

PIERCEBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING

MONDAY 8 September 2025

St Marys Church – 6.30pm

In Attendance: Cllrs S. Chalmers (Chair), C. Steel, D. Taylor Mc Donald, C Hodgson, R. Blamire, Ward Cllr Lee, Ward Cllr Crudass and S. Nattrass (Clerk).

1. Apologies

None.

2. Declaration of interest

None.

3. Minutes of meeting 14 July 2025

Minutes of the meeting 14 July were approved as a correct record of proceedings and signed by the Chair.

Proposed by Cllr Taylor McDonald and seconded by Cllr Hodgson.

4. Village and maintenance issues

It was reported that on Tuesday (2/9) a red Audi car and tow truck was in the village on the South side, for no apparent reason. The registration number of the car was taken for future reference.

There has been lots of activity on the Piercebridge village Whatsapp group from residents regarding the wagon traffic during the night. It's emerged that the A66 has been closed from 28/07 to 11/10 with diversions in place. It appears that Piercebridge is being used as an alternative and no prior notice had been received regarding this from the Highways department. The PC do not have any jurisdiction over this as it is a Highways matter.

Cllr Blamire asked Ward Councillors to let the member of staff carrying out the grass cutting in the village know what a good job they are doing. This positive feedback will be passed on.

A bench in the village is in need of repair. Cllr Blamire agreed to take this forward.

The shed is now up and in place.

It was agreed the village would benefit from additional dog bins as they are always full. An option would be to purchase one from DBC as it is unlikely that anymore will be provided.

A resident has asked what the plant is that is confined in the triangle of land at the old bridge. Cllr Crudass confirmed that it is Japanese Knot Weed.

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.

The Council has received £350.77 from the Four Villages Fund which has now been closed.

6. Correspondence

None.

7. Planning

None.

8. Ward Councillors update

There was nothing to report from DBC at the moment.

9. AOB

None.

10. Date and time of next meeting

The date for the next meeting is:

10 November 2025

The meeting closed at 7.00pm.