

FORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Finance Report for the Meeting to be held on Wednesday 21 July 2021

1 2021/2022 Quarter Two

Attached is the financial statement dated 14th July 2021. It balances to the latest bank statements received with a closing balance of **£789.78**

BANK STATEMENT RECONCILIATION

Current Account Statement @ 05 July 2021 £110.00
Reserve Account Statement @ 05 July 2021 £679.78

Reconciliation TOTAL **£789.78**

2 Payments for Approval

Precept Payments	Budget	Actual to Pay
	£ p	£ p
Clerk's Salary (net) – 2 nd quarter	110.54	88.34
PAYE	nil	22.20
Clerk's Expenses – 2 nd quarter	15.00	t.b.a.

3 Annual Audit 2020/2021

Our Internal Audit was completed on the 20th April, as reported at the last meeting and no external audit is required. The Annual Governance and Accountability Return has been on the website since 7th May together with the notice of Local Government Electors Rights (the right to view papers closed on 21st June). There have been no requests to view.

4 Banking

I am currently trying to get our NatWest bank account available online. At present the only way I can access the account is by telephone via the NatWest call centre. This service has become progressively slower over the years and is now, in my view, unacceptable. At the time of writing, application has been made for Peter Hammond, Stephen Tomkinson and myself to be on the mandate (as we each are at present). One this is up and running I propose to add Steve Spencer, who has said he is willing to be added. There is one aspect that councillors need to be aware of. Unaccountably; NatWest does not accommodate dual authorisation of payments with online business accounts. This would mean that I, as the account operator, could make payments on my own, which would be against our adopted code of practice. In fact I do not propose using online payments but would continue to use cheques, which would continue to require any two signatures from the mandate. I will keep councillors aware of progress.

David Carver
15 July 2021