

# Piercebridge Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON

**MONDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2018**

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

**Visitors:**

DBC Councillors: G. Lee & P. Crudass

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

No members of the public present

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies were tendered and approved for Cllr Steel

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None declared

**3. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9 JULY 2018:**

**RESOLVED:** The minutes for the ordinary council meeting on the 9 July 2018 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Taylor McDonald. Seconded by Cllr Blamire

**4. PROGRESS REPORT:**

The Clerk referred to the new notice board now in situ in the grounds of the church. With thanks to Mr Heed.

**5. LOCAL MAINTENANCE/VILLAGE ISSUES:**

5.1 Lime tree on village green – Mr Burrige of 5 The Green had approached Cllr Steel about attending to the Lime tree outside of his property. Cllr Steel had explained the parish council were not responsible for trees on the green as this was Raby or DBC.

Members were in agreement this was not an issue for the council. It would however like to know what needs 'attending' too. **Action:** The Clerk will write to Mr Burrige.

5.2 Cllr Taylor McDonald referred to the emails from DBC Cllr Lee about the visitor centre in the church and the possibility of creating a Battle of Piercebridge event. Cllr Taylor McDonald referred to the visitor centre being something for the diocese and not the parish council. Plans have been submitted and a decision will be made in due course.

Members have recorded their willingness to get involved in events but they must be community led. The issue of events in 2019 and land owner permission should be actioned by the groups – Battlefields Trust and River Tees Rediscovered and Groundwork NE.

**Action:** It was agreed the Clerk will contact these group to discuss issues.

**6. FINANCE/ACCOUNTS:**

1 invoice was presented for payment:  
Dennis Heed (notice board) £214.80

**RESOLVED:** Finance approved by Cllr Taylor McDonald and seconded by Cllr Blamire

**7. CORRESPONDENCE:**

7.1 Gainford Fallen Tommies project – The Clerk explained the project plans to position ‘Tommies’ close to the homes of the 26 fallen servicemen from WW1 represented on the memorial at St Mary’s Church, Gainford. 6 servicemen of Cliffe and Piercebridge are on the memorial and permission is sought to place 6 Tommies on Piercebridge village green for 5 days leading up to Remembrance Sunday.

Members were unaware of the names on the memorial and gave their full support and permission. A request should be made to the project to have the 6 Tommies returned after the event so they can be kept in Piercebridge. It was also agreed a poppy wreath will be ordered to be laid at the service in Gainford on the 11<sup>th</sup> November. **Action:** The Clerk

**8. PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS:**

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Erection of 1 no sculpture up to 3m in height to be installed as part of the Tees Sculpture Trail on the Teesdale Way – Pumping Station, The Green, Piercebridge

Members agreed that it cannot offer comment fully without details of the sculpture. The application gave no details apart from height. There needs to be a design to approve as this was a conservation area and it must be seen as in keeping.

Action: Clerk will advise DBC planners

**9. WARD COUNCILLOR UPDATES:**

Cllr Lee referred to the Boundary Commission recommendations for Darlington

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

Monday 12 November 7.15pm, St Mary’s Church

DBC – Darlington Borough Council

Signed.....

Dated.....



















