

# Piercebridge Parish Council

Minutes of an ordinary meeting held in St Mary's Church, Piercebridge  
on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016

**Present:** Cllrs S Chalmers (Chair), R Blamire, D Taylor McDonald, C Steel  
Mrs Fernett (Acting Clerk)

**Apologies:** none given

**Declarations of interest:** none

**Minutes of meeting** held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016 read and approved. Proposed by D Taylor McDonald, seconded by C Steel.

**Matters arising:** Councillor Blamire and Mr Simon Coverdale will be securing new signs on village green and painting the fencing alongside the beck. These tasks were delayed by inclement weather.

There is to be an ad hoc clearance of litter in the village.

Due to the gale force winds in February one of the top stones on the bridge was knocked out of place by the branches. The DBC have removed the branches and taken away the top stone for safe keeping until repairs can be made.

**Reports from other Authorities** – none

**Finance** – none

**Planning application** for No.5. Bridge End. Letter of notification has been received. No opposition was given.

## Correspondence

Two letters have been received from DBC Neighbourhood Services and resources concerning Council Tax Support Grant and Budget Proposals. The budget proposals concern library facilities in the town and the letter gives the dates of public consultations regarding these changes: Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 2.30 p.m. in Dolphin Centre and at 6 p.m. in Cockerton Methodist Church. In addition there will be two public meetings with the leader of the council and cabinet on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30 p.m. and 6 p.m. at the Dolphin Centre.

Another letter from DBC concerned economic growth and proposed changes to involving Parish Councils in Planning Applications.

A letter was received from Chief Constable Michael Barton of Durham Constabulary informing parishioners that the constabulary has been graded the best police force in the country, being the only force to be considered outstanding.

**Date and time of next meeting:** 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 AGM at 7 p.m.

This meeting closed at 7.35 p.m.