

Piercebridge Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON

MONDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2018

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

Visitors:

Phil Philo (Battlefields Trust) & Mark Hornsby

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Phil Philo spoke about the forthcoming event “Remembering Civil War Piercebridge 1642” to be held at the George Hotel on Sunday 2nd December 2018. The event is being promoted via the local schools, local newspapers, radio Tees and 16000 leaflet are being produced for distribution. The re-enactors have agreed to attend free of charge. The event will feature the spoken and musical presentation “Civil Insolvencies” – this will be a ticketed event and the council were asked if they could help promote.

Members thanked Phil and Mark for attending and hoped it could assist in the promotion

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None declared

3. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 SEPTEMBER 2018:

RESOLVED: The minutes for the ordinary council meeting on the 10 September 2018 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Taylor-McDonald. Seconded by Cllr Blamire

4. PROGRESS REPORT:

The Clerk referred to the meeting with the Head Forester of Raby Estates with Cllr’s Steel and Chalmers following the recent correspondence received from a resident about a Lime Tree on the village green. This issue is on the agenda at item 5.

5. LOCAL MAINTENANCE/VILLAGE ISSUES:

Cllr Steel referred to the meeting with Geoff Turnbull, Head Forester at Raby Estates. His first consideration was public safety and as we walked round there are a lot of 'stuck' limbs, which it is hoped Raby will attend to in time. His concern was the two trees down the lane which have outgrown their space and one is growing over the road. These will be felled when the relevant permissions have been obtained.

Signed.....

Dated.....

The Lime trees having some branches at the top cut back is an option - but it has to be decided who is responsible for them and pay the bill. No fungus or rot in any tree was found.
Action: When the report is received the Clerk will contact the resident again.

Cllr Steel noted the basket ball hoop on the tree besides the Church had been taken down.

6. FINANCE/ACCOUNTS:

Invoices presented for payment:

LJ Digital Media	£85.00
J. Bainbridge (grass cuts)	£500.00
M. Clark (mileage allowance 16 meetings)	£138.24
Royal British Legion (wreath)	£17.50

RESOLVED: Invoice presented for payment were approved

6.1 2019/2020 Annual Precept

RESOLVED: It was proposed by Cllr Steel the precept request from Darlington Borough Council should remain at £1512.00. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Taylor McDonald

Action: Clerk to inform DBC

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

7.1 The Mill House, Piercebridge

A request for the parish council to support the placing of bespoke dog fouling signage along the lane. The residents report many dog walkers are not picking up, and if they do, leaving the bags in the lane or on their fence line.

Members were sympathetic as dog fouling is an issue faced by the village but the lane is not theirs and any signage would need permission of Raby and the farmer. Unfortunately the council cannot sanction the request. **Action:** The Clerk will respond to the residents.

8. PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS:

None

9. WARD COUNCILLOR UPDATES:

No Ward Councillors present

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

Monday 14th January 7.15pm, St Mary's Church

DBC – Darlington Borough Council

Signed.....

Dated.....

