

North Nibley Parish Council: Grants Policy

(Adopted by the Parish Council 2 March 2020)

North Nibley Parish Council is funded by the residents of the Parish and therefore has only limited funds available to assist community organisations working for the benefit of North Nibley parishioners.

Subject to funding being available, North Nibley Parish Council is committed to providing assistance through small grants and support to local community groups and activities which are set up to promote community life for our parishioners.

North Nibley Parish Council is committed to following best practice in grant giving in order to support voluntary and community groups and activities, whilst providing value for money for local taxpayers and ensuring that public money is spent in a responsible manner.

The Parish Council's Policy on Community Grants is based on the principle of promoting the development of partnerships which encourage and enable local community organisations to deliver local projects to the residents of the parish. In general, the following principles apply:

- Assistance will be given on the basis of need, merit and contribution to the local Community;
- Applicants must clearly show how any assistance given will benefit the people living in North Nibley Parish or will benefit the environment of the Parish.

The Aims of the Council's Grant Making Policy:

North Nibley Parish Council provides grant funding to support the following aims:

- To enable local people to participate in voluntary groups and activities;
- To help the Parish's voluntary groups to improve their effectiveness;
- To ensure the provision of services, needed by residents, via the voluntary sector;
- To improve or enhance the local environment; and
- To achieve value for money.

The Parish Council defines a voluntary group as a non-profit making organisation, set up and run by a voluntary, unpaid management committee.

The Application Process

To apply for a Council grant you must be a charity, community group, a local voluntary organisation or an individual, operating or providing a service to the residents of North Nibley Parish.

The amount of money available for small grants varies each year, depending on the overall Council budget.

Applicants must apply in writing using the Council's Grant Application Form, between 1st November and 28th February each year, providing information on how they plan to serve parishioners of North Nibley Parish and the purpose for which the grant will be used.

The Council's Grant Application Form is on the website. www.northnibleyparishcouncil.org.uk

The awarding of grants.

Decisions on grants awarded will normally be made at the March Parish Council Meeting and will be awarded at the Annual Parish Meeting in the form of a cheque made out to the named organisation/individual.

Small grants are awarded on an annual basis and an award made in one year is not an indication that funding will be continued in other years.

Applications for grants, where the project has already been completed, will not be considered.

The financial support of North Nibley Parish Council must be acknowledged on documentation and on any promotional material.

The Parish Council may require proof of expenditure, such as invoices or receipts or a copy of the relevant accounts of the organisation.

If the project does not go ahead, the money paid by the Parish Council must be refunded.

Annual Meeting of North Nibley Parish

Successful applicants awarded a grant are expected to present a report at the following Annual Meeting of the Parish, providing information on the outcome of the project and how it benefited the residents of North Nibley Parish.