

Calver Parish Council Grant Awarding Policy

This policy was adopted by Calver Parish Council at its meeting on 21 /1/16. Calver Parish Council will consider applications for grants from voluntary groups and charitable organisations in support of worthy causes.

To qualify for an award the applicant must be able to demonstrate that any funding from the Parish Council will benefit the Parish, or residents of the Parish. In determining the validity of an application, the Council will refer to the following guidelines:

Applications will normally be considered for the following purposes:-

1. For the purpose of purchasing equipment either in part or in full.
2. For the funding of transport that will enable group members to partake in a group trip or outing regardless of their incomes.
3. For training activities, or to purchase the expertise of an outside trainer/instructor/facilitator.
4. For activities that raise the profile of the area.
5. For running costs of a viable group that is experiencing a period of hardship.
6. For hosting special events or celebrations.
7. For the provision of recreational facilities.

Conditions:-

1. Grants will not be awarded to individuals.
2. Additional applications within a 12 month period will not normally be considered.
3. The award must be used for the purpose for which the application was made.
4. If the group is unable to use the award for the stated purpose, all monies must be returned to the Parish Council.
5. All awards must be properly accounted for and evidence of expenditure should be supplied on request. If the Parish Council is not satisfied with the arrangements, they reserve the right to request a refund of the monies awarded.
6. Donations to Registered Charities in response to a general fundraising appeal will not normally be considered.
7. Groups operating outside the Parish boundary will normally be limited to an upper limit of £100.

8. The Council reserves the right to request a copy of the last set of audited accounts and a recent bank statement from your organisation in support of your application.
9. Payments are subject to normal budgetary constraints of the Parish Council
10. The award of any grant is at the discretion of the Parish Council

Eligibility:-

1. Any Charity, Voluntary Group or Community Organisation.
2. Agencies that operate within the Parish and are of benefit to the local community, with the following proviso's
 - The Parish Council will not fund activities that it considers to be the responsibility of a Statutory Authority
 - Applications from schools for an activity that takes place within the school day will not be considered
 - The Parish Council will not fund activities outside of its powers and functions.

The Council normally considers requests for funding from £25 to an upper limit of £250.

In addition, Voluntary Groups or Charitable Organisations are required to:-

1. Ensure efficient levels of administration, hold regular meetings, keep minutes and circulate information to Group members.
2. Keep proper accounts and provide a copy to the Parish Council, as required.
3. Report back to the Council as required on its activities.
4. Be open to eligible users, as defined by the Group's constitution.