

Parish Clerk

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Good afternoon

Please see attached spreadsheet of proposed charges for the Parish/Town Councils from the recent Parish/Town Council elections. Firstly, please accept my apologies for the delay in getting these charges to you.

For full transparency, you'll see that the charges for all the parishes are on the attached.

There are a few things I would like to highlight:

1. For uncontested elections, the main cost was 50% of the cost of the poll card production and postage. Postage costs have increased considerably since 2019
2. For uncontested elections you will see a small fee for the receipt of nominations, general administration and Returning Officer, recognising that regardless of whether the election is contested there is base amount of work in running the election.
3. For both uncontested and contested elections, the "general administration" fee is pegged to electorate, to ensure it is apportioned correctly.
4. For contested elections (in yellow) you are effectively paying 50% of the full costs of running the poll; e.g. if there were 3 polling stations in your parish, you are being charged for 50% of the staff fees and 50% hire charges of each of the polling stations
5. Due to outgoing and incoming postage costs being higher than previously, you'll see that the postal votes cost is higher than previously.

In terms of next steps, pending any questions we will issue invoices to each parish/town council in the next few weeks.

Of course, if you have questions about your election costs, please let me know. It may be easier to arrange a quick teams call rather than correspondence back/forth as obviously there is a large number of clerks and hopefully I can explain better through a phone call

Lastly, thank you for your assistance throughout the elections process this year. If you have any feedback (thought I appreciate it is a long time ago now!) I would be grateful.

Regards
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