



EXPENSES POLICY

Adopted 15 March 2021 ¹

It is the aim of Fernwood Parish Council that no member will be financially disadvantaged when representing Fernwood Parish Council.

Fernwood Parish Council will make reimbursement for expenses that the staff, Chairman or Councillors may meet on its behalf when incurred in performing the duties required of the Council.

1. Staff Expenses

All staff will be able to claim the following expenses:

- Travelling and associated travel expenses on journeys on council business to include mileage at current NJC rates and parking
- Subsistence which may include overnight accommodation and meals incurred in the performance of Council business provided that expenses have been receipted and approved by the Council.
- The cost of telephone calls made by the Clerk from home on council business
- Reasonable sums to cover the extra costs of insurance, heating, lighting and electricity arising from the Clerk's use of home for council business
- Any reasonable expenses where the Parish Council or Village Hall Debit Cards have not been available for use

2. Chairman's Expenses

The Chairman can receive a small annual allowance to defray the expenses of his office:

- Stationery, postage and printing costs
- Hospitality and gifts

3. Councillor Expenses

Parish Councillors are unpaid and do not receive an annual allowance.

- (i) Travel and subsistence: Councillors (including the Chairman) may be reimbursed for expenses for travel and subsistence when carrying out previously approved duties (Approved duties generally means the doing of anything approved by the Council, or anything of a class so approved for the purpose of, or in connection with, the discharge of the functions of the Council).

¹ All policies are reviewed regularly. Either annually or every 2 years. See the Document/Policy Review Log which can be found on the Parish Council website for details.

Councillors will not receive expenses for attendance at any meeting of Fernwood Parish Council or any work within the Parish.

Where possible attempts will be made to minimise expenses by sharing transportation.

The rates of the allowances in respect of travel shall be as follows:

All Vehicles: Inland Revenue non-profit making rate (currently 45p per mile)
Claims should be made on the appropriate forms available from the Clerk and be accompanied by receipts, if appropriate, In an emergency, such expenses may be approved after the event

- (ii) No reimbursement for stamps and stationery as these may be obtained from the office.
- (iii) Items purchased specifically at the direction of the Council. These shall be reimbursed. Claims shall be made on the appropriate forms available from the Clerk. Members shall endeavour to obtain a VAT receipt in the name of the Council and pass this on to the Clerk.
- (iv) Other expenses Members will be expected to provide documentary evidence for items spent on Council-related costs.