

Papers of meeting

Letter of resignation

Dear Philip

It is with sadness and regret that after much thought I have decided to tender my resignation as Parish Clerk for Sheepwash. My last day of working will be the 31st January 2018.

I moved to Devon to enjoy a more relaxed friendly way of life from that I was used to working and living. I took up the post of Parish Clerk to get to know local people and help in a community in a small way.

Sadly since the very beginning of my time at Sheepwash I have found too many of the Parishioners that attend the meetings display nothing but animosity, small minded aggression and childish ignorant behaviour holding no respect for the rule of law or democracy. Whilst some may have genuine concerns frequently they have an unrealistic expectation of the role and powers of a Parish Council.

I have been the recipient of much targeted abuse via email, social media and verbal aggression. As you are aware at the Parish Meeting on 22/11 You and I were shouted at, verbally abused and I was even assaulted by means of an unwanted and unwarranted poke in my back and then verbally abused by the angry resident whilst I was talking to someone else.

In addition my car was criminally damaged and whilst this was not the final straw it was certainly a firm nail in the coffin.

At the last PC meeting there was still an immense amount of anger much of it focused on historic issues. Despite best attempts by myself and some other Councillors to move the situation on to a more constructive footing, it was clear many of those present were just intent on being disruptive or over critical to such an extent that they seek to prevent the PC from being able to operate effectively and requested a change to Standing Orders and meeting protocols. Ironically these Standing Orders are the ones some of the protagonists had a say on and put in place when they were on the PC. Since taking up the post I've devoted myself to my role despite having immense pressure at home with my mother's ill health and eventual passing.

I have never been one to walk away from a problematic or difficult situation. I have previously battled through treatment for an incurable Cancer into remission status and am lucky to have a second chance to enjoy what life has to offer.

Sadly if I stay in post whilst I believe I could assist in bringing about change it would take too long to achieve and with it my love of Devon and the nice people I believe live here would be irrevocably tainted.

I am no longer willing to help a bitter vexatious group of people who are only intent on bringing down democracy.

I shall close by saying that some good came out of taking the post, that is that I met seven nice people who care passionately about their community and voluntarily devote much of their own time trying to help. Those being you and your fellow Parish Councillors whilst you don't all share the same views on aspects of business and politics you are all polite and try to work through differences.

I can only wish you all well and I hope to stay in touch with you guys.

Regards

Mark Crake

Budget Proposal paper current status of expenditure against budget forecast

ITEM	2015/2016 ACTUAL	2016/17 budget forecast	2016/17 actual 30th Sept	2016/17 amended forecast	2017/18 budget agreed	2017 18 actual 30th Sept	2017 to 18 actual 10 January 2018
EXPENDITURE							
Employment expenses	1,224	1,224	810	1,473	1,050	555.75	1,215.88
Office exp inc. Travel in 2014/2015	61	105	57	105	331	95.24	172.24
Travel 2015/2016	334	400	91	250	200	62.10	129.60
Insurance	265	265	274	274	274	280.00	280.00
Subscriptions	140	107	35	107	155	88.54	118.54
Audit Fees & Bank charges	50	50	68	104	266	131.00	149.00
Village Hall Rent	0	120	140	140	80	400.00	400.00
Jubilee field & play area	426	230	14	230	180	438.76	438.76
General Maintenance Provision	0	150	165	195	50	0.00	0.00
Chairmans Allowance	0	30		30	30	0.00	0.00
Grants	100	500	450	500	500	0.00	0.00
Computer/Software/Website charges	419	80	773	773	170	125.00	125.00
Clerk training/conferences	90	30		30	150	0.00	30.00
Councillor Training	25	100		50	100	30.00	30.00
Election contingency	0	500		500	500	0.00	0.00
Contingency (wreath & xmas tree inc.)	82	300		300	300	0.00	17.00
Best Kept village competition	0	0		0	0	0.00	0.00
Village Hall Grant towards toilets	0	2,000		2,000	0	0.00	0.00
Village Square		150		150	150	0.00	0.00
Bus shelter	400	500	400	400	0	0.00	0.00
Footpaths	466	100		100	100	124.00	124.00
Defibrillator	1,175		190	190	0	0.00	0.00
VAT	580	0	292	325	150	129.50	129.50
TOTAL	5,837	6,941	3,759	8,226	4,736	2,459.89	3,359.52

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Helipad under written

INCOME								
Bank Interest	20	25	7	25	14	4.27	6.88	
Precept	4,347	5,362	5,216	5,216	5,750	5,750.00	5,750.00	
Council Support Grant	267	147	147	147	0	0.00	0.00	
VAT reclaimed	297	250	580	580	325	292.06	292.06	
Grants/Donations/TAP fund	1,891	0	200	200	200	0.00	0.00	
P3 footpath scheme	500	100		0	50	0.00	0.00	
Miscellaneous	63			0	0		300.00	
TOTAL	7,385	5,884	6,150	6,168	6,339	6,046	6,348.94	
DEFICIT FOR YEAR		1,057						
SURPLUS FOR YEAR	1,548				1,603			
Capital outlay 2015/16								
Repairs to village square - monies earmarked	12,000	12,000			12,000	12,000.00		
Deposit account current balance	12,000	12,002			17,016	17,023.00		

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