

CHILBOLTON PARISH COUNCIL

GRANT POLICY

Last review: Oct 2024

Review: Sept 2025

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Requests for Grants for the benefit of Chilbolton and/or its inhabitants

Description/Background

The Parish Council has the power to consider and/or incur certain expenditure as set out by many Local Government Acts¹. In addition to those powers, under the Local Government Act 1972, Section 137, ("Free Resource") Chilbolton Parish Council have the power to incur expenditure, *not otherwise authorised by any other power whether conditional or unconditional*¹, on anything which is in the Council's opinion is in the interests of the area or part of it or of all or some of the inhabitants of Chilbolton. However, not all powers are appropriate to a parish council of this size and monies to fund any activity have to be raised through the precept (taxation).

Applications, in writing, from individuals or recognised legal entities will be considered by the parish council between November and December of each year to be awarded in the proceeding financial year. Thereafter applications will be considered on a 'first come, first served' basis, should any of the agreed budgeted expenditure for grants/donations be remaining.

The Parish Council may also use its own discretion and make contributions to such organisations that satisfy the conditions without them having to apply in writing.

The parish council's agreed budgeted shall be available, upon request, from 1 February each year.

Conditions:

The applicant must demonstrate that they are a charity or a body providing a public service otherwise than for gain and those funds applied for will be in proportion to the benefit gained by the inhabitants and/or area of Chilbolton.

Those organisations that the Parish Council have made a contribution, shall furnish the parish council, within the period of 12 months beginning on the date when the grant was given, a statement in writing of the use to which the amount awarded has been put.

The Parish Council has no power to consider funding/contributing towards publicity alone, however it is acceptable if publicity is incidental to the main purpose for which assistance is required.

¹ Appendix 1

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Appendix 1 – Examples of some of the possible powers that the Parish Council may use when considering incurring expenditure.

FUNCTION	POWER	STATUTORY PROVISION
Christmas Lights	Power to provide to attract visitors	Local Government Act 1972, s.144
Citizens Advice Bureau	Power to support	Local Government Act 1972, s.142
Conference facilities	Power to provide and encourage the use of facilities	Local Government Act 1972, s.144
Community centres	Power to provide and equip Community buildings	Local Government Act 1972, s.133
Crime prevention	Powers to spend money on various crime prevention measures	Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s.31
Entertainment and the Arts	Provision of entertainment and support of the arts including festivals and celebrations	Local Government Act 1972, s.145
Recreation	Power to provide a wide range of recreational facilities	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19
Tourism	Power to contribute to organisations encouraging tourism	Local Government Act 1972, s.144