Grant Funding Policy

Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 allows Parish Councils to incur expenditure for the purpose that benefit their communities when no specific power is available.

Overview of Section 137

Purpose: Section 137 enables local authorities, including Parish Councils, to spend money on activities that they believe will directly benefit their area or inhabitants. This is particularly useful when there is no other specific legal authority for such expenditure.

Expenditure Limit: The Expenditure Limit for 2026/27 under Section 137 is set at **£11.60 per elector.** This limit is set annually, based on retail price index to reflect inflation.

Granting Power

Parish Councils have the discretion to award grants to a local group, club or organisation that provides direct benefits to their Community. This can include funding for Community projects, infrastructure improvements or welfare initiatives.

Application Process

To apply for a grant under Section 137, applicants much complete an application form and provide necessary documentation, such as financial statements and project details. The Parish Council will assess applications based on their merits and may set specific funding limits. Applications forms can be obtained via the Parish Council website or from the Clerk – clerk@strattonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Conclusion

Section 137 provides Parish Councils with flexibility to support their communities through discretionary spending on beneficial projects.