - **d.** Clubs, associations, or charities based in Barningham serving specific sections or the community as a whole.
 - **e.** Local branches of regional or national organisations that serve the residents of Barningham.
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Exclusions

Applications will typically be rejected if they relate to:

- **a.** Projects that are the statutory responsibility of other government bodies.
 - **b.** Local, regional, or national organisations unless the funding is specifically for Barningham residents.
 - **c.** Improvements or benefits to privately owned land or property.
 - **d.** Individual or private business projects.
 - **e.** Commercial organisations operating for profit.
 - **f.** Organisations with political affiliations or those promoting a political agenda.
 - **g.** Repairs or works to church properties or those related to ecclesiastical charities (as per Section 8 of the Local Government Act 1894).
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What Can Be Funded

The Council will fund projects that:

- Enhance the quality of life for residents.
- Provide sustainable and lasting benefits to the local area.
- Improve the social, environmental, or economic profile of Barningham.

Priority will be given to projects that provide added value over applications for routine running costs.

Conditions of Grant

1. **Acknowledgment:** The Council's support must be acknowledged in all publicity and promotional materials, including posters, advertisements, press releases, and leaflets.
 2. **Use of Funds:** Grants must only be used for the lawful purpose specified in the application. Unused funds must be returned to the Council unless an extension is authorised.
 3. **Non-Transferable:** Grants cannot be transferred to other organisations.
 4. **Timeline:** The grant must be used within six months unless an extension is approved.
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Application Process

Applications should be submitted in writing to the Parish Clerk and will be evaluated based on:

- General eligibility.
 - Impact on key local needs.
 - Community support.
 - Value for money.
 - Degree of match-funding.
 - Environmental impact.
 - Community involvement.
 - Feasibility and likely effectiveness.
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Successful Applications

Recipients are required to:

- Provide written receipts for grant expenditure on a timely basis.
 - Submit a report, within 12 months from the date of the notification of the grant being authorised, detailing how the funds were used and the outcomes achieved.
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By adhering to these guidelines, Barningham Parish Council aims to foster initiatives that enhance the community and deliver measurable benefits to residents.

Contact:

For further information or to submit an application, please contact the Parish Clerk.