

**Grant Funding Policy**

- The Parish Council welcomes applications from organisations with a local connection to Martham or are directly involved in helping residents of the village.
- Except in the case of donations, any application for a grant from the Parish Council should be submitted on the approved form.
- Without exception all applications for donations and grant funding must be approved at a full Parish Council meeting.
- Expenditure should be targeted at improving or maintaining the quality of life for the majority of residents of Martham Parish, or at least a significant demographic of the residents such as young people or the elderly.
- Grants will not be considered for financing the aims of political or religious organisations, nor of individuals.
- Except in exceptional circumstances, grants will not usually be considered to provide revenue funding, but should be for the purchase of equipment and/or capital projects.
- Checks are to be made to ensure that all expenditure is used for the purpose for which it was agreed. If any variation to the agreed expenditure is required it must be approved by the Council or the funding will be cancelled and the grant repaid.
- Applications for donations from national organisations and charities will be considered on a case by case basis but in general will not be met unless there is a proven link with the village.
- Except in the case of donations, full accounts and copies of relevant receipts and invoices will be required.

Signed:

Chairman

16<sup>th</sup> September 2015