

FIRBECK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 27th January 2021 (held remotely via Zoom under the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 R4(1))

Present: Cllr C Stanton (Chair), Cllr C Jopling (Vice-Chair); Cllr D Pittard, Cllr J Pittard.
9 members of the public

3346 Apologies – To Receive and Approve Reasons for Absence. Nil.

3347 Declarations of Interest. None other than standing interests.

3348 Public Discussion Period.

- a. Firbeck Hall. Local residents were attempting to create an ‘e-petition’ in response to the latest planning applications for Firbeck Hall and options were being explored to obtain signatories for those without the required technology for an e-petition.
- b. Speed Signs. It was requested that RMBC be approached to consider the speed limits on New Road, which has several different limits including 60mph in the narrowest areas, which was felt to be dangerous.
- c. Budget. Firbeck friends requested that consideration for a donation of £173 for insurance be included in next year’s budget.

3349 To Approve the Parish Council Minutes:

- a. 25th November 2020. The minutes were approved as an accurate record.
- b. 12th January 2021 (Extraordinary Meeting). The minutes were approved as an accurate record.

3350 Matters Arising from the Minutes. Nil

3351 Finance:

- a. To Approve the Bank Reconciliation – 31st December 2020. **Resolved:** that the bank reconciliation be approved.
- b. To Approve the Budget Monitoring Report – 18th January 2021. **Resolved:** that the budget monitoring report be approved.
- c. To Approve Accounts for Payment. **Resolved:** that the monthly accounts covering the period since the last meeting be approved for payment.
- d. To Approve the Budget and Precept for FY2021-22. Members reviewed and discussed the budget proposals presented by the Clerk. It was agreed to:
 - i. include an additional amount to cover possible overtime for the Clerk due to a temporary increase in workload;
 - ii. meet the request at 3348c above from the ‘miscellaneous’ funding line.

Resolved: it was resolved by unanimous decision to retain the precept at its current level of £8750 for the year 2020/21. Inclusion of the items listed above, plus other items rolled

over from the current year, would mean a budget deficit for the year of c.£6k which was to be funded from general reserves.

3352 Updates on Current/Ongoing Issues

- a. Highways and Verges. Cllr Jopling was to liaise with RMBC regarding concern over the degradation of the verges on New Road.
- b. Telephone Box Maintenance. An undercoat of paint had been applied to the exterior of the phone box, with a topcoat to be applied as soon as weather permitted. The interior would be painted in the next financial year. The phone box was currently being used as a depository for the local food bank. Members thanked the Chair for his efforts to restore the phone box.
- c. Footpath/Bridlepath Maintenance. Nothing significant to report.
- d. Public Use of Non-Dedicated Footpaths. Nothing significant to report.
- e. Emergency Plan. The Chair circulated the latest version, which was almost complete, save for details of local volunteers.

3353 Correspondence – Nil

3354 Planning

- a. To Consider the Following Planning Applications –
 - i. RB2020/1819 - Conversion, restoration and partial demolition to form 22 no. apartments and residents communal facilities, conversion and restoration of the stable block to form 7 no. apartments, the creation of 1 no. apartment complex housing 32 no. apartments in place of the demolished annex and the creation of 1 no. dwelling within the walled garden as enabling works, and the reestablishment of the existing pool including the creation of a building to cover the pool, spa and changing facilities also including landscaping and the external works to create an over 55's residential complex, Firbeck Hall New Road Firbeck

Comments: **Resolved:** it was resolved to submit additional comments to RMBC regarding concerns over flooding and sewerage.
 - ii. RB2020/1824 - Listed building consent for the conversion, restoration and partial demolition to form 22 no. apartments and residents communal facilities, conversion and restoration of the stable block to form 7 no. apartments, the creation of 1 no. apartment complex housing 32 no. apartments in place of the demolished annex and the creation of 1 no. dwelling within the walled garden as enabling works, and the reestablishment of the existing pool including the creation of a building to cover the pool, spa and changing facilities also including landscaping and the external works to create an over 55's residential complex, Firbeck Hall New Road Firbeck. No comments
 - iii. RB2021/0070 – Application of lawful certificate re: proposed use class as care home for 5 children and 6 staff – Three Acres Lamb Lane Firbeck. No comments

- b. To Note the Following Planning Applications Processed Since the Last Meeting –
- i. RB2020/1704 - Demolition of existing bungalow, garage & outbuildings and erection of 1 no. dwellinghouse & detached garage at linden bank 8 Kidd Lane Firbeck – granted conditionally. Noted

- 3355** Neighbourhood Plan – Update. Nothing significant to report.
- 3356** To Discuss Possible Spends from the CIL Income. Members were advised the council must spend its CIL receipts within 5 years of receipt so there was no rush to spend the recently received funds. It was expected further funds would be received from the Firbeck Hall development but it was unclear on the amount. Members were encouraged to think of suitable ideas for infrastructure spends for the parish (one initial idea was to install speed indicator signs) and this was to be reviewed at future meetings, with any monies received to be retained in separate reserve.
- 3357** To Discuss Village Speed Signs. See above.
- 3358** To Discuss and Agree Councillor Roles and Responsibilities. Councillor roles and possible amendments were discussed by members and would be reviewed at the next meeting.
- 3359** To Adopt a Disciplinary and Grievance Procedure. **Resolved:** to adopt a model disciplinary and grievance policy in line with ACAS guidelines.
- 3360** Xmas Tree Festival – Review. The supply and decoration of Christmas trees for the village passed smoothly with nothing significant to report. Thanks were expressed to the following for their assistance: Julie Dunker, the Colvers, the Hollingsworths and Cllr Jopling for co-ordinating. The Christmas Stars initiative had proved to be successful and would continue, and it was agreed a small gift to those who supplied electricity for the main tree was appropriate.
- 3361** Council Twitter Account – Update. A council twitter account had now been created (@FirbeckPC) and would information of interest to the parish from the council.
- 3362** To Discuss the July Meeting Date. Due to unavailability, it was agreed to move the meeting date in July to 14th July 2021.
- 3363** To Discuss the Possibility of Re-Instating Firbeck in Bloom. Cllr J Pittard wished to explore the possibility of re-introducing a Firbeck entry to the Britain in Bloom competition. The costs were unclear but, following general support for the idea, Cllr Pittard volunteered to register with the Royal Horticultural Society to establish more information.
- 3364** To Discuss a Children’s Firbeck History Project. Cllr Jopling wished to invite local children to write articles on local history with a view to publishing at some point in the future. This initiative was supported by all and was to be developed further.
- 3365** Items For Future Agenda. Nil

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8:27pm.

The next meeting of the parish council would be held at 7pm on Wednesday 24th March 2021 online via Zoom.

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Date:.....