

# Sherburn Parish Council

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## Grants Policy

At its meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2009 the Parish Council adopted the following policy on grants to outside organisations:

1. The Council will abide by the need to have a clear legal power to use for any grants made, including Section 137 of the local Government Act 1972 (the free resource) where no specific power exists which the council could use.
2. In subject areas on which the Council is unclear about its spending power to a proposed grant, the advice of the Yorkshire Local Council Association will be sought before a final decision is taken on a grant.
3. The Council will only grant to such organisations which it considers works in the interest of the parish and its residents.
4. The Council will reserve the right to attach any conditions it sees fit to grants and have them agreed by the outside organisation before payment(s) of grant, which may include the reporting to the council of how the grant is used.
5. Grant payments will only be made where a minute of the Council's decision exists to authorise expenditure, and after two councillors have signed the relevant cheque.
6. During the setting of the precept each November the Parish Council will allocate a sum solely for the use of allocating grants.
7. A provisional budget of £1500 will be set aside annually for the provision of grants
8. No application to be considered for personal applicants.
9. Before any grant is considered an application must be received on an application form which will be available on line or from the Parish Clerk.
10. Before considering a grant the Council need to consider what efforts have already been made towards fundraising and to see a copy of the up to date end of year accounts of the organisation.
11. Awards will be considered once a year, dates to be advertised and ratified by the Full Council.
12. All grants awarded must be spent within 12 months or the monies will be refunded to the Council