

Ravensden Parish Council

Introduction

The Local Government Act 1972 requires that grants or donations (paid under Section 137) must be “in the interests of, or will directly benefit, the area or its inhabitants, or part of it, or some of it” and “the direct benefit should be commensurate with expenditure”.

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 a grant or donation is any payment or gift made Ravensden Parish Council for the benefit of a named organisation for a specific purpose.

The purpose of any “grant” or “donation” given by the Council is to support services and/or benefits provided to or by the local community of Ravensden.

Ravensden Parish Council Grants and Donations Policy and Procedure

1. The Council will consider applications from groups and organisations which offer significant contributions to the parish or can be seen to play a key role in the community. They must show a clear benefit to the people of the parish.
2. The Council may offer a Grant or Donation to groups or organisations identified as meeting the criteria above.
3. The Council cannot consider applications from individuals.
4. No group should receive more than one grant in any year, unless they can show exceptional circumstances.
5. The Council has very limited funds and cannot make substantial grants.
6. Groups seeking funding for events or projects must show an intention to benefit the Parish of Ravensden and send in a brief explanation of the nature of the event or project and the financial arrangements they have made to facilitate it.
7. Grants and donations can be made throughout the year.
8. New applicants are asked to submit their applications in writing to the Parish Clerk, Alison Southern, 77 Curlew Crescent, Brickhill MK41 7HY by email to ravensdenparishclerk@gmail.com
9. The Parish Council reserves the right to ask for quotations where required and also reserves the right to seek proof that any monies given have been appropriately spent.

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