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Dear Madam

Following the meeting of Aislaby, Middleton and Wrelton Parish Council Cllr Peirson has requested that my notice of resignation be recorded in writing.

Please accept this letter as confirmation of my resignation as Clerk, Proper Officer and RFO to the Council. I stated at the meeting I feel that the Council should consider the role of the Clerk and what is required at law and also the perception by Councillors to the role of the employee.

There is no requirement for Council to employ a Clerk but it must have a Proper Officer and RFO. Currently councillors are micromanaging the Clerk without note as to how such information is obtained or its relevance increasing the hours required to complete the role (currently 10 hours per month). The Clerk feels that the Councillors are not supporting either the role or the individual in performance of their duty.

The Clerk is also required to provide information on legislation and it is for the Council to decide on the compliance to current law. Where outside advice is collected by Councillors as long as the decision of full Council is correctly recorded including the reasoning for ignoring the advice received from the Clerk and professional bodies it should be noted that certain avoidance may incur major penalties at a later date.

The concerns raised prior to the last meeting regarding the delay in awarding of a grant to grass cutters in the village was noted by the Clerk but this was due to the Councillors failing to go to the bank to complete mandate requirements – the fact that as this process had not been completed also impacted on the income by the Clerk as no cheque could be cleared since September due to the change in mandate process (as advised by the manager at Nat West).

Council should also be aware that the registration of Lloyd's shares and the subsequent transfer process should not have been the responsibility of the Clerk as these are held in an individual name contrary to the Local Government Act 1972. Despite over 25 hours investigation and consultation the matter is yet to be resolved. The advice to Council is reiterated, that the shares are in the name of the Council. All documentation had been submitted but due to an error from the initial named individual the process has yet to be completed.

I wish the Council well in their endeavours

Regards