

PIERCEBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING

MONDAY 11 November 2024

ST MARYS CHURCH – 6.30pm

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

1. Apologies

Cllr Lee.

2. Declaration of interest

None.

3. Minutes of meeting 9 September 2024

Minutes of the meeting 9 September were approved as a correct record of proceedings and signed by the Chair. Proposed by Cllr Blamire and seconded by Cllr Hodgson.

4. Village and maintenance issues

4.1 The wooden bus shelter in the village has been vandalised. The Chair has enquired at DBC as to who has ownership of the shelter and is awaiting a response. Cllr Crudass will take a look at the shelter after the meeting and will follow up internally.

Cllr Blamire suggested that the Parish Council may want to consider purchasing a motorised strimmer which will trim better and right up to the edges. The cost will be £555 inclusive of VAT. The purchase was approved by the Council.

There has been complaints of speeding through the village from the route into the village from Gainford. Options moving forward were discussed and it was agreed that Cllr Crudass would enquire as to the option of a Community Speedwatch in the village.

Molehills have been reported in the village. Cllr Hodgson agreed to treat them if it is identified where they are.

The fence is down between Toft field and the Roman Fort. DBC own the fence and Cllr Crudass agreed to take this forward.

A tree on the green needs some of the branches cutting back. The clerk agreed to email Raby Estates but would need a picture of the tree so it can be identified.

5. Finance

5.1 Financial Report:

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

5.2 Accounts for payment:

Payment of £60 to clerk for salary.

A payment of £128 has also been made to L J Digital for the website. The clerk will include this in the next Finance Report.

5.3 Parish Precept

It was agreed that there would be no increase in the Precept for 2025/6. The clerk will email DBC.

6. Correspondence

Cllr Lee circulated an email regarding both the bridge repairs and the dog bin request. With regard to the dog bin DBC are reluctant to give anymore bins but Cllr Lee will keep trying.

7. Planning

None.

8. Ward Councillors update

Cllr Crudass is able to give £1000 to the Parish Council to contribute to a community shelter for the grass cutting equipment. The Chair is waiting to see if a faculty is needed from the church before this can be agreed. Alternatively the Council could use the money towards replacing the fence.

10. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting is 13 January 2025 at 6.30pm.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm