



## **PIRTON PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Financial Statement – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014**

An Income and Expenditure breakdown for the 2013 / 2014 financial year is attached. Amounts in some of the headings are broken down in detail 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 December 2013, Councillors endeavoured to keep any increase in the precept as small as possible.

However, the Parish Council has a duty to try to support certain village organisations with grants, provide some support for the Pirton 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. Council also felt it necessary to increase reserve funds in case of emergencies, and to try to build up funds for potential projects in the future.

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 slight increase in expenditure for 2014 / 2015 over the figure for 2013 / 2014 of 1% (£344.00), no increase in the precept would lead to a deficit for 2014 / 2015 of £1,523 which Council felt would be unacceptable.

It was resolved therefore to increase the precept by £1,450 (5%) which would still result in a deficit of £73 for the year, but which Council felt was acceptable.

This increase in the precept will 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 2013 / 2014 amounting to £10,007. This was due mainly to the Council successfully bidding for grants worth £4,259 and receiving £3,415 in donations. The sum reserved for future projects will need to be increased by £7,500 (which includes £2,775 for the Village Hall cinema project), with the remainder helping to boost the Parish financial reserves, held in case of emergencies.

April 2014

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S J Davies – Clerk & RFO

**PIRTON PARISH COUNCIL - 2013 /2014 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**

	2013 / 2014	2012 / 2013	
<b>Balance b/f</b>		<b>35,059</b>	<b>29,792</b>
<b><u>Income</u></b>			
Precept	28,880	27,500	
Grants	3,259	2,850	
VAT recovered	2,247	1,774	
Bank Interest	21	17	
Allotment rental	396	314	
Orange rent	0	2,249	
Parish Paths grant	1,000	-	
Donations	3,415	300	
Insurance Claims	131	134	
Sub-committees			
Miscellaneous	4,414	251	
Bonfire Night	2,420	2,310	
		<b>46,183</b>	<b>37,699</b>
		<b>81,242</b>	<b>67,491</b>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>			
Allotments	478	58	
Clerk's Salary & Office Expenses (1)	7,038	6,184	
Chairman's & Council Expenses (2)	347	3,327	
Village Maintenance (3)	9,367	8,518	
Insurance	2,992	3,057	
Audits	415	655	
Subscriptions and Donations (4)	1,116	817	
PWLB - loan on The Bury	693	693	
PSSC/Recreation Ground (5)	8,128	2,401	
Neighbourhood Plan	30	-	
Newsletters	420	595	
Notice Boards	0	-	
P Plan/Village directory	11	1,915	
Parish Paths	558	-	
Fireworks	2,970	2,835	
Grants			
St Mary's grasscutting	600	600	
Joycare	500	500	
Meditation Group	25	-	
Bumps, Babes & Toddlers	100	-	
Pre School	215	-	
History Group	100	-	
Impact (Youth)	0	100	
Youth	68	177	
		<b>36,169</b>	<b>32,432</b>
<b>BALANCE c/d</b>		<b>45,073</b>	<b>35,059</b>
<b>less Reserve Account</b>		<b>12757.75</b>	<b>8,752</b>
<b>less amounts set aside for projects</b>		<b>17061.03</b>	<b>8,452</b>
<b>Working Capital</b>		<b>15,254</b>	<b>17,855</b>

2013 / 2014

2012 / 2013

**Clerk's Salary and Office Expenses (1)**

Salary	6,157	5,207
Retiring Clerks Gratuity	0	0
Training	115	90
Office Expenses	390	360
Telephone	260	240
Postage	6	19
Stationery	110	268
	<b>7,038</b>	<b>6,184</b>

**Council Expenses (2)**

Chairman's Expenses	0	0
Council Expenses	217	160
Room Hire	130	141
Diamond Jubilee	0	289
Legal Fees	0	2,595
Website	0	142
	<b>347</b>	<b>3,327</b>

**Village Maintenance (3)**

Grasscutting	4,692	4,785
Dog bins & emptying	1,005	864
Street Cleaner and litter pickers	2,011	2,011
Clock Maintenance	511	0
Clock Winding	50	100
Tree Warden	200	200
Parish Paths	558	558
General Maintenance	340	0
	<b>9,367</b>	<b>8,518</b>

**Subscriptions and Donations (4)**

HAPTC	567	571
CPRE	29	29
SLCC	91	15
Chiltern Society	25	25
Icknield Way	5	5
CDA (Herts)	30	0
NHA of PT&CC	20	20
Pro-Action Youth	50	50
Information Commissioner	35	35
Nat. Society Allotment & Leisure	66	66
Donations	198	
	<b>1,116</b>	<b>816</b>

**PSSC/Recreation Ground (5)**

RoSPA inspection	115	56
Groundsman	2,625	2,345
Artificial Cricket Strip	5,088	0
Access road repair	300	0
	<b>8,128</b>	<b>2,401</b>