

Charminster Parish Council

Policy on charitable donations.

Charminster Parish Council is keen to support charities and non-profit organisations.

All requests will be considered by Full Council. This Policy gives guidelines to those considering making an application for financial support.

Donations are subject to the rules set by the Local Government Act 1972 (section 137). The basic principle is that the financial assistance will enhance the well being of Charminster Parish residents or enhance the local provision for them.

The Council will not consider sponsorship of fundraising activities, religious causes, political organisations or National Charities unless the donation is to be wholly used within the Parish.

The Council will provide within its budget estimates a sum for Donations. Normally, each Donation will be for £200 or less. An application has to be made each year. Applications will be considered at the November meeting, and payments made by June the following year. By exception, applications may be considered at other times.

Agreement to pay will be made by resolution.

Application Procedure

A Responsible Person should write to the Clerk giving the aims of the organisation, stating how the Donation will be used and the sum requested. The application should be accompanied by a copy of the latest audited accounts. (If available), or financial summary showing how the donation will be used.

The application should include an estimate of the number of Charminster Parish residents that benefit from the activity of the organisation and a brief report on activities.

Applications should be received by the Parish Clerk before 15th October each year so they can be considered at the November meeting of the Parish Council. Applicants are able to support their application in person at the Parish Council meeting, but this is not essential.

Successful Applicants will be advised by the Clerk.

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