

CLERKS REPORT – NOVEMBER 2022

Election Costs – Parish Council elections are to take place in May 2023. The Parish Council will be charged 50% of the proportionate costs if the elections are contested. The estimated cost for Bibury PC is approximately £315.

Future Elections Costs will be as follows:

Ordinary elections

May 2023 50% of costs

May 2027 100% of costs

By-elections

From 1 April 2024 50% of costs

From 1 April 2025 75% of costs

From 1 April 2026 100% of costs

Moving onto the election costs, you will know that parish/town councils will be charged for contested elections from May 2023.

The charging will be introduced over the next 4-year term with 50% being charged for contested Parish/Town elections on 4 May 2023.

All other charges will not commence until 2024. By-elections after 1 April 2024 will be charged at 50% for 2024, 75% in 2025 and 100% in 2026. The full 100% of costs will be charged for all elections from 2027. Estimated full cost of a By-election for Bibury PC is £1,962.

CLERKS Salary - NALC – has confirmed the Pay Increase of £1,925 to all salary scales, with effect the 1st April 2022. An additional day's holiday has also been agreed with effect the 1st April 2023.

COTSWOLD NATIONAL LANDSCAPE - Are undertaking a review of the Cotswolds National Landscape (AONB) Management Plan.

The deadline for comments on this draft to be returned is the end of the working day on Friday 2nd December 2022.

They are undertaking a light touch review aimed at refreshing the plan to bring it into a condition which will enable partners to support it. It focusses on better expressing the current position of the Cotswolds National Landscape (CNL) Board, and its partners by capturing policy development since the publication of the last plan. This review is not intended to undertake additional new policy development.

This refreshed plan will run from 2023 to 2025. In due course, we will be undertaking a second more thorough review for a full new plan to run from 2025 to 2030.

Please see link <https://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/planning/cotswolds-aonb-management-plan/>