

Renewal of Approval of Standing Order and Direct Debit Arrangements

In line with Freshford Parish Council's Financial Standing Orders, councillors are asked to approve the renewal of arrangements for the following payments to be made by Standing Order or Direct Debit.

The relevant paragraphs in the Financial Standing Orders are:

7.3 If thought appropriate by the council, payment for utility supplies (energy, telephone and water) and any National Non-Domestic Rates may be made by variable direct debit provided that two members sign the instructions and any payments are reported to council as made. The approval of the use of a variable direct debit shall be renewed by resolution of the council at least every two years.

7.4 If thought appropriate by the council, payment for certain items (principally salaries) may be made by banker's standing order provided that the instructions are signed, or otherwise evidenced by two members are retained and any payments are reported to council as made. The approval of the use of a banker's standing order shall be renewed by resolution of the council at least every two years.

The details of the payments are as follows (figures are given for the last payment made):

Type	To	For	Payment	Timing
Standing Order	Ian Croker	Street cleaning	£300	Monthly
Direct Debit	Water2Business	Water supply	£12.09	6 monthly
Direct Debit	Public Works Loan Board	The Tynning loan repayment	£994.39	6 monthly
Direct Debit	CPRE	Membership	£36	Annually

Whilst the Financial Standing Orders provide for these payments to be approved every two years, it is proposed that approval of these arrangements is renewed annually in November, to align with the budget process, starting from November 2020.