**Weston on the Green Parish Council - Donations Policy FY 2019/20**

Context

In the budget for FY 2019/20 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.

Process

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

In this first year we propose to publicise the availability of the fund via the PC website and the Village news. Any one 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.

Next steps

The process followed will be reviewed at the end of the calendar year and lessons learned accordingly. The Parish Council, in consultation with the views of the village, whether this is something the village would like to see continue into the next budget year.