

**Joyce Holman**

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**From:** Sally Sprason AEA(Dip) <SSprason@swindon.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 19 September 2018 13:44  
**To:** Joyce Holman  
**Subject:** RE: South Swindon Parish Council

Hello Joyce

Thank you for your email

I will be doing the parish precepts shortly and in plenty of time for your consideration when arranging precepts for next year

The Wanborough costs were £2500 for an electorate of 1600

The Election budget for the year which is made up from all the costs associated with running the May elections (primarily) including staff is just over £300,000 . Many of the costs of the election are not re-charged back out to parishes but absorbed by the Borough.

The larger the electorate and the more the polling stations the more the costs will be. A parish ward with 5 polling stations – all of which are charged by the venues themselves at commercial costs, all need to be staffed for 15 hours plus count time etc. The parish wards for your parish are very big and as such will attract larger by-election charges than if the ward were smaller. This may be a consideration in the event of further reviews i.e. to divide the parish wards further but that's not for me to say

Best wishes

Sally

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**From:** Joyce Holman [mailto:clerk@southswindon-pc.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 13 September 2018 16:36  
**To:** Sally Sprason AEA(Dip) <SSprason@swindon.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** South Swindon Parish Council

Dear Sally

Thank you for supplying details of the breakdown of costs for the by-election at Eastcott.

As you might have expected, it has just brought a load more questions. They are:

1. Can you let me have an idea how much the Parish Council elections will be in May 2019, as the whole Parish Council is up for election.
2. Can you inform me of the cost of the recent Parish Council election in Wanborough
3. Can you inform me of the total cost of the elections in May 2018, so the Parish Council can work out the percentage they contributed
4. Does the size of the Ward in population and number of polling stations have an impact on the cost to the Parish.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

Joyce