Camblesforth Parish Council Conditional Grant Scheme for Tree Maintenance

Introduction

Cllrs agreed at the February 2024 Parish Council meeting to introduce a scheme by which a conditional grant is awarded to specific residences of Camblesforth village in order to contribute towards the cost of removing tree branches which are overhanging into their gardens.

The scheme has a £12,000 grant provided by Drax Power-station and the Parish Council acknowledges and thanks Drax for this grant.

The scheme is operated on the strict understanding that the Parish Council is acting solely as an administrator of the scheme and that this does not imply or infer in any way that the Parish Council has responsibility or ownership of the trees in question on the A645

Conditions of the Scheme

- This scheme is only open to specific residences of Pinewood Drive (no's 2-78) and Grange Road (no's 33-43) and who can evidence that their gardens back onto the A645 and have trees overhanging into their gardens. Applications should be made by signing and dating of this document and completion of the application form below.
- 2. The grant is a set payment totalling a maximum amount of £300. No further payment will be made within three years from the date of application, however, and subject to sufficient monies being left in the scheme, residents can apply more than once outside of the 3-year of application
- 3. The payment is not intended to cover the full amount of the work and should be considered as a contribution to the full cost. If the cost of the work is below the grant amount, only the actual cost will be paid and in all circumstances a copy of the quote, invoice or receipt will be required to be provided to the Parish Council
- 4. Residents may appoint a tradesman of their own choice and a strict condition of the scheme is the understanding that the Parish Council has no insurance liability for this scheme and residents should check any tradesperson they appoint has the correct insurance and qualifications to carry out the work.
- 5. The Parish Council accepts no responsibility for injuries or damage resulting from work being carried out.
- 6. Payment of the grant will be made preferably by cheque although there may be scope for a direct payment to be made into the account of an applicant.
- 7. Residents will be expected to provide documentary evidence showing branches overhanging into their garden as part of their application for the grant. A strict condition of the grant is that photographic evidence is provided to the Parish Council following the work to show the work has been completed.
- 8. The scheme has a set amount of funds totalling £12,000. Once exhausted it is understood by all parties that there is no guarantee that further funds will be made available and the grant scheme will be terminated at the point the monies are exhausted.

I herewith confirm I have read, understand and agree to the above conditions as part of my application for a grant under this scheme

Name Signature

Date

Strictly Private and Confidential (When completed) Application Form for a Grant under the Tree Maintenance Scheme

Name		Address			
Amount applying for - You may apply for an amount up to the total of £300					
Please use the section below to briefly explain what you will be using the grant for and why you feel the work is necessary (ie branches are damaging my shed / garden furniture)					
If successful, how would you like your grant to be paid		Cheque – please give name cheque should be made out to		Direct Bank Payment - please give name, sort code and account number	
I herewith confirm that by signing this form the above information is correct and that I am the owner / tenant of the above property					
Signature Date					

Important Notes – Please read

- 1. Please ensure you have provided photographic evidence of the overhanging trees as well as proof of the cost of the work (quote, receipt or invoice etc) and you have attached these to this application form
- 2. Your completed form should be (preferably) emailed to the Parish Clerk on <u>Camblesforthclerk@yahoo.com</u> or posted to Camblesforth Parish Council, c/o 27 Willow Garth, Eastrington. DN14 7QP
- 3. No presumption of a successful application should be made until you have received formal written confirmation from the Parish Council.
- 4. Informal enquiries can be made at any time by contacting any of your Cllrs or the Clerk
- 5. Data Protection the Parish Council is committed to the principles of privacy and confidentiality as outlined in our Data Protection Policy these principles are applied to this policy and specifically your details will not be given to any third party without your (written) permission. The data processor responsible for your information is the Parish Clerk and only appointed Parish Councillors will have access to this completed form