

PIERCEBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING

MONDAY 18 May 2026

St Marys Church – 6.30pm

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

1. Apologies

Ward Cllr Lee and Ward Cllr Crudass.

2. Declaration of interest

None.

3. Minutes of meeting 9 March 2026

Minutes of the meeting 9 March were approved as a correct record of proceedings and signed by the Chair.

Proposed by Cllr Blamire and seconded by Cllr Steel.

4. Village and maintenance issues

Cllr Blamire reported that he has been successful in securing a fully funded defibrillator which also includes the cabinet. The Parish Council will be required to pay for the yearly service and to buy replacement pads. There was some discussion as to where to site the defibrillator and the church wall was the favoured option, if this is agreed.

Cllr Taylor McDonald reported on the 'junk' on the ledge in the Roman Fort, following up on the email that was sent before the meeting. Clarification is also required as to who owns the ledge in the Fort as this is where the junk has been placed. An email was sent to Martin Ash at DBC, as he was helpful with the previous issue, however there has been no response to date. The Clerk will send an email to DBC to report again and ask for clarification as to ownership of the ledge.

The post is broken on the Kissing Gate at the bottom of Toft field, rear of Bridge House. The clerk will report to DBC.

The camera on the N Yorks side of the bridge has not yet been repaired. Clerk to email NYC to follow up.

Cllr Hodgson reported that the hedge cutting will be completed in due course.

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.

Cllr Steel reported that the Parish Council is currently paying £20 per hour for the rent of the vestry for meetings. Payment is due 1 June for 2025.6 which will be £120. It was agreed that this would be paid on 1 June.

It was noted that in the audit for 2025.6 accounts, the clerk has not noted in the minutes any payments made outside of the meetings. These payments were for:

Manfield Village Hall	£10	21.05.2025
LJ Digital Media	£151	27.10.2025
Zurich Municipal	£196	29.09.2025
Flexiform	£2290	09.05.2025

6. Correspondence

The following correspondence was received:

Email from Cllr Lee on changes to Wards and Boundaries.

Email from DBC regarding Rights of Way Improvement Plan.

7. Planning

None.

8. Ward Councillors update

There was no update in the absence of Councillors.

9. Date and time of next meeting

The date for the next meeting is:

13 July 2026

The meeting closed at 7.15pm.