

LAUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

EXPENSES POLICY – for review

It is the aim of Launton Parish Council that no employee or member be financially disadvantaged when representing the Parish Council.

Launton Parish Council will reimburse all or some of the expenses incurred by the Clerk, the Chairman or Councillors in performing the duties required by the Council.

Expense receipts will be verified.

CLERK'S EXPENSES

The Clerk will be able to claim the following expenses when supported by receipts or other proof:

- stationery, postage and printing costs and other office consumables – at a cost agreed annually;
- reasonable sums to cover the extra costs of space, lighting, heating and electricity arising from the Clerk's use of home for Council business. This will be set at the Inland Revenue limit for “additional household expenses” for employees of £6.00 per week from 2020 onwards;
- any additional premium required by the Clerk’s own home insurance provider in respect of the Clerk’s private premises being the main place of work;
- travelling and associated travel expenses on journeys on Council business - to include mileage at the current Inland Revenue non-profit making rate, currently 45p per mile;
- other expenses which may include overnight accommodation and meals incurred in the performance of Council business provided they have been approved by the Council.

COUNCILLOR EXPENSES

Parish Councillors are unpaid and have agreed not to receive an annual allowance. They are entitled to claim the following expenses when supported by receipts:

- travelling and associated travel expenses on journeys on Council business - to include mileage at the current Inland Revenue non-profit making rate, currently 45p per mile;
- other expenses, provided they have been approved in advance by the Council.

If using their car for attendance at meetings, Councillors should ensure that they have the appropriate ‘volunteer’ insurance cover.

This Policy was adopted at a meeting on 1 December 2022 (Minute Reference 1/12/22 9. e. ii.) and will be reviewed in two years or sooner should legislation dictate.