

Request for Grant funding from Wickhambrook Local History Society

Each year Wickhambrook Parish Council sets aside some funds from its budget to give financial support to local organisations. The power under which a Parish Council may normally do this is s.137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

In May 2024 an application was received from the Wickhambrook Local History Society (attached as **Appendix A**) asking for assistance (in the sum of £500) towards the cost of installing a display cabinet (at Wickhambrook Memorial Social Centre) within which to store and display artefacts and research materials held by the society for the benefit of the parish. Wickhambrook Memorial Social Centre has agreed that installation of a display case for such a purpose is supported, and a meeting recently took place to identify a suitable location (Dulcie Smith Room).

The society, following consultation with the Trustees of the Memorial Social Centre, has updated their application, noting that:

"Because we don't at present know how much a particular cabinet will cost (we propose to purchase a second hand piece from an on-line marketplace for the purposes of sustainability), we propose that if there are any unspent funds after the purchase of a cabinet and any transport costs to install it at Wickhambrook MSC) we will return these to the parish council so that other organisations may benefit from future funding"

A parish council is generally able to make payments for services and supplies under the powers conferred upon it by relevant legislation. Where no such power exists, (e.g. Charitable donations) then a parish council may incur expenditure either under

- the General Power of Competence in s.1 of the Localism Act 2011 (which does not apply to Wickhambrook Parish Council, it not being eligible), or
- s.137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (LGA1972), for any purpose, except one which is subject to a statutory prohibition, restriction or limitation¹.

The parish council's relevant powers are:

1. **Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19** - to provide & equip buildings for use of clubs having athletic, social or educational objectives
2. **Local Government Act 1972, s.133** - to provide buildings for public meetings and assemblies or contribute towards the expenses of providing such buildings.
3. **Local Government Act 1972, s.111** - to do anything that will facilitate, be conducive to or incidental to the discharge of its powers and functions

Funds in the budget line for grant/local support for the current financial year were £600.00, of which £410.24 has been allocated (**Min.** 24.04.16 refers), leaving a balance of £189.76 available.

The parish council has £1320 set aside in Earmarked Reserves (Local Support and Village Organisations) which it could draw down from, should it choose to award the full amount requested.

WPC.24.07.07: Request for Financial Support

Action:

Councillors are asked to consider whether to award £500.00 (or some lesser amount) towards the cost of installing a display cabinet for archival materials relating to Wickhambrook Parish at Wickhambrook Memorial Social Centre.

Recommendation:

The parish council

- i. approve a grant of not more than £500 towards the cost of installing a display cabinet for archival materials relating to Wickhambrook Parish at Wickhambrook Memorial Social Centre; and**
- ii. the parish council draw down £320 from Earmarked Reserves (Local Support and Village Organisations) to Revenue Budget Line (Grants – Local Support and Village Organisations).**

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APPLICATION FOR A GRANT

Before completing this form, please read carefully the attached document entitled Wickhambrook Grant Awarding Policy. Copies of the form together with the **latest copy of examined accounts** must be submitted along with any supporting documentation requested.

General information for applicants

It is Wickhambrook Parish Council's intention (subject to budget restrictions and available resources) to support initiatives from local community groups and organisations. Priority will be given to applicants who have not previously received grants from Wickhambrook Parish Council. The size of any grant awarded is at the discretion of the Parish Council but will generally not exceed £500 in any one application.

If you have any queries on the completion of this form please contact the Parish Clerk, Wickhambrook Parish Council, 123 York Road, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 3EG.

Email: parishclerk@wickhambrook.org.uk **Details of Your Organisation:**

Name of Organisation	Wickhambrook Local History Society
Address:	10 Wilows End Mole Hill Wickhambrook CB8 8XZ
Contact Telephone No.:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]
Registered Charity No.:	N/A
If you are part of a larger organisation, its name	Safford Local History Council
Principal aims and objectives:	To preserve the past and protect the present of the village through education

Details of Grant Requested:

Explain your need for a grant with the likely number of beneficiaries and their age

Profiles: We have a number of artefacts given to us by residents of the village, as well as books and research materials. As there is uncertainty over Suffolk Archives, we feel it would be best to have somewhere secure and available to the public to display and store the items. This would be a resource for all ages.

Grant requested: £ 500

Details of Other Grants:

Received in the last two years: N/A

Currently applied for: N/A

Please use this space for any significant information about your organisation not already supplied:

I certify that the foregoing information is accurate to the best of my knowledge

Signature of applicant:



Office Held: *Chairman*

Date: *14-5-24*