

Travel and Expenses Policy

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The Aim of this Document

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

Bury Parish Council will make reimbursement for all or some of the expenses the Clerk, Chair or Councillors may meet on its behalf when incurred in performing the duties required by the council.

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1. Clerk's Expenses

The Clerk will be able to claim the following expenses:

- a. Travelling and associated travel expenses on journeys on council business to include mileage at current NJC rates and parking, provided that these expenses have been approved by the Council. The clerk will not receive expenses for attendance at any meeting of Bury Parish Council or any work within the parish.
- b. Other expenses, which may include overnight accommodation, meals and fares incurred in the performance of council business, provided that these expenses have been receipted and approved by the Council.
- c. The clerk may be reimbursed for purchases made on behalf of the Council, for example purchases of office consumables, minor stationary items, printing costs, copying and postage. The clerk will obtain a VAT receipt in the name of the Council and submit this with the expenses claim.
- d. Expenses described in 1a – 1b above will only be paid when agreed in advance by the full Parish Council meeting or if this is not possible by the chair and ratified at the next full Parish Council meeting.
- e. Payments made in cash by the clerk under clause 1c above will not need prior authorisation by the chair up to a total limit of £50.00 between meetings (£25 per item) f. The cost of telephone calls made by the clerk from home on council business. All claims for telephone expenses must be supported by an itemised bill clearly identifying the calls that make up the amount claimed.

2. Chair's Expenses

The chair can receive a small annual allowance to defray the expenses of his or her office:

- a. Stationary, postage and printing costs
- b. Hospitality and gifts

3. Councillor's Expenses

Parish Councillors are unpaid and do not receive an annual allowance

a. Travel and Subsistence

- Councillors (including the chair) may be reimbursed for expenses for travel and subsistence when carrying out previously approved duties. Approved duties usually means the doing of anything approved by the Council, or anything of a Bury Parish Council Travel and Expenses Policy Adopted 7/3/18 class so approved for the purpose of, or in connection with, the discharge of the functions of the Council or any of its committees or working parties.
- Approval for attendance at events / activities referred to above will normally be approved in advance at a full Council meeting, however in an emergency or if details of the event / activity come to light between meetings such expenses may be approved after the event.
- Parish Councillors will not receive expenses for attendance of any meeting of Bury Parish Council or any work within the Parish
- Where possible attempts should be made to minimise expenses by sharing lifts.
- The rates of the allowances in respect of travel shall be as follows:
All vehicles: Inland Revenue approved limit (currently £0.45 per business mile)

b. Stamps and stationery

- Members may obtain these from the clerk

c. Items purchased specifically at the direction of the Council

- These will be reimbursed. Members will obtain a VAT receipt in the name of the Council and pass this to the clerk along with the

expenses form on the approved form

d. Telephone expense - telephone costs necessarily incurred to allow councillors to carry out their role effectively may be reimbursed. All claims for telephone expenses must be supported by an itemised bill clearly identifying the rental/calls that make up the amount claimed.

4. General

- a. Applications for the reimbursement of the above expenses are to be made on the approved application form
- b. Mileage claims will be based on AA route finder and should be accompanied by a print out. Claims for other expenses should be accompanied by the receipt
- c. Applications for expenses must be submitted to the clerk within three months of the expense being incurred.