

Simonburn Parish Council - Grant Awarding Policy

This Grant Awarding Policy was approved by Birtley Parish Council at the meeting held on 16th March 2010 and reviewed on 7th December 2010

The Parish Council includes approximately £100 per year in the Precept to be used for grants. In addition it holds monies that are ring fenced for the Playing Field, Play Area and the Village Hall development.

Each application for a grant from the community is considered on its merit by the full

Council. Guidelines for Grant Applications

- It is a condition of any grant application that the group or project must bring direct benefit to the residents of Birtley.
- Applications for a grant should be made in writing to the Parish Clerk and include a clear justification for the application. Applications from local groups should include a copy of their latest accounts.
- The Parish Council will not (normally) award grant aid to National Charities.
- The Parish Council will only grant aid churches for parish clocks and possibly for environmental purposes.
- Schools will only be grant aided for environmental purposes or, if in the opinion of the Parish Council their application is for the benefit of the wider community. Schools are also eligible for the transport grant.
- The size of any grant awarded is at the discretion of the Parish Council.
- Grant applications cannot be made retrospectively.
- The Parish Council reserves the right to refuse any grant application which they consider to be inappropriate or against the objectives of the Parish Council.
- It must be understood that any grant must only be used for the purpose for which it was awarded unless the written approval of Birtley 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.

Signed Clerk.....

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Signed Chairman.....

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