

Pirton Parish Council



**Minutes of Pirton Parish Council Extraordinary
Meeting held in Pirton Village Hall on 4 March 2024
at 7.45 pm**

Present:

Cllr J Rogers (Chair), Cllr D Burleigh, Cllr M Parkin, Cllr N Rowe

In attendance:

Mr Edward Roberts (Parish Clerk), District Cllr C Strong



23-176 To receive and accept apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence had been received and accepted from Cllr Goodman and Cllr Maple. Cllr Stirling did not attend.

23-177 To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the Agenda and to consider any requests for dispensation.

No declarations of interest were relevant to the items on the agenda.

23-178 To agree to the appointment of a professional legal adviser prior to the formation of a charity to facilitate fundraising for the new pavilion project.

Cllr Burleigh stated that the Parish Council had received some three hours of free legal advice from Wellers Law Group and for further progress to be made it was necessary to formally appoint a professional legal adviser. The Group had provided useful advice and were well versed in charity law. Using this route should avoid any problems in the submission to the Charity Commissioners.

Cllr Rowe made a point regarding the potential of zero rating for VAT purposes for the pavilion build and this was noted by Cllr Burleigh as something to bring up with Wellers.

Proposed by Cllr Rogers and seconded by Cllr Parkin, that Sally Hopwood of Wellers Law Group be appointed as the Parish Council's professional legal adviser for the formation of a charity to facilitate fundraising for the new pavilion project. **AGREED** by all present

23-179 To agree funding for such professional advice.

The Clerk informed the meeting that there was a sum of a little over £5000 against "Contingency" in the Project Pots that had been there since he took office. It was suggested that this might be used to fund the professional legal services required to set up the charity.

Proposed by Cllr Burleigh and seconded by Cllr Rowe, that a sum of £5000 be agreed to fund the professional advice and services of Sally Hopwood of Wellers Law Group. **AGREED** by all present.

Meeting closed at 8.24pm

Signed: _____

Dated: _____