



SHEVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

GRANT AWARDING POLICY

This Grant Awarding Policy was reviewed and approved on

.....3 November 2016.....

Shevington Parish Council recognises:

1. The importance of supporting groups, organisations and charities that benefit the local community;
2. That making grants available is a valid method of support.

The purpose of this document is to ensure that Shevington Parish Council has an open, consistent and easily understood approach to awarding grants. The principles of the Parish Council's Equal Opportunities Policy will apply at all times.

The following will be considered eligible for financial aid:

- Local* non-political, non-profit making groups and organisations;
- Educational establishments;
- Local Charities, both registered and non-registered.
- Local* (including regional) branches of national Charities.

** 'local' is defined as being anywhere within the Parish of Shevington or within three miles of its boundaries.*

Guidelines for Financial Aid Applications

1. It is a condition of any financial aid application that the group or project must bring direct benefit to some or all residents of the Parish of Shevington or could bring a benefit on some occasion in the future.
2. Applications must be made on the official financial aid application forms.
3. Financial Aid application forms can be obtained from the Clerk on request. Application forms must be submitted along with the latest set of the group's accounts.

The application will be considered by any one of the committees, which will present its recommendations to the Parish Council. The actual grant payments will be approved by the Parish Council at their next meeting.

4. Schools will only be grant aided if, in the opinion of the Parish Council, their application is for a project that would not normally be funded by the education authority.
5. The size of any grant awarded is at the discretion of the Parish Council.
6. Financial aid applications cannot be made retrospectively.
7. The Parish Council reserves the right to refuse any financial aid application which it considers to be inappropriate or against the objectives of the Parish Council.
8. It must be understood that any grant must only be used for the purpose for which it was awarded unless the written approval of Shevington Parish Council has been obtained for a change in use of the grant monies, and that any unspent portion of the grant must be returned to the Parish Council by the end of the financial year in which it was awarded.

Signed:

Chairman