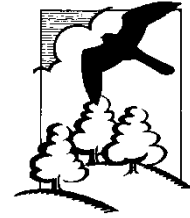


HAWKHURST PARISH COUNCIL

GRANTS AND DONATIONS POLICY

ADOPTED: 18.03.2024



Hawkhurst Parish Council (HPC) allocates a sum of money from the budget each year to be awarded as grants and donations. Local organisations can apply for a grant in order to assist them with projects or services which will benefit the residents of Hawkhurst. This policy assists Councillors when deciding how to vote on a grant or donations as well as ensuring the process remains transparent.

In order to qualify for a grant an organisation must complete a grant application form and submit this along with a financial statement¹ to the Clerk. The applicant must demonstrate that any funding provided by the Council will be of benefit to the Parish and/or its inhabitants.

Grant applications will be awarded by resolution at Full Council meetings only unless powers have been delegated to a specific Committee or the Clerk². The dates of the Full Council meetings can be found on the website or noticeboards. The Council will request that a member of the organisation attends the meeting so questions that arise from the discussion can be addressed. The awarding of a grant or donation is dependent on the availability of funds, applications from individuals cannot currently be considered. When the Council are considering an application, Councillors are reminded that the Council can only award grants which fund projects or services which fall within the Councils statutory powers. HPC will not approve applications that will result in recurring expenditure. If a resolution is made in favour of the application, then the grant is made bank transfer in a single payment. The Council reserve the right to request feedback on how the grant or donation was used.

Further information regarding grant funding can be obtained by contacting the Clerk on 01580752058 and clerk@hawkhurst-pc.gov.uk.

¹ The Local Government Act 1972 s137A (5)

² The Local Government Act 1972 s101 (1)(a)