

# **Offenham Parish Council**

## **Grants & Donations Policy**

Adopted at a Meeting of the Parish Council on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025

Next review at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council in May 2026

### **Grants & Donations Policy**

Offenham Parish Council provides grants and donations to organisations whose services are allocated primarily for the benefit of Offenham Parish residents. Each request will be judged on its own merit. The Council follows guidance issued by the National Association of Local Councils on spending under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

### **Policy**

- 1 Donation requests will be judged against Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 where an alternative regulation is more appropriate.
- 2 The maximum amount which the council may spend under section 137 in any one financial year is determined by the number of people on the electoral role multiplied by a cash value provided from the relevant Government department. For the year 2023.24 is £9.93 PER ELECTOR
- 3 All applications must be submitted in writing using the agreed application form
- 4 Requests for Grants & Donations are only applicable to the financial year in which the request is made and a new request needs to be submitted each financial year. The Parish financial year runs from 1st April to 31st March.
- 5 The Parish Council considers requests as an agenda item at a full Parish Council meeting.
- 6 It will help the request if the applicant indicates the level and number of Parish residents that the organisation benefits.
- 7 Requests may be considered more favourably if the donation is to be used to purchase a specific item or service which would not be provided if the donation was not given.
- 8 It is unlawful for the council to contribute to a charity or public service body established to help persons outside of the UK.
- 9 The Parish Council's decision is final. Condition of Grant If an organisation is awarded a grant, it will be expected that the grant monies will only be used for the purposes applied for and that any unused grant will be returned to the Parish Council.