

SOUTH FERRIBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Resident,

Re: South Ferriby Flood Relief Fund

The Parish Council launched an appeal fund following the flooding in December 2013. This fund is still open and donations are very welcome. It is proposed to close the fund on the first anniversary of the flood, 5 December 2014.

The Parish Council has now completed its first round of distribution from the South Ferriby Flood Appeal Fund. To date just over £70,000 has been paid out to those affected by the flooding. The Parish Council has gone to great lengths to contact every household which flooded and has given everyone an opportunity to apply for funding even if they missed the initial application deadline.

The Parish Council is now launching a second phase of fund distribution aimed at assisting residents with ongoing financial difficulties.

Donations are still trickling into the fund but we anticipate that the amount available to distribute will be significantly less than the first amount paid out. With this in mind we ask you to consider if you really need further assistance from the fund. The fewer people that apply, the more we can pay out to those who are struggling. We are not in a position to undertake means tests, nor would we wish to, so we are relying on the goodwill of parishioners to determine for themselves if they need to apply.

It might be useful to give some examples of the situations where we know help might be needed and these are set out below. In each case it is assumed that the household does not have alternative financial resources which can be used to cover the shortfall. **It must be stressed that these examples are by no means exhaustive – that is there are many other personal situations that are not listed. Please note that you do not**

need to give us the details of your personal situation on the application form if you do not wish to.

- Your insurance company has become insolvent and has paid out only a proportion of your claim.
- Your insurance paid out only part of your claim on the grounds it was made late, or that you did not give all relevant information when you applied for the insurance.
- You did not have your buildings and contents fully insured and still need to undertake essential repairs and/or buy basic household goods.
- You have faced some large utility bills – gas, electric etc from drying out your home and now do not have the funds to meet the winter bills.
- You have lost your job as a result of the flooding and now have a whole range of financial difficulties.
- Your health has suffered as a result of the flooding and you need help with travel costs or similar to access treatment.
- Any other circumstance that is causing ongoing financial hardship.

If you are having ongoing financial difficulties as a result of the flooding we would like you to consider applying. **Please use the attached form, with the closing date for applications to be 31/10/2014. Please note that there will be no extensions to this deadline.**

As ever, all Councillors are available to discuss any concerns or queries you may have, but in the first instance please contact the Clerk via the details above.

Finally, I would like to remind you that North Lincolnshire Council is making available grants of up to £5,000 available for flood resilient repairs for both households and businesses. More information is available on their website: www.northlincs.gov.uk/council-tax-benefits-and-housing/housing/how-housing-can-help/flood-support-schemes or by telephoning 01724 297000. You have until 31st March 2015 for the work to be completed so it is not too late to apply.

Yours sincerely,

Louise Ward
Parish Clerk
On behalf of South Ferriby Parish Council

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