**FRENSHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**GRANT POLICY**

Frensham Parish Council is funded by the residents of Frensham. It assigns a small budget each year to assist community organisations working for the benefit of those residents. The annual grant budget is £500.

The following principles will be followed when awarding grants.

1. Grants will be available to organisations which are located and working in Frensham for the benefit of the community. Grants will normally be used to fund specific projects.

 2. In the case of organisations based outside Frensham a grant will only be given if the organisation concerned provides a service which is open to and of clear benefit to Frensham residents.

3. Account will be taken of the extent of support already pledged by other levels of Local Government (e.g.Waverley Borough Council and Surrey County Council) since these will include contributions from Frensham Residents.

4. Applicants will need to demonstrate the need for the grant and provide evidence that funding has been sought from other sources. The financial resources of the organisation (as disclosed by recent accounts) will be taken into account.

5. Grants will only be made of amounts which are significant in the context of the request and will be no less than £100 and will not routinely exceed 50% of the cost of the project or activity.

6. Grants will not be made to national Charities which are likely to be receiving donations direct from Frensham residents unless there is a special Frensham context for the application.

7. The Council can only donate funds to organisations if it has a “Power” to do so.

8. Grant applications will be considered at the next Full Council meeting and the following criteria will be used:

* Applicants will provide details of the project/activity and the number of Frensham residents expected to benefit.

• Assistance will be given on the basis of need, merit and contribution to the local community.

• Organisations must clearly show how the grant will benefit the people living in the parish or will benefit the environment of Frensham