

Weston on the Green Parish Council - Donations Policy FY 2021/22

Context

In the budget for FY 2021/22 the Parish Council included a designated amount for donations to local causes. This document articulates the Council's approach to allocating monies from this budget line item.

Eligibility Criteria

The Council seeks to prioritise donations to local initiatives or groups seeking to undertake activities to the benefit of the village. It will also consider donating funds to causes or issues facing Weston on the Green where our residents are championing activities to protect the interests of our village.

Initiatives supported must also accord with the Parish Council's role as a government body, as outlined in its Standing Orders, and the Code of Conduct signed by all Councillors. For example, this would mean it is not permitted to support political or religious endeavours.

Process

The Parish Council has, for many years, sought to support local initiatives. This is the second year where we have formally set aside a specific amount of money with the intention to support local activities and interests.

The Parish Council will publicise the availability of the fund via the Parish Council website and the Village News. Anyone wishing to apply is asked to write to the Clerk of the Parish Council with a short summary of how much they would like, for what purpose and the timing for when the monies would be spent. Any requests received will be circulated by the Clerk to the finance group for discussion. The full list of requests will be discussed and approved at the nearest Parish Council meeting.

This approach will be followed throughout the financial year until the budgeted funds have all been allocated.