

# **WEST CAMEL PARSIH COUNCIL GRANT AWARDS POLICY**

**10<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

**Background** – West Camel Parish Council do not have ‘The Power of Wellbeing’ under the Local Government Act 2000 (this is something the Council aspires to) and as such the awarding of grant aid is governed by the Local Government Act 1972 Section 137.

***NB.** Both the LGA 1972 and the ‘Power of Wellbeing’ LGA 2000 will be replaced by the Local Communities Bill when it becomes law later in 2011.*

**Section 137** limits the overall level of money that a Parish Council may allocate to external public or voluntary bodies where it does not have direct powers to spend public funds. For 2010/11 this is limited to £6.15 / elector. This amount is index linked and should increase slightly for 2011/12.

**Criteria for Decision Making** - the main criteria for awarding a grant under section 137 are that the financial award **MUST** be **Beneficial** to **some** or **all** of the people residing within the Parish and that the **amount of the award** must be **commensurate with the benefit derived**.

Also the total amount of monies allocated to grants under Section 137 must fall within the limit mentioned above.

Financial assistance to some public or Voluntary bodies e.g. Citizen’s Advice Bureau are covered under other legislation.

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## APPLICATION FOR GRANT AID

West Camel Parish Council is empowered under the Local Government Act 1972 Section 137 to incur expenditure which in the opinion of the Council is in the interests of, and will bring direct benefit to, their area or any part of it or all or some of its inhabitants.

<b>Name of Organisation</b>	
<b>Name of person making application</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Contact telephone no.</b>	
<b>Contact email address</b>	
<b>Amount of grant award requested?</b>	£
<b>Benefit Statement</b> <i>(how does this benefit some or all of the Parish inhabitants?)</i>	
<b>Benefit justification</b> <i>How is the amount of grant award requested commensurate with the benefit derived by the community of West Camel?</i>	