

GREAT BLAKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

POLICY ON SECTION 137 DONATIONS

Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 allows local authorities, including Parish Councils, to incur expenditure which will bring direct benefit to their area or any part of it, or to all or some of its inhabitants.

Guidelines for organisations wishing to apply to Great Blakenham Parish Council for a grant under S137

At the Annual Meeting of the Council each year, Councillors will approve a list of organisations based in the village and those who do a significant amount of work with residents of the village. These organisations will then be contacted to establish if they wish to apply a donation. Organisations who wish to apply will be asked to give some information on how they would spend the money. The Council may invite the organisation to give a brief presentation at Parish Council Meeting. It will also be a condition that at the end of the year, they submit a brief report on how the money was spent which will be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Additionally, the Council will consider one off requests for grants during the year on the same basis.

Eligibility

Applications must be submitted from recognised “not for profit” community groups. Applications will not be considered from individuals.

The Council will not support applications for revenue expenditure. Revenue expenditure covers day to day running expenses such as rates, gas or electricity costs; grounds maintenance; salaries; or rent/hire costs.

The Council will consider applications for small scale capital expenditure such as purchase of special equipment.

Only one grant will be awarded to an organisation in any one year, unless there are exceptional circumstances.