



PIRTON PARISH COUNCIL

Financial Statement – 1st April 2012 to 31st March 2013

An Income and Expenditure breakdown for the 2012 / 2013 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 discuss the following year's finances and to set the Parish Precept. The Council keeps a close check on expenditure at its monthly meetings and controls the budget carefully.

At the budget meeting in November 2012, Councillors agreed that they wished to keep any increase in the precept as low as possible. Unfortunately EE (formally Orange) decided to de-commission the Orange Mast at the Recreation Ground which resulted in a loss of rental to the Council amounting to £2,250 which represents around 8% of the total income to the Council.

The Parish Council has a duty to support certain village organisations with grants, provide some support for the Pirtton Youth Council, and to finance the upkeep of the village in terms of grass cutting around the village, and grass cutting and Groundsman's work at the recreation ground. Councillors therefore felt that some increase in the precept would be necessary.

At the budget meeting, proposed expenditure was investigated in detail to ensure every item was absolutely necessary and although the Council budgeted for a reduction in expenditure for 2013 / 2014 over the figure for 2012 / 2013 of 5%, no increase in the precept would lead to a deficit for 2013 / 2014 of £1,440 which Council felt would be unacceptable.

It was resolved therefore to increase the precept by £1,380 (5%) which would still result in a deficit of £60 for the year but which Council felt was acceptable.

This increase in the precept, will also allow the Parish Council to meet its regular commitments during the coming year, as well as making small grants to certain village organisations which have requested financial assistance.

Parish Council finances showed a gain during the year 2012 / 2013 amounting to £5,263. The sum reserved for future projects will be increased by £2,650 with the remainder helping to boost the Parish financial reserves, held in case of emergencies.

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S J Davies – Clerk & RFO

PIRTON PARISH COUNCIL - 2012 /2013 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

	2012 / 2013	2011 / 12	
Balance b/f		29,792	37,177
<u>Income</u>			
Precept	27,500	26,700	
Grants	2,850	7,412	
VAT recovered	1,774	4,375	
Bank Interest	17	15	
Allotment rental	314	200	
Postcards	-	-	
Orange rent	2,249	2,440	
Parish Paths grant			
Donations	300	539	
Insurance Claims	134		
Sub-committees			
Miscellaneous	251	579	
Bonfire Night	2,310	2,699	
		<u>37,699</u>	<u>44,958</u>
		67,491	82,135
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Allotments	58	11,062	
Clerk's Salary & Office Expenses (1)	6,184	8,733	
Chairman's & Council Expenses (2)	3,327	3,589	
Village Maintenance (3)	8,518	7,644	
Insurance	3,057	2,991	
Audits	655	517	
Subscriptions and Donations (4)	817	767	
PWLB - loan on The Bury	693	693	
PSSC/Recreation Ground (5)	2,401	12,137	
Newsletters	595	-	
Notice Boards	-	-	
P Plan/Village directory	1,915		
Summer Fair			
Parish Paths	-	-	
Fireworks	2,835	3,199	
Grants			
St Mary's grasscutting	600	600	
Joycare	500	360	
Football Casuals	-	50	
Toddlers	-	-	
Playgroup	-	-	
Village Hall	-	-	
Impact (Youth)	100	-	
Youth	177		
		<u>32,432</u>	<u>52,343</u>
BALANCE c/d		35,059	29,793
less Reserve Account		8,752	8,747
less amounts set aside for projects		8,452	8,452
Working Capital		17,855	12,594

Clerk's Salary and Office Expenses (1)

Salary	5,207	6,205
Retiring Clerks Gratuity	0	1,392
Training	90	240
Office Expenses	360	360
Telephone	240	240
Postage	19	62
Stationery	268	235
	6,184	8,733

Council Expenses (2)

Chairman's Expenses	0	77
Council Expenses	160	227
Room Hire	141	165
S137	0	17
Employers N I	0	0
Agents Fees (Orange Mast)	0	3,102
Diamond Jubilee	289	0
Legal Fees	2,595	
Website	142	0
	3,327	3,589

Village Maintenance (3)

Grasscutting	4,785	3,640
Dog bins & emptying	864	756
Street Cleaner and litter pickers	2,011	2,017
Clock Maintenance	0	0
Clock Winding	100	0
Tree Warden	200	100
Parish Paths	558	558
War Memorial	0	0
Spring bulbs	0	326
Gt Green Bollards	0	247
Pond improvements	0	-
Footpath clearance	0	0
	8,518	7,643

Subscriptions and Donations (4)

HAPTC	571	567
CPRE	29	29
SLCC	15	
Chiltern Society	25	25
Icknield Way	5	
CDA (Herts)		30
NHA of PT&CC	20	
Pro-Action Youth	50	50
Information Commissioner	35	
Nat. Society Allotment & Leisure	66	66
	816	767

PSSC/Recreation Ground (5)

RoSPA inspection	56	158
Pest/Rabbit Control	0	0
Groundsman	2,345	2,398
MUGA	0	647
Cricket nets	0	0
Seating	0	0
Litter clearance	0	0
Existing clubhouse	0	612
New Clubhouse project	0	0
Car park	0	0
Ditch clearance	0	0
Access road repair	0	0
Zipwire	0	8,323
	2,401	12,137