

POLICY AND PROCEDURE : Petty Cash

Purpose: MPC cash float is currently £30 however it has been advised that this is reduced to a lower amount, or that there is no petty cash in the office. Petty cash use is extremely low in the office which is a consequence of the introduction of the debit and credit cards, and the acceptance of card payment in most establishments.

Recommendation: Petty cash float is reduced to nothing.

Draft Petty Cash Procedure

Melbourn Parish Council will no longer keep a cash float in the office. Any small operational expenses can be paid for by debit or credit card.

The need for a cash float will be reviewed from time to time, but if Petty cash needs to be reintroduced, it will be kept as small as possible. Requests for changes to the size of the float will be reviewed by Finance and Good Governance Committee.

If the Petty Cash is reintroduced, the procedure below will be followed:

Petty cash will be locked in a secure box and kept in a locked cupboard or drawer.

Two Officers will be responsible for petty cash: the primary custodian is the RFO and the secondary custodian is the Assistant Clerk.

Requests for petty cash reimbursement must be accompanied by a valid receipt and, other than in exceptional circumstances, no reimbursement will be made without one.

A consecutively numbered petty cash voucher will be completed by the person reimbursing the expense and this will be signed by both parties as evidence of repayment.

Officers cannot reimburse their own petty cash claims.

The maximum amount that can be repaid from petty cash is £10.

Prior to topping up the petty cash float the RFO will perform a reconciliation and check that the balance in the petty cash tin plus the petty cash vouchers totals the Petty Cash float.

The RFO will draw up a cheque to bring the petty cash balance back up to the Petty Cash float and provide a copy of the reconciliation to the cheque signatories.

Following a top up, details of the petty cash expenditure will be reported to the next Parish Council meeting.

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The RFO will reconciling the petty cash account at least monthly to make sure that the amount balances and that all vouchers are appropriate. The month end reconciliation will be reviewed by a nominated Cllr along with the bank reconciliations.

Differences exceeding £5 in the petty cash reconciliation and missing receipts will be reported to the Parish Council.

Misuse or fraudulent use of petty cash may result in disciplinary action.



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