



Old Woughton Parish Council Grants Policy

Reviewed and adopted July 2026

Old Woughton Parish Council came into being in May 2012. The Parish is small having some 400 dwellings. The Parish Council strives to keep the precept level as low as possible and to ensure that all expenditure is justified. The Council believes that it has a great responsibility to use residents' monies raised through the Parish precept for the benefit of its residents.

In these circumstances, the Parish Council is not able to set aside significant resources for worthy causes and, indeed, views such donations as being essentially of a personal nature rather than a responsibility of the general public. That said, in exceptional circumstances, the Parish Council may consider the making of an occasional, small grant or donation, the application for which would have to be consistent with the following guidelines.

Applications will be accepted only from organisations based within the Parish or can demonstrate that the donation would be applied substantially to benefit residents of the Parish. Such organisations must be non-profit making.

The Council will not fund:

- Individuals,
- Religious or political organisations,
- National organisations (unless it is demonstrated that the funding applied for will directly benefit local residents)

All applications will be considered on their merits and grants will not be made retrospectively. A brief report detailing how any monies were spent and the benefits accrued should be submitted to the Parish Council within 12 months of receipt of the donation. Should the spending or use deviate significantly from that outlined in the original bid (without prior approval by the Parish Council), all monies are liable to be returned to OWPC.

The application should include:

- the name of the organisation and contact details
- its role
- the purpose for which the grant will be used together with
- any additional supporting material.

Application should be made by mail to:

The Clerk
Old Woughton Parish Council
PO Box 6548
Milton Keynes
MK10 1AB

For any queries contact the Parish Clerk at clerk@oldwoughton.org.uk

Review History

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