**ALDBURY PARISH GRANTS - REPORT 06.11.2023**

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 683 which is the number of electors in the parish (information obtained from DBC on 24th October) = **£6,782.19**.

The Section 137 is only available where no other power exists. The APC’s allocated budget for this financial year under s137 is **£2,500.**

Further to my previous report sent on the 25th October the Council should consider the 2 grant applications under section 137 from the following parish organisations:

1. **Friends of Aldbury School – applied for £329.02** to purchase a bench and a plaque to be installed in a school garden.
2. **Baby and Toddler Group- applied for £300;** £100 to purchase new play equipment, £140 towards outings and £60 towards the cost to organise special events such as Christmas party/ Easter egg hunt. Please note that this organisation currently has no bank account, therefore the Council will need to consider paying into an alternative account. The Church and TSRA can not hold the funds on their behalf.

**Total in grants applied under s137: £629.02**

Further grant applications from community halls where the Council must exercise their power to spend under Section 133:

1. **Tring Station Residents Association - applied for £400 towards upkeep of the Iron Room**; to mend the broken concrete on the terrace and repairing the front door.
2. **ALDBURY PEACE MEMORIAL INSTITUTE – applied for £600** towards the upkeep of the hallway and toilets.
3. **Aldbury Memorial Hall** – **applied for £1,000** towards the costs associated with overall improvements such as removal of the stage and improvement of lighting.

**Total in grants under s133: £2,000**

**Churchyard upkeep - The Aldbury District Church Council applied for £500** which is exactly within the current budget. The grant will contribute to the cost of maintaining the upkeep of the churchyard between the main church door and the gate to the village green to the East and the pathway to the lych-gate to the west.

**Total in grants applied: £3,129.02**

**Council’s current budget: £3,000**