

# Baginton Parish Council

## Grants Policy

### Introduction

1. All applications for grant funding must be submitted direct to the Clerk of Baginton Parish Council, who will review the application and supporting information then follow up any queries or obvious omissions.
2. Applications will be assessed by the Clerk for eligibility, and any eligible applications will then be considered by the full Council, together with any recommendations made by the Clerk.
3. The Parish Clerk will not pass an application to Councillors if it clearly fails to meet the considerations below.

### Considerations

4. Baginton Parish Council will only consider giving a Grant when it provides a benefit to a reasonable number of Baginton residents or benefits the wider Parish in general.
5. Any Grant given will be proportionate to the benefit gained and must provide good value for money.
6. The applicant must demonstrate a need, describe the benefits expected and explain how the money will be spent to achieve that benefit. It would help the applicant if support from a reasonable number of residents can be demonstrated.
7. Grants are only made to recognised community or voluntary organisations, not to individuals.
8. Any Grant will be paid by electronic transfer to the named and verified organisation only. No payment will be made to an individual's account.
9. Grant requests received from organisations outside Baginton or from organisations that operate on a wider geographical scale will be reviewed against the number of villagers who would benefit.
10. Baginton Parish Council **will not fund** the following: -
  - 10.1. Organisations that provide no clear benefit to the community of Baginton.
  - 10.2. General appeals.
  - 10.3. Statutory organisations or the direct replacement of statutory funding.
  - 10.4. Political groups or activities promoting political beliefs.
  - 10.5. Religious groups where funding is to be used to promote religious beliefs.
  - 10.6. Arts and sports projects with no community or charitable element.
  - 10.7. Medical research equipment or treatment.
  - 10.8. Retrospective applications.
  - 10.9. National organisations, except where it can be demonstrated that the funding will substantially benefit residents of the parish.

### General

11. The Clerk and Council reserve the right to decline any application without giving reasons for its decision.
12. Baginton Parish Council may attach conditions to grant funding as they deem appropriate

13. Should for any reason the organisation disband, or the project is not completed, or attached conditions are not met, the Council may ask for all or part of the monies to be paid back.
14. Organisations should not presume that funding will continue on a year to year basis.
15. The Council's decision on any application is final and there is no right to appeal.
16. The Parish Council can, at its own discretion, nominate the awarding of a Grant without receiving a formal application from the recipient, provided there is clear benefit to residents e.g. an unforeseen emergency event.