**WIGGINTON PARISH GRANTS - REPORT TO THE COUNCIL MEETING 21.11.2023**

Under Section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 the maximum amount that we can give in grants is £9.93 (2023/24 rate) x 1,175 which is the number of electors in the parish (information obtained from DBC on 24th October) = **£11,667.75**

The Section 137 is only available where no other power exists.

**CURRENT BUDGET £1,000**

**TOTAL APPLIED £999.40**

The Clerk got in in touch with the following organisations and received 2 applications back:

1. **Film Club – applied for £500** to replace the existing projection screen**.** I suggest the council considers this grant application under Section 133 LGA 1972 as power to spend and not Section 137.
2. **Wigginton Gardeners Association – applied for £499.40** to purchase 3 foldable tables. I suggest the council considers this grant application under Section 133 LGA 1972 as power to spend and not Section 137.

**Section 133 of the Local Government Act 1972 permits a Parish Council to make grants to third parties in respect of community buildings such as village halls:**

**‘Provision of parish and community buildings**

**A parish or community council may acquire or provide and furnish buildings to be used for public meetings and assemblies or contribute towards the expenses incurred by any other parish or community council or any other person in acquiring or providing and furnishing such a building’.**

**Therefore, the Council cannot use section 137 of the LGA 1972 for all grants and must consider using other relevant powers to spend when making grants such as the ones towards the upkeep of village/community halls.**

The Village Hall has been given a grant from the PC of £750 in September 2023.

The Village Hall Committee made another application for £2,650 towards the cost of a new window and fire door within the store room area of the hall.

**CURRENT BUDGET £0**

**APPLIED FOR £2,650**

**The Church applied for £1,000 towards the upkeep of the Churchyard – this grant can be considered under “donations towards the upkeep of open spaces” power to spend.**

**CURRENT BUDGET £470**

**APPLIED FOR £1,000**