

MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES

Under the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003, which came into force on 1st May 2003, Bognor Regis Town Council was given the right to pay a basic allowance, attendance allowance and travel and subsistence allowances to its elected members.

The Council has received the revised recommendations of the District Parish Remuneration Panel for 2008-2009, which were published by Arun District Council. The Panel set the Basic Allowance at £468 for this period being 10% of the Arun District Council Members' Basic Allowance. Parish Councils may also pay travelling expenses and Carers Allowance on the basis of the Arun District Council Members' Allowance Scheme. The Town Council in reaching its decision has had regard to the recommendations of the District Parish Remuneration Panel.

On 25th February 2008, the Policy and Resources Committee of Bognor Regis Town Council

RESOLVED “that the allowance payable to Town Councillors will remain at 10% of Arun District Council Members' Basic Allowance - £468 per annum (commencing 2008/9)”.

This would be implemented from 1st April 2008.

The following was agreed on 17th November 2003 by the Town Council and in view of the guidelines this has not been amended.

RESOLVED “that each Town Councillor may receive an allowance in respect of travelling and subsistence for all journeys (within and outside the parish) whilst on agreed/approved Town Council duties on the basis of the Arun District Council Member Allowances Scheme of Travel and Subsistence Allowances i.e. the Inland Revenue Scheme of 40p per mile for travel and subsistence rates based on actual costs, with receipts being provided whenever possible”.

Bognor Regis Town Council keeps a record of Members' allowances paid. These will be available for inspection given reasonable notice. Copies of this record can be provided on request for a nominal charge of £0.50 per copy.

In the financial year 1st April 2008 - 31st March 2009 £7,371.00 was paid in Parish Basic Allowance and £32.80 was paid for travelling and subsistence.

Town Clerk
1st July 2009