

HAIGH PARISH COUNCIL
GRANTS & DONATIONS AWARDING POLICY

This Policy was revised and approved by Haigh Parish Council on

.....22 January 2024.....

Haigh Parish Council recognises:

1. The importance of supporting groups, organisations and charities that benefit the residents of Haigh;
2. That the making of grants or donations is a valid method of support.

The purpose of this document is to ensure that Haigh Parish Council has an open, consistent and easily understood approach to awarding grants or making donations.

The following will be considered eligible for financial aid in the form of a grant or donation:

- Local* non-political, non-profit making groups and organisations;
- Educational establishments;
- Local Charities, both registered and non-registered.
- Local* (including regional) branches of national Charities.
- National Charities which in the opinion of the Council could bring benefit to residents within the Parish.

** 'local' is defined as being anywhere within the Parish of Haigh or within three miles of its boundaries.*

Guidelines for Financial Aid Applications (Grants)

1. It is a condition of any financial aid application that the group or project must bring direct benefit to some or all residents of the Parish of Haigh or could bring a benefit on some occasion in the future.
2. Applications must be made in writing to the Clerk, Haigh Parish Council. Who can be contacted by emailing clerk.haighpc@gmail.com or ringing 01257 473022.
3. The application must be submitted along with the latest set of the group's accounts. The application will be considered by the Parish Council at their next meeting.
4. Schools will only be granted aid if, in the opinion of the Parish Council, their application is for a project that would not normally be funded by the education authority.
5. The size of any grant awarded is at the discretion of the Parish Council.

6. Financial aid applications cannot be made retrospectively.
7. The Parish Council reserves the right to refuse any financial aid application which it considers to be inappropriate or against the objectives of the Parish Council.
8. It must be understood that any grant must only be used for the purpose for which it was awarded unless the written approval of Haigh Parish Council has been obtained for a change in use of the grant monies, and that any unspent portion of the grant must be returned to the Parish Council by the end of the financial year in which it was awarded.
9. Applications for the maintenance or repair of unadopted land cannot be considered.

Donations

From time to time the Council will receive requests for donations from both National and Local charities. Such requests will be considered by the Council and, if agreed by vote, will not exceed £100.

Signed:*Paul Kenyon*.....

Chairman

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