

Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Full Council 10/11/2022

Christmas Function Budget

Agenda item 22/081 3: This Motion proposes that, in recognition of the time given by Parish Councillors to council business (full council meetings, committee meetings, working party meetings, and the like), a modest budget be established to pay for the cost of an annual Christmas function so as to recognise the contribution to the life of the parish that parish councillors make without financial reward. The Motion leaves to debate the amount of such a budget.

Background

A Motion that the Council will set aside an annual budget to subsidise or pay for the attendance of Parish Councillors (and to debate allowing for a maximum of one guest per Councillor) at a Christmas function to be agreed.

Parish Councillors are unpaid and do not receive allowances for their involvement in the council (although they may be entitled to travel, etc, expenses). The Chairman is entitled to receive a modest allowance (but in practice often waives that entitlement). Committee Chairmen receive no allowance for their role.

Costs

The cost per head for food of the 2022 Christmas function is £30.00. Should the Council resolve a budget to cover the full amount for the food for Councillors only, up to £450.00 will be required depending on attendance. Allowing for a maximum of one guest per Councillor, the cost will potentially double.

Submitted in the name of Cllr Graham Bridgman