

Thornborough Parish Council Policy on Charitable donations

General Principles for occasional donations

Section 137 allows for expenditure, subject to certain conditions, which in the opinion of the Council is “in the interests of, and will bring direct benefit to, its area or any part of it or all or some of its inhabitants”

The amount allowed in total under section 137 expenditure is determined annually by government as an amount per elector.

All expenditure under section 137 should be agreed and accounted for in the same way that all other Council expenditure is. The appropriate sum for the purpose of section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 (the 1972 Act) for parish and town councils in England for 2015-16 is £7.36 per elector. (total: £4,717.76)

Moneys spent under Section 137 are available for public view in the Thornborough Parish Council annual accounts published on the Thornborough Parish web site.

When deciding whether to make a donation Thornborough Parish Council will use the following criteria (identified under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972):

- Is in the interests of the parish
- Will bring direct benefit to the parish or any part of it
- Will bring direct benefit to all or some of its inhabitants

The amount for occasional donations will be decided by discussion at open meetings of Thornborough Parish Council.

Regular donations that do not fall under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972

1. At the meeting of Thornborough Parish Council held on Monday 14th December 2015 it was agreed that Thornborough Parish Council would make an annual donation of £1,000.00 to St Mary the Virgin Church, Thornborough for the upkeep of the churchyard, This donation is made under Section 214(6) for Churchyard maintenance of the Local Government Act 1972 (Minutes Monday 14th December 2015 Item 18d Churchyard Maintenance)
2. At the meeting of Thornborough Parish Council held on Monday 14th September 2015 it was agreed that Thornborough Parish Council would make an annual donation of £1,000.00 to the Thornborough Village Hall Trust under Section 133 of the Local Government Act 1972- Power to acquire, provide and furnish community buildings. (Minutes: Monday 14th September 2015 Item 12 Thornborough Village Hall update)

Policy agreed by Thornborough Parish Council

Date: Monday 13th June 2016

Minute: Item 14 h) Financial support requests policy