

Application for Grants from MPC

MPC will consider applications for grants from other bodies and organisation under the following conditions:

1. The requestor of the grant must be able to demonstrate that the subject of the grant provides a direct benefit to the village of Minsterworth and/or the majority of residents and/or an identified group of residents who have particular needs.
2. Requests for grants must comply with the legislation at Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. This particularly applies to grants for charitable organisations.
3. The limit on the amount that can be spent on grants within a Financial Year is governed by Section 137, and is based on an amount per elector within the parish. In FY22/23, that limit is £8.82 per elector; there are 425 electors registered in Minsterworth meaning the limit on all grants within a Financial Year is £3748.50.
4. Grant applications must be submitted electronically in writing to the Council Clerk at least two weeks before a scheduled Parish Council meeting.
5. Grant applications must show all of the costs associated with the subject of the grant (including VAT). The application should also show any other sources of funding that have been sought and / or approved.
6. Grants must relate to a specific project, event or outcome; grants for general funding or unspecified contributions will not be considered.
7. Grants will normally only be considered for the initial capital outlay of a project or event; grants for ongoing maintenance or recurring costs will not be considered.
8. Grants will not be considered that subsidise commercial businesses or activities conducted on a for-profit basis.
9. Grants will not be considered to relieve hardship for individual residents or households.
10. Where a grant has been approved, the Council will expect confirmation when the project is completed, copies of receipts where appropriate and feedback on the outcome.
11. When an item has been purchased wholly or partly using a grant from the Council, the Council should be consulted if that item is to be disposed of within 5 years of the purchase. The Council reserves the right to recover an appropriate proportion of the grant from any disposal receipts.
12. The Council Reserves the right to impose restrictions on any individual grant, including the requirement to obtain 3 x quotes for any work to be undertaken.
13. Where a grant has been approved, and where it is appropriate, the Council will expect recognition for the grant awarded.