



MORETON, BOBBINGWORTH AND THE LAVERS PARISH COUNCIL

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GRANTS POLICY

The Parish Council is funded by the residents of Moreton, Bobbingworth (MBL) and the Lavers primarily through the precept which is raised through the council tax paid by the residents. The Council has a responsibility to the electorate that these funds are spent in accordance with the law, and where grants are provided to assist community organisations they must be for the benefit of the community.

The Council is committed to following best practice in its Grant Policy. It can do this by providing funding and support to voluntary and community groups. It will endeavour to provide value for local taxpayers and to make every attempt to ensure that public money is spent in a responsible manner within the Parish or for the direct benefit of the people of the Parish.

Applications will normally be considered for the following purposes:-

- Providing a service
- Enhancing quality of life
- Improving the environment
- Promoting the Parish of MBL in a positive way

Receiving a decision

Applications will be considered at a Council meeting and all applicants will be notified in writing of the Council's decision within 6 weeks of their application being received. Successful applications will receive the funds as soon as possible after agreement.

Terms and Conditions

To enable the Parish Council to consider a grant, a written report is required to confirm the purpose of the grant, how the money will be spent, and how it will benefit the local community. A copy of the organisations latest approved account will also be required.

1. No change to the use of the grant will be allowed without prior express written authority of the Parish Council.
2. Grants will not be awarded retrospectively and all grants must be spent within 12 months of being awarded.
3. Failure to achieve the specified purpose of the grant within 12 months, or undertaking an unauthorised variation, shall require the recipient to return all the grant funding to the Parish Council.
4. The Council's decision is final.

Exclusions

The following will not normally be funded, although the list is not exhaustive and may be added to at the Council's discretion:

1. Private individuals
2. The activities of political organisations or of religious organisations, unless they can show they operate clear and open community activities which do not require membership or connection to the organisation and that the application will be of benefit to the community.
3. General operational and maintenance costs including the payment of salaries.
4. Events that have already occurred, equipment already purchased, works already started or completed.
5. Repayment of loans or cost of services, equipment, or provisions in anticipation of a grant.
6. Organisations that have a closed or restricted membership.
7. Organisations that are the responsibility of another public body/agency, although some form of matched/joint funding might be considered.
8. 'Upward funder' i.e. local groups where fund-raising is sent to a central HQ for redistribution.
9. Purposes for which there is a statutory duty upon other local or central government departments to fund or provide.

Approved by	Council	Date
Last reviewed	Full Parish Council	July 2024
Next review due:		July 2025