

Aylesbeare Parish Council

Topics Donation for 2021/22

Email from the editor –

Contribution to Aylesbeare Topics fund.

From: [Robert Brown <robertibrown04@gmail.com>](mailto:robertibrown04@gmail.com)

Sent: Sat, 3 Jul, 2021 at 11:03

To: clerk@aylesbeareparishcouncil.co.uk

Jim. Further to our telephone conversation on the 2nd July I submit below a request for a contribution to the "Aylesbeare Topics" fund.

Due to the disruption caused by the Covid lock down and the lack of normal activities we were unable to publish the Topics magazine for several months, but we have managed to start producing and circulating the magazine once more, however our income from advertising etc. has diminished but the costs for producing and printing have remained and hence our Bank Balance has also been reduced, therefore, I am requesting that, if possible, you consider increasing your usual annual contribution of **£300.00** to say **£500.00**. Thank you for your attention and I look forward to your response.

Regards. Robert Brown.
Editor.

Comment from Cllr Warren

Sent: Sun, 4 Jul, 2021 at 23:09

To: clerk@aylesbeareparishcouncil.co.uk

[extract]

It would be good to know the cost of producing Topics/month and what is the income from advertising and the shortfall.

Hopefully the latter is only temporary.

How long has the £300 donation been made.

As you say it is a rather large increase of 66.67% Going forward the council should be made aware of these costs and what other steps are being made to in saving and income help production costs.

Reply from the clerk

Sent: Sun, 4 Jul, 2021 at 23:30

To: nick warren

[extract]

They are saving money on printing costs as the Covid issues a thinner than usual. I think it costs about £160 to print the current issues. As Robert explained it to me, they have received no advertising income at all this year as production has been so limited.

I got the impression that the increase requested will help for this year so perhaps a one-off £500 in recognition of the Covid difficulties followed by a smaller increase (say to £350) ongoing might be all they need.

Like the Council, Robert feels he should keep a minimum bank balance (in his case £1000, in ours it should be £10,000) to ensure that finances are responsibly managed. His request for the increase is based on the fact that their balance is now down around that £1000 mark., I am sure he would happily discuss any aspect of the finances with you to help support his case.
Jim 07768 457590

Donations in previous years

Year commencing

April 2020	£ 300
2019	£ 300
2018	£ 300
2017	£ 300
2016	£ 500
2015	£ 200
2014	£ 200
2013	£ 150