

# **HASKETON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **S137 Policy Guidelines**

Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 allows local authorities, including Parish Councils, to incur expenditure which will bring direct benefit to their area or any part of it, or to all or some of its inhabitants.

Hasketon Parish Council budgets for an amount of money (not large) to be spent in this way each year within the amounts set out by the relevant legislation.. Applicants may be individuals, charities or groups. When assessing an application the Parish Council will take some or all of the following into consideration:

- The nature of the Group/Organisation applying for funding, i.e. is the group a registered Charity?
- The use to which the money will be put and the consequent benefits to the community.
- Whether match-funding is being offered (this includes volunteer labour)
- Will the sum be in proportion to the percentage of the population who will benefit?
- If the applicant is a group which includes members from outside Hasketon Parish,
- Has funding been sought from the other areas represented?
- If, after receiving S137 money, a further application is made in a subsequent year,
- What efforts have been made to become self-sufficient?
- Are audited accounts available?
- Any other factors that the Parish Council consider are relevant.

The decision to award S137 money will be made by the full council and that decision shall be final. Unsuccessful applicants are, however free to re-apply the following year.

Applications should be made in writing to:

Hasketon Parish Council  
Parish Clerk  
1 Top Street  
Martlesham  
IP12 4RB  
or by email to [clerk.hasketon@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.hasketon@gmail.com)

Applications will be assessed by the full Parish Council and applicants should be aware that, as the Council meets only bi - monthly, decisions will not be instantaneous.

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