

PIERCEBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING

MONDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2023

ST MARYS CHURCH – 7.15pm

In Attendance: Cllrs S. Chalmers (Chair), C. Steel, D. Taylor McDonald, R. Blamire, C Hodgson, Cllr Paul Crudass and S. Natrass (Clerk).

1. Apologies

Ward Councillor G. Lee.

2. Declaration of interest

None.

3. Minutes of meeting 11 September 2023

Minutes of the meeting 11 September were approved as a correct record of proceedings and signed by the Chair. Proposed by Cllr Taylor McDonald and seconded by Cllr Steel.

4. Village and maintenance issues

4.1 Ride on Tractor update

A discussion was held on sharing the cost of a shed between the Parish Council and the Church and if agreed where the shed would be sited.

4.2 Defibrillator (Cllr Blamire to advise)

Cllr Blamire has put a request in to British Heart Foundation for funding under the Foundation Scheme. No response to date.

Cllr Taylor Mc Donald mentioned that she may have some avenues to explore for funding and will look into these.

4.3 Layby between houses 20 -27

Cllr Steel has spoken with Cllr Crudass regarding the need to have some plans drawn up to move forward and Cllr Crudass has agreed to look into resources available.

4.4 Commemorative bench

The bench has now been purchased from Sam Turners at a cost of £435. The next stage is to agree where the bench is to be sited. A couple of options will be explored. A commemorative plaque will also be erected on the bench.

4.5 Broken fence

The fence has now been repaired by Cllr Blamire.

5. Finance

5.1 Financial Report:

The financial report was circulated prior to the meeting and was approved and signed by the Chair.

5.2 Accounts for payment:

Payment of £60 to clerk for salary.

5.3 Parish Precept 2024/25

Cllr Steel reported that the projected spend of the Council for 2024/25 will be £1413. In addition there will be servicing costs for the tractor and £500 for village repairs. It was proposed to request a 10% increase in the precept which was seconded by Cllr Blamire. The Clerk to email DBC to request the increase.

6. Correspondence

None.

7. Planning

None.

8. Ward Councillors update

Cllr Crudass reported on the allocation of the DBC budget, with a breakdown of where the funding is to be allocated.

9. AOB

Two replacement litter bins are required on the village green. Cllr Crudass agreed to contact Streetscene for replacements.

10. Date and time of next meeting:

The next meeting is 8 January 2024 at 7.15pm.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.