



## **COLWICH PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Colwich Parish Council Disclosure Log**

**Request: CPC FOI 08/25**

**Subject: Lengthsman costs**

#### **Question:**

On the 20th July 2017 Colwich Parish Council stated that the on-going costs of employing two part time lengthsman was estimated at £21000.00 per year (including salary's, NI, pension, van tax and insurance and fuel). This cost was mainly self funding by taking on various duties that were contracted out. This duties included delivery of the parish newsletter (£1000) and cleaning of the JPF toilet block. By employing the two lengthsman extra duties could be carried out at no extra charge and at a known cost.

After several years experience of employing lengthsman I would ask the following questions regarding the 2024/25 expenditure

- 1) What was the cost of employing lengthsman/groundsmen (including salaries, NI,pension, vehicles, road tax, insurance and fuel)
- 2) Any additional costs associated with employing the lengthsman/groundsmen i.e. training, IT, mobile phones, purchase of, maintained of and servicing of their required equipment and PPE
- 3) From your experience of employing the lengthsman/groundsmen can you estimate the administrative and managerial time and costs supplied by the parish council clerical staff regarding the lengthsman/groundsmen duties.
- 4)The total number of hours and cost of delivering the parish newsletter
- 5) To fully understand the present costs of the lengthsman/groundsmen against your original 2017 estimate will you give the expected ongoing costs of employing the cleaner for the JPF toilet block.

Whilst I believe that most of the figures should be easily available to the parish councils some costs may be difficult to obtain. In this case with the parish councils years of experience employing lengthsman it should be easy to produce an estimated cost which of course would be acceptable (please indicate which items and costs are estimated)

#### **Response:**

- 1) The Parish Council accounts are available on its website.
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- 3) No such assessment has been made.
- 4) No such assessment has been made.
- 5) No such assessment has been made.