

EAST FARNDON PARISH COUNCIL TRAVEL & EXPENSES POLICY

It is the aim of East Farndon Parish Council that no member will be financially disadvantaged when representing the Parish Council. East Farndon 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 of the Council.

Clerk's Expenses

The Clerk will be able to claim the following expenses:

- Travelling and associated travel expenses on journeys on council business to include mileage at current NJC rates and parking
- Subsistence which may include overnight accommodation and meals incurred in the performance of Council business provided that expenses have been receipted and approved by the Council
- Contribution towards the cost of computer or other office equipment
- Stationery, postage and printing costs and other office consumables
- Connection and rental of telephone line and internet/broadband and the cost of telephone calls made by the Clerk from home on council business
- Reasonable sums to cover the extra costs of insurance, heating, lighting and electricity arising from the Clerk's use of home for council business

Councillors' Expenses

Parish Councillors are unpaid and do not receive an annual allowance.

1. Travel and subsistence:

- Councillors may be reimbursed for travel and subsistence expenses when carrying out previously approved duties, i.e. doing anything approved by the Parish Council, or anything that is approved for the purpose of, or in connection with, the discharge of the functions of the Parish Council or any of its committees or working parties
- Councillors do not receive expenses for attendance at any meeting of East Farndon Parish Council or any work within the Parish
- Where possible attempts will be made to minimize expenses by sharing transportation
- The rates of the allowances in respect of travel shall be - All Vehicles: Inland Revenue non-profit making rate (currently 45p per mile)
- Claims must be accompanied by receipts, if appropriate
- In an emergency, such expenses may be approved after the event

2. Stamps and stationery: Councillors may obtain these from the Clerk

3. Items purchased specifically at the direction of the Council: These shall be reimbursed. Councillors shall endeavour to obtain a VAT receipt in the name of the Council and pass this on to the Clerk.

4. Other expenses: Councillors will be expected to provide documentary evidence for items spent on Council-related costs.