



COLWICH PARISH COUNCIL

Colwich Parish Council Disclosure Log

Request: CPC FOI 2/17

Subject: Payments for drinks and Swan Hotel dinner

Question:

- How much prior to 2016 would the Parish Chairman usually spend on the “end of year” drinks in the Parish Offices, the amount for 2015 will suffice in this case.
- How much was spent at the Swan Inn in Stafford for the “Neighbourhood Plan” Celebratory meal.

Response:

All payments made by the Parish Council, including Direct Debits, Standing Orders and cheques made in month to meet the 30 day payment rule, are detailed within the Full Council minutes. The only exceptions are for the specifics of Salaries, PAYE, National Insurance and Pension contributions which are noted as a global figure.

In response to your two questions:

- **For some years, the sitting Chairman has chosen to spend their own money on a drink for colleagues after the final Full Council meeting of the calendar year. This is their choice and is by way of wishing council colleagues well for the Christmas season and New Year.**
- **Attendees settled their own bills at the Swan Hotel.**

How an individual decides to spend their own funds is a matter for that individual and is not information which is collected by the Parish Council. The information you request has not been “missed from the minutes of various meetings” as it is not a matter of public record.

Date Received: 24th January 2017

Date Acknowledged: 26th January 2017

Date Full Response: 16th February 2017

Responded within 20 working days: YES

Estimated Cost to Council: £50