

Pirton Parish Council



**Minutes of Pirton Parish Council Extraordinary
Meeting held in Pirton Village Hall on 23 August 2024
at 7.30 pm**

Present:

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

In attendance:

Mr Edward Roberts (Parish Clerk)

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**24-87     To receive and accept apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence had been received and accepted from Cllr A Goodman.

**24-88     To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the Agenda and to consider any requests for dispensation.**

Declarations of interest were received and recorded from Cllr Maple as a member of the PSSC.

**24-89     To discuss the relationships and responsibilities of the Pirton Parish Council, the proposed Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and the Pirton Sports & Social Club in order to facilitate the formation of the Pirton Pavilion CIO.**

Cllr Burleigh informed the members present that she had received another email from the Council's legal adviser shortly before the meeting. Evidence was needed that the CIO would be more than just a fundraiser and it would be possible to ask for an extension past the 28th August deadline for a response.

Cllr Rowe pointed out that the Pirton Sports & Social Club constitution would need some major amendments if it was to satisfy the Charity Commission regarding its relationship with both the proposed CIO and the Parish Council.

Cllr Burleigh made the point that evidence would be required that the main purpose of the new pavilion would not be as a sports pavilion, but that it would be used for multiple other purposes to further the aims of the charity.

It was agreed that the required processes would take longer than two weeks and that the meeting would not be able to come up with answers in the time available. Discussion then moved on to question whether a charity was actually needed. It was agreed that any CIO would not come into play in time for the application to the Football Foundation. This would not preclude applying for charitable status at some time in the future.

Ultimately, it was agreed that Cllr Burleigh should speak to the Charity Commission to ask if the application could be put to one side for a time before being picked up again in the future if required. Cllr Maple suggested that some of the questions could be answered and the Parish Council could indicate the "direction of travel". The Charity Commission could then take it forward or not.

It was agreed that a CIO could be of use for further fundraising going forward, but the Parish Council would be the organisation building the new pavilion.

CLLr Burleigh was thanked by the Chairman for all her work on the charity project and her presentations to the Council.

**Meeting Closed: 9.52pm.**