



S.137 Grant Policy

1. Policy

The purpose of this policy is to set out how the Parish Council will award grants under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 to support projects that benefit the local community. The Council aims to use these funds to improve the quality of life, wellbeing, and environment of parish residents.

2. Legal Basis

Section 137 allows the Council to spend a limited amount each financial year on activities that benefit some or all of its residents, where no other specific statutory power applies. The total budget for grants will be agreed annually as part of the Council's budget-setting process.

3. Eligibility

Applications will be considered from:

Local voluntary and community organisations, Registered charities, Not-for-profit groups,
Community interest companies (CICs).

Applicants must demonstrate that their project:

Primarily benefits residents of the parish, Is non-commercial in nature, Aligns with community needs and priorities.

The Council will not normally fund:

Individuals, Political or lobbying activities, Projects that are the responsibility of another statutory body, Retrospective applications (for projects already completed).

4. Eligible Expenditure

Grants may be awarded for:

Community events and activities, Equipment or materials, Capital improvements to community facilities, Projects promoting health, wellbeing, environment, or social inclusion.

5. Application Process

Applications must be submitted using the Council's standard [grant application form](#), available on Itchen Valley Parish Council website.

Applicants must provide details of the project, costs, expected outcomes, and any match funding.



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Deadlines for applications will be published annually.

6. Assessment Criteria

Applications will be assessed against the following:

Community benefit and impact, Value for money, Evidence of need, Financial sustainability of the project, Applicant's capacity to deliver.

The Council may request additional information before making a decision.

7. Decision Making

Grants will be awarded by resolution of the full Council.

Decisions will be recorded in meeting minutes.

The Council reserves the right to award full, partial, or no funding.

8. Conditions of Funding

Successful applicants must:

Use funds only for the approved purpose, Acknowledge the Council's support in publicity materials, Provide a short report on outcomes and expenditure if requested, Return any unspent funds.

9. Monitoring and Review

The Council may monitor funded projects to ensure compliance. This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains effective and compliant with legislation.

10. Transparency

Details of grants awarded will be published in accordance with the Council's transparency obligations.

Adopted by Full Council :

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Signed by Chairman.....

May 2027

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