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## **Grant Funding Policy**

- 1. The Parish Council welcomes applications from local organisations who are directly involved in supporting residents of the village.
- 2. The Parish Council will set a budget each year from which grants will be paid.
- 3. Expenditure should be targeted at improving or maintaining the quality of life for at least a significant minority of the residents of Turners Hill, such as young people or the elderly.
- 4. Without exception all applications for grant funding must be approved at a full Parish Council meeting.
- 5. Grants should be for the purchase of equipment and/or capital projects. Grants for revenue funding will only be considered in exceptional circumstances.
- 6. Payments cannot be made direct to individuals.
- 7. An application for a grant from the Parish Council should be submitted on the approved form, which can be requested by email, a paper copy can be collected from the office, or it can be found on the Parish Council website. All sections of the application form must be completed and returned with the necessary documentation no later than eight calendar days prior to a meeting of the full council. Applications received after that date or that are incomplete/require further information will be carried forward to the next available meeting.
- 8. Applications should be accompanied by:
  - a. Accounts for the previous financial year, or in the case of a newly formed organisation, a comprehensive budget and/or business plan.
  - b. A bank statement in the name of the organisation applying for the grant.
- 9. Grants will not be considered for financing the aims of political or religious organisations, nor of individuals.
- 10. Applications for donations from national organisations and charities will be considered on a case-by-case basis but in general will not be met unless there is a proven link with the village.
- 11. Checks may be made to ensure that all expenditure is used for the purpose for which it was agreed.
- 12. Recipients of a grant may be required to submit a progress report regarding use and the benefit achieved after six months.

- 13. The Council reserves the right to:
  - a. Request further information.
  - b. Offer to grant a different amount than that requested.
  - c. Decline any grant, even if a grant to a similar organisation has been awarded in the past.

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