



PIRTON PARISH COUNCIL

Financial Statement – 1st April 2011 to 31st March 2012

An income and Expenditure Account for the 2011/2012 financial year is attached. Amounts in some of the headings are broken down in detail on the reverse and represent the day-to-day running costs of the Council, including village maintenance and ongoing responsibilities.

Towards the end of each year the Council holds a Budget Meeting to review the following year's finances. The Council keeps a close check on expenditure at its monthly meetings and controls the budget carefully. At the budget meeting in December 2010, Councillors agreed that they wished to keep any increase in the precept as low as possible, as the District Council would have to make cuts to its expenditure in the coming year. However, the Parish Council has a duty to provide allotments, and Councillors felt that some increase would be necessary to help towards the costs of providing these. After much discussion, it was resolved to increase the precept by 2% to £26,700, which would result in a deficit for the year of £110.00. This modest increase should also allow the Parish Council to meet its regular commitments during the following year, as well as making grants to village organisations that request financial assistance. It was no longer necessary to set aside money for the Parish Plan, as this was not being proceeded with at this time, but funds were set aside towards the production costs of regular newsletters and also towards youth projects.

The Parish Council has been fortunate enough to receive a number of grants to help with costs of various projects during this financial year, including grants towards the improvements to the pond, including one of £500 made by the Pumpkin Club. The Parish Council also received £750 from Nigel Brook's Locality Grant towards the work of preparing the allotments and £6,000 from the Big Lottery Awards for All fund to cover the cost of installing water on the allotments.

It had been noticed that Orange Communications had missed a review of the rental paid to the Parish Council for the mast in the Recreation Ground. After many requests and reminders, Orange had paid over £850 in back rent. NHDC had informed the Parish Council that they believed the rent paid for the mast was below market prices for such installations, and the Parish Council had appointed an Agent to investigate this and to negotiate a new lease on behalf of the Parish Council.

PIRTON PARISH COUNCIL - 2011/2012 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

	2011/12	2010/11	
Balance b/f		37,177	31,031
<u>Income</u>			
Precept	26,700	26,180	
Grants	7,412	10,952	
VAT recovered	4,375	1,662	
Bank Interest	15	12	
Allotment rental	200	-	
Postcards	-	15	
Orange rent	2,440	2,725	
Parish Paths grant		974	
Donations	539	2,461	
Insurance Claims		-	
Sub-committees		2,334	
Miscellaneous	579	23	
Bonfire Night	2,699		
		<u>44,958</u>	<u>47,338</u>
		82,135	78,369
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Allotments	11,062	2,370	
Clerk's Salary & Office Expenses (1)	8,733	7,511	
Chairman's & Council Expenses (2)	3,589	1,056	
Village Maintenance (3)	7,644	10,412	
Insurance	2,991	2,750	
Audits	517	510	
Subscriptions and Donations (4)	767	882	
PWLB - loan on The Bury	693	693	
PSSC/Recreation Ground (5)	12,137	5,363	
Newsletters	-	292	
Notice Boards	-	17	
P Plan/Village directory		720	
Summer Fair		3,784	
Parish Paths	-	-	
Fireworks	3,199	2,327	
Grants			
St Mary's grasscutting	600	850	
Joycare	360	500	
Football Casuals	50	-	
Toddlers	-	80	
Playgroup	-	80	
Village Hall	-	200	
Methodist Church	-	500	
Youth		295	
		<u>52,343</u>	<u>41,192</u>
BALANCE c/d		29,793	37,177
less Reserve Account		8,747	8,742
less amounts set aside for projects		8,452	7,775
Working Capital		12,593	20,660

2011/12

2010/11

Clerk's Salary and Office Expenses (1)

Salary	6,205	6203
Retiring Clerks Gratuity	1,392	0
Training	240	150
Office Expenses	360	469
Telephone	240	240
Postage	62	40
Stationery	235	409
	8,733	7511

Council Expenses (2)

Chairman's Expenses	77	125
Council Expenses	227	591
Room Hire	165	222
S137	17	33
Employers N I	0	85
Agents Fees (Orange Mast)	3,102	0
	3,589	1056

Village Maintenance (3)

Grasscutting	3,640	4435
Dog bins & emptying	756	1007
Street Cleaner and litter pickers	2,017	1934
Clock Maintenance	0	543
Clock Winding	0	50
Tree Warden	100	200
Parish Paths	558	558
War Memorial	0	0
Spring bulbs	326	100
Gt Green Bollards	247	-
Pond improvements	-	1230
Footpath clearance	0	355
	7,643	10412

Subscriptions and Donations (4)

HAPTC	567	567
CPRE	29	29
SLCC		106
Chiltern Society	25	25
Icknield Way		5
CDA (Herts)	30	30
NSALG		65
Pro-Action Youth	50	48
North Herts CVS		7
Nat. Society Allotment & Leisure	66	
	767	882

PSSC/Recreation Ground (5)

RoSPA inspection	158	155
Pest/Rabbit Control	0	75
Groundsman	2,398	3878
MUGA	647	610
Cricket nets	0	0
Seating	0	0
Litter clearance	0	0
Existing clubhouse	612	0
New Clubhouse project	0	0
Car park	0	0
Ditch clearance	0	395
Access road repair	0	250
Zipwire	8,323	
	12,137	5363