

Pirton Parish Council



Minutes of Pirton Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting held electronically by Zoom on 22 April 2021 at 7.45 pm

Present:

Cllr J Rogers (Chair from 8.00pm), Cllr D Burleigh (Vice-Chair) , Cllr S Maple, Cllr M Parkin, Cllr N Rowe

In attendance:

Mr Edward Roberts (Parish Clerk)

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**20-246 To receive and accept apologies for absence.**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Goodman, who was working, and Cllr Rogers, who would be delayed by work. Cllr Rogers joined the meeting at 8.00pm.

**20-247 To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the Agenda and to consider any requests for dispensation.**

Cllr Maple re-stated his membership of the Pirton Sports and Social Club (PSSC) committee.

**20-248 To review outstanding VAT contributions yet to be repaid to HMRC.**

The Clerk stated that the sums outstanding were PSSC £11,335.83; Pirton Cricket Club £134.40; Lea Sports FC £132.84. He confirmed that no replies had been received to the letter dated 18 November 2020, suggesting payment, apart from The Bury Trust, which had sent a cheque to the value of £440.01. Subsequently, the Parish Council had sent a payment on account of £3425.01 to HMRC, being the Bury Trust's £440.01 and Parish Council's £2985.00.

It was agreed that a consistent approach should be adopted and to that end, the Clerk was to write to the Cricket Club and Lea Sports asking for payment of the relatively small amounts, noting that this was public money and that the Parish Council had a statutory duty to protect funds raised from the community.

A meeting had taken place between representatives of the Parish Council and PSSC and the feeling was that progress had been made. The PSSC had offered to repay the VAT claimed on bar supplies, amounting to £1239.66.

It was agreed that a compromise was needed. Cllr Burleigh volunteered to undertake a review of the items, with the aim of setting aside those elements that might be considered to be maintenance and upkeep matters that might correctly sit with the Parish Council, rather than the PSSC. Some rough estimates in the past had suggested that this could lead to a 50:50 split of the outstanding amount. Over a period of 5 years, this would involve contributions of around £1000 each from the Parish Council and the PSSC to clear the sum with HMRC. Payment might even be spread over 10 years in order to permit the regeneration of the PSSC. Following this review, a letter would be sent to the PSSC, formally setting out the position. The letter would also list the items concerned.

It was also agreed that in future, any relationship between the Parish Council and the PSSC should be on a strictly business basis.

**20-246 To discuss details of VAT with respect to the new pavilion, including a potential payment by the PSSC of the concept design work, and to decide the necessary conditions for the latter, such as the Parish Council owning the designs.**

It was agreed that the Parish Council had to be the body that applied for any grant funding towards the project and that any invoices associated with the project should be paid by the Parish Council and not by any third parties. This should enable any VAT to be reclaimed within HMRC's regulations.

**The meeting ended at 9.12pm.**