



COLWICH PARISH COUNCIL

Colwich Parish Council Disclosure Log

Request: CPC FOI 01/25

Subject: Accounts

Question:

With the ever increasing council tax I was just looking at your accounts published every month.

They seem to contain salaries PAYE, Pensions of around 17-21k per month and was wondering how that is made up?

I thought councillors are voluntary and just seems very high? Even if employ 3 grounds people that amounts to around £80k each?

Response:

Councillors are unpaid elected members of the Council. They are not volunteers. The Council has the power under Local Authorities (Members' Allowances)(England) Regulations 2003 s25(1)(b) to pay a basic allowance to all qualifying members but has chosen not to use this power. It has, historically used s25(1)(a) to pay an allowance to the Chairman.

The Council employs:

Full-time Chief Officer.

Part-time Deputy Chief Officer.

Part-time Head Lengthsman.

Part-time Senior Lengthsman.

Part-time Lengthsman.

Part-time Events co-ordinator.

Part-time Cleaner.

The individual salaries, PAYE, NI and Pension contributions, both personal and the Council's employer contributions, for these staff are exempt information under the Freedom of Information Act and the General Data Protection Regulations hence the general overall figure within our accounts.