



Long Stratton Parish Council Grant and Funding Receiving policy

Purpose of the Policy

To give people in Stratton a way to turn their great ideas into reality – by unlocking funding from the crowd. Giving Parishioners and businesses an opportunity to support their local community, and to bring the community together.

To receive grants from appropriate bodies to allow the Parish Council to enhance the local community.

Aim

To provide a safe and legislative framework which allows the Parish Council to receive funding to support the community.

Rules

- All funding will be sourced using Crowdfunder.co.uk. This allows individuals and businesses alike to contribute any amount with the option on anonymity which complies with the Data Protection Act 1988 as amended 2018.
- Any funds received by the Parish Council will be subject to the expenditure and procurement rules as guided by Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.
- Social Media and the Parish Council website will be the platforms to reach parishioners and businesses for donations, Parish Council publications may be used to highlight the Council's intention to use Crowdfunder.co.uk.
- Councillors can Canvas businesses; however, they are not permitted to agree to anything in return.
- Advertising for businesses who have donated is strictly not permitted unless by prior resolution of the full Council.
- Nor more than 3 fund raising projects may be operated at any one time.
- The Council are permitted to appoint a professional fund raiser if deemed appropriate.
- Fund raising projects are to be agreed by Full Council
- The Clerk/ RFO will be solely responsible for operating Crowdfunder.co.uk.
- Crowdfunder.co.uk cannot be used to support individuals or groups.
- Grant applications to organisations for an event can only be made by resolution of the Council.



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Reporting

The Clerk/ RFO is to report quarterly to Finance and Policy committee funding received, and expenditure made and is to be shown in the accounting system as ear-marked reserves for the chosen project. All project expenditure raised through Crowdfunder.co.uk is to be shown on the website for parishioners to see how their donations have helped and transparency.