

Piercebridge Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON

MONDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2017

COUNCILLORS: S. Chalmers (Chair) C. Steel
 C. Rogers D. Taylor McDonald
 Clerk: Martin Clark
Visitors: G. Lee & P. Crudass (DBC)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public present

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

No apologies were tendered by Cllr Blamire

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None declared

3. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 10 JULY 2017:

The minutes for the meeting on the 10 July were deferred due to members that were present at that meeting not in attendance

4. PROGRESS REPORT FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 10 JULY 2017:

The Clerk referred to the speed visor purchase and progress being made. A minor concern was following the retirement of Mr Major from DBC a new contact had yet been identified to ensure the free installation/power supply agreed was carried through.

Cllr Chalmers referred to costs received for the new notice board. These were in excess of £1100 and over the budget set by the council (£700). Members agreed the costs were too high and needed to be brought down to within the agreed budget.

5. LOCAL MAINTENANCE/VILLAGE ISSUES:

5.1 Speed visor. This issue was dealt with under the Progress Report.

5.2 Cllr Taylor McDonald informed members of an issue over the grass cutting carried out by DBC on the verge at Roman Way. A resident who has cleared the grass clippings from the verge in the past is struggling now; due to the times between cuts. A discussion took place on what, if anything the parish council could do to assist – if it arranged a collection from one area, it would have to from everywhere else.

It was agreed Cllr Taylor McDonald would talk to this resident and refer back at the next meeting.

5.3 Is further bulb planting around the Piercebridge sign planned. Some planting had been

done and more was planned but additional volunteers would be helpful

5.4 The fence from the pub to the beck that had been replaced still requires staining. Cllr Chalmers agreed to discuss this with Cllr Blamire

5.5 Cllr Taylor McDonald asked if the council had been informed over the removal of the phone box. The Clerk and other councillors were not aware of any communication.

6. FINANCE/ACCOUNTS:

6.1 The Clerk referred to one invoice requiring payment:

Westcotec (speed visor) £3000

The Clerk informed members the VAT element of the speed visor costs would be reclaimed (£500)

6.2 The Clerk informed members of a delay in the completion of the external audit due to BDO questioning the precept and if it contained any element of a grant.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

None

8. PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS:

None

9. WARD COUNCILLOR UPDATES:

Broadband speeds in the village was an ongoing issue as the upgrades by BT had still not taken place. It is hoped something would be done by the end of September.

10. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING & AGENDA ITEMS:

Monday November 2017, 7.15pm, St Mary's Church

DBC – Darlington Borough Council

Signed.....

Dated.....

