

AMBROSDEN PARISH COUNCIL

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Expenses Policy

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

The Parish Council will reimburse all or some of the expenses incurred by the Clerk, the Chair 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:

- postage and printing costs and other office consumables – at a cost agreed annually;
- stationery as required;
- 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 (no receipt is required);
- 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;
- all necessary computer software or upgrades required for the Clerk to fulfil the duties required by the Council;
- travelling and associated travel expenses on journeys on Council business - to include mileage at the current Inland Revenue non-profit making rate, currently 55p 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 that the Chair will receive an annual allowance should it be required. The Councillor allowance can be paid to all elected members¹ (ie, not co-opted) should the Council agree.

All Councillors 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 55p per mile;
- other expenses, provided they have been approved in advance by the Council.

¹ Part 5 (reg 24) of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 (SI 2003 No 1021)

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

The Council will not be liable for any fines associated with the travel unless mitigating circumstances apply.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of the Parish Council on 21 May 2026 (Minute Reference 207 12. a. ii.) to be reviewed in two years or sooner should circumstance or legislation dictate.