

# Query over the accounts

**Adam Osman**

Mon, Oct 12,  
11:16 PM (5 days  
ago)

to David,

Hi David

I was looking at the signed accounts 2019 and I have a query I am hoping you can help with.

In 2018 there is expenditure of £1160 for the pinch point - presumably this was for purchase and installation of the planters etc?

in 2019, there is expenditure of a further £1009 allocated to the "pinch point etc" - can I ask what was this expense for and how does it break down please?

Regards

Adam

Dear Adam

Further to your email regarding the pinch point.

The £1160.00 was for the treated timber sleeper construction delivered to site only.

Which was tendered for by three contractors.

The £1009.00 was for the assembly of the pinch point.

Plastic tanks, hardcore drainage, geotextile membrane, topsoil and bark, plants, reflectors, labour, padlocks, steel brackets and screws, bars manufacture, paint, stain and paint brushes.

This also included my time for making the Planning Application, Planning Application Fee, printing, design and drawing of the PP for manufacture which was charged at a labour rate of £15ph. My charge rate at work for the above is in the order of £50.00 to £75.00ph + vat.

The Planning Application alone would be in the order of £450.00 to £500.00 + vat done by an Architect or Planner.

All this information is freely available online for you to check.

Should you wish to see the full breakdown of costs these are available for you to check.

All expenditure was committee approved and counter signed by another committee member.

Hope this answers your question.

On Thu, 15 Oct 2020 at 00:03, Adam Osman wrote:  
Hello David, thanks for the email. It raised a few more questions:

Would you mind being specific about how much you were paid please?

Also, you said that your normal charge rate at work is in the order of £50-70 ph + VAT. Who received the payment - you (into a personal bank account) or your company (into a business bank account)?

As you raise the issue of the expenditure being counter signed by another committee member - can you confirm who made the payment and who counter signed it please?

Regards  
Adam

**David Moro**

Thu, Oct 15, 1:53  
PM (2 days ago)

to Adam, Paula, James, me

Dear Adam

If you look at the meeting minutes dates, Paula's has sent you in reply it clearly states the amount £150.00 per day for the PP. The same for the path.

Your second question with regards rate of pay is highlighted as a **comparison only**. See below.

I was not paid this, it is to show what the road fund would have had to have pay should they have gone to an Architect or Planner to make the planning application and design the planters.

So I was paid £300.00 for two days for making the application, designing and drawing up the planters, tendering, interviewing and liaising with the contractor. Due process.

If I would have done this through my Architectural practice it would have been min. £475.00 planning application, £50.00 to £75.00ph for two days work at 7.5 hours per day = £750.00 minimum + travel expenses to the contractors workshop at £150.00 + vat = £1620.00 or more depending on my directors generosity. Do you see now? Giving a saving to the road fund of £1320.00

This was agreed by the whole committee and cheque counter signed by Sean Mitchel and the Chairman Ian Lawson counter signed the accounts.

Should you wish to add this as an additional Agenda Item 6 please let me know.

Hope this answers your question.  
Regards David

**Adam Osman**

Sun, Oct 18,  
11:55 PM (9 hours  
ago)

to David, Paula, James, me

Dear David

Thanks for that information. Just wanted to clarify a couple of points:

1. Were you paid for 2 or 3 days for the work in relation to the PP in 2019? Your email said two days and the minutes say three days?
2. Were you paid directly as an individual or was the payment made to your architectural practice?

Regards

Adam

Dear Adam

The work described in my last email was for two of the three days.

The third day was spent putting the pinch point together, staining the timber sleepers (two coats over two days), installing the poles and the tanks and filling with soil and drainage material, planting and recruiting the volunteers.

Drawing up, printing and laminating the closure dates. The organizing of keys for the PP volunteers. Meeting with the GR chairman to discuss and coordinate closure dates.

Moving the PP to its present location due to FV residents' requests. Clearing the leaves from the road and disposal to the tip.

As you can imagine this took more than one whole day, Things do not just happen in the road. They have to be organized and actioned, which all takes time.

My role on the committee is as Treasurer and is described on the website under "The Things We Do" and this I do for free as well as many others things on top.

I do not believe you will find any of the above under my "free duties".

The last time a request was made to residents to join a working party to prep the lamp posts and gates for painting only one, yes one, non-committee member put themselves forward to help. If we had more offers of free help from residents, like the one for the path recently, maybe the road would not have to pay committee members to undertake these works.

I was paid as an individual.