

Piercebridge Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON

MONDAY 9 JULY 2018

COUNCILLORS: S. Chalmers (Chair) D. Taylor McDonald
R. Blamire C. Steel
Clerk: Martin Clark

Visitors:

Mark Hornsby, Phil Philo (Battlefields Trust), Lucy Chapman (River Tees Rediscovered & Groundwork NE)

Pat Stephenson - Churchwarden

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Phil Philo gave members a brief presentation on the important historic nature of Piercebridge In relation to the English civil war. Piercebridge was the scene of the earliest major battle in the North. There is increasing interest in this period and location, especially following the creation of the battlefield model and event held in the church.

The Battlefield Trust and River Tees Rediscovered would like to work with the council, Community and church to develop a battle of Piercebridge trail and leaflet, stage regular events, talks and guided walks. They would like to provide a permanent home for the model In the village. Creating a permanent legacy in the village in the form of a visitor centre. Possibly the staging of a public performance of an epic poem about the civil war and battle. All this would promote Piercebridge's rich civil war heritage together with its already established Roman history

Cllr Taylor McDonald explained in some detail the slow progress being made to convert part Church into a community space. A space that could be used to display the model and put on events.

Lucy from River Tees Rediscovered explained the project was in its 4th year of 5 and funding for some things could be found – an event in 2019 possibly if the landowners are onboard Cllr Steel referred to the notice of a proposed planning application on council land for a sculpture. What was this?

Lucy informed members of the requirement from the funders to obtain planning before any monies are released. The sculpture will be commissioned and the community will be involved and will decide what sculpture is created.

Members agreed that what they had heard was something the council and community should get involved with and look forward to working with them all as this moves forward.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were tendered by Cllr Hodgson

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None declared

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3. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15 MAY 2018:

RESOLVED: The minutes for the Annual Council meeting on the 15 May 2018 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Steel . Seconded by Cllr Blamire

4. PROGRESS REPORT:

The Clerk referred to the costs of a replacement wooden noticeboard of between £600 to £800

Cllr Blamire referred to an offer from a resident to build a new wooden noticeboard. It was agreed to accept this offer.

The Clerk informed members the insurance (liabilities) cover was now in place. The old partnership insurance deal with DBC had ended hence the need to source its own insurance cover.

5. LOCAL MAINTENANCE/VILLAGE ISSUES:

A discussion took place over a basketball hoop located on a tree on village green. It was agreed it could remain if the white back board was painted a less obvious colour.

6. FINANCE/ACCOUNTS:

There were no invoices requiring authorisation this month.

The Clerk referred to the cost of the annual insurance with Zurich as £257.60

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

7.1 Draft Darlington Borough Council Local Plan. Noted.

8. PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS:

None

9. WARD COUNCILLOR UPDATES:

No ward councillors present

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

Monday 10 September 7.15pm, St Mary's Church

DBC – Darlington Borough Council

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