

Great Denham Parish Council – Community Events Policy

Introduction and Background

Events which bring the Great Denham community together, and provide activities which can be enjoyed by all, are supported in principle by the Parish Council; the Council regularly makes provision in its annual budget for community activity, including grants for community groups.

The Parish Council does not own land in Great Denham which can be used for events; all land is either owned by the Borough Council or private landowners. Great Denham Community Hall is owned by the Parish Council and managed via lease by a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) Great Denham Community Hall; it is the main venue for community activity in the parish.

This policy outlines the way in which this budget will be deployed, and how the Parish Council will host or support events for the benefit of residents.

Relevant Council Powers

Under s. 145 of the Local Government Act 1972, a local council has the power to do, or contribute to the expenses of doing, anything which it considers necessary or expedient for any of the following purposes, whether inside or outside its area: -

- the provision of an entertainment of any kind or of facilities for dancing;
- the provision of a theatre, concert hall, dance hall or other premises for entertainments or dances;
- the maintenance of a band or orchestra;
- the development and improvement of the knowledge and practice of the arts and crafts; and
- anything incidental to the above

Parish Council approach to funding Community Events

The Parish Council has identified the following circumstances whereby Community Events may be funded through Council budgets:

1. Events run by the Parish Council for residents.

In these circumstances the Council will provide funding and event management, including advertising and any necessary permissions. This may also include costs of venue hire if appropriate. In these circumstances risk management and public liability insurance is the responsibility of the Parish Council.

2. Events run by Great Denham Community Hall, in line with its charitable objectives, for the benefit of residents

The Council recognises that the Community Hall is a valuable asset to residents as a venue for community events. The CIO hosts 2 festivals each year (Summer and Winter) plus other events during the year. The Council will, on receipt of a grant application from the CIO, consider providing funding from Council budgets towards the costs of the event. In recognition of the benefit to residents, the CIO may apply for multiple grants each year for such events, and funding may be provided if budgets permit. The CIO will be responsible for all event management, including advertising, insurance, risk management and obtaining any necessary permissions; where the Parish Council has provided financial support this must be clearly identified in any advertising.

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3. *Events run by other Community Groups in Great Denham.*

As (2) above, the Council will, on receipt of a grant application from a Community Group, consider funding from Council budgets, in line with its Grants Policy. All event management responsibilities (advertising, insurance, risk management, permissions etc) remain with the organiser.

Council Budgets

Each year the Council will review its budget provision for community events and grants for community groups and will determine any funding it wishes to make available. This will then be included in the Council budget and managed via normal Council processes and policies.