

Avebury Parish Council

Guidelines for grants and donations

Avebury Parish Council (APC) is approached during the financial year by various organisations with requests for money that have not been included in APC's annual budget and precept calculations. These approaches tend to fall into three types:

1. requests to support the general work of charities and other organisations that have few local links, if any (Type 1 applications)
2. requests to support the general work of charities and other organisations that provide a number of benefits for people in the Parish (Type 2)
3. applications from local organisations or individuals for specific initiatives, events or activities that would benefit a significant number of people in the Parish (Type 3).

APC will consider using some of its precept to support applications under 1, 2 and 3 above but will operate criteria governing which charities and non profit organisations should be supported and the size limits of the grants and donations.

Given the £11,000 approx precept per year, APC sets a maximum of 2% of the precept for grants and donations for Type 1 and Type 2 applications.

Criteria for selection:

1. Must be a registered charity or a non-profit organisation
2. Must not be political or have political affiliations
3. Members of APC shall seek to avoid bringing a request to the attention of APC if he/she is associated with the organisation either directly or through family connections. If requested to do so by parishioners, he/she shall declare the fact.
4. The organisation must have activity within the Parish that benefits as many people in the parish as possible. The size of an APC contribution will normally be in proportion to the amount of local benefit provided.
5. The maximum grant or donation for a Type 1 or 2 application will normally be set at a maximum of £50 and the size of APC's contribution will depend upon the amount of local impact. If APC's contribution would benefit local/village activities significantly then the ceiling is discretionary within the limits set by the maximum annual budget for donations of 2%.
6. In the case of Type 3 applications that would have particular benefits for local people, APC may also decide to supplement any grant or donation from the precept with an extra sum taken from APC's reserves.
7. No organisation should be supported for more than two years running unless its activity has significant local impact.
8. The organisation must give a report on the impact of the grant or donation so that APC can justify the contribution to parishioners.
9. APC will review these guidelines in June 2016.