

# DUNTISBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

## GRANT FUNDING POLICY

### 1. Purpose

Duntisbourne Parish Council supports local organisations that enhance the wellbeing of the parish. This policy ensures grants are awarded fairly, transparently, and in accordance with legislation.

### 2. Legal Powers

Grants may be awarded under:

- Local Government Act 1972, s.137
- Local Government Act 1972, s.142
- Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19
- Localism Act 2011 (if adopted)

### 3. Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be a voluntary/community/charitable organisation
- Benefit residents of Duntisbourne Parish
- Have a governing document
- Have a bank account in the organisation's name

### 4. Ineligible Applications

The Council will not normally fund:

- Individuals
- Political organisations
- Retrospective projects
- Projects outside the parish (unless clear benefit)
- Ongoing deficits

### 5. Funding Available

- Small grants: up to £500
- Larger grants: at Council discretion
- Total budget set annually

### 6. Application Process

Applications must include:

- Organisation details
- Project description
- Amount requested
- Cost breakdown
- Evidence of community benefit
- Recent financial information



## **7. Assessment Criteria**

- Community benefit
- Number of residents impacted
- Value for money
- Financial need
- Other funding sources
- Sustainability

## **8. Decision Making**

- Determined at Full Council
- Recorded in minutes
- Council may approve, part-fund, or refuse

## **9. Conditions**

- Funds used for stated purpose
- Evidence of spend may be required
- Acknowledge Council support
- Unused funds returned

## **10. Monitoring**

The Council may request:

- A short report
- Evidence of outcomes

## **11. Transparency**

- Grants recorded in minutes and accounts
- Subject to audit
- Members must declare interests

## **12. Review**

Reviewed every 2–3 years

Adopted: 26th May, 2026 at Annual Council Meeting

Review Due: 2028 or as needed

