

FIRBECK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 24th March 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.
2 members of the public

- 3366** Apologies – To Receive and Approve Reasons for Absence. Nil.
- 3367** Declarations of Interest. None other than standing interests.
- 3368** Public Discussion Period. Nil
- 3369** To Approve the Parish Council Minutes:
- a. 27th January 2021. The minutes were approved as an accurate record.
- 3370** Matters Arising from the Minutes. Nil
- 3371** Finance:
- a. To Approve the Bank Reconciliation – 28th February 2021. **Resolved:** that the bank reconciliation be approved.
 - b. To Approve the Budget Monitoring Report – 17th March 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 Review the Council’s Risk Assessment. Members reviewed and discussed the risk assessment as presented by the Clerk. It was accepted without amendment. **Resolved: to adopt the Risk Assessment as presented.**
 - e. To Discuss Possible Spends from the CIL Income. Ideas including speed indicator signs, improving the junction at Kidd Lane, restoration of the HaHa and village footpaths were mentioned as ideas for possible use of this income to improve village infrastructure.
- 3372** Updates on Current/Ongoing Issues
- a. Highways and Verges. RMBC were to be thanked for the patch repairs to pavements on New Road asked for a full re-surface in the future.
 - b. Telephone Box Maintenance. Maintenance to be completed in the near future.
 - c. Footpath/Bridlepath Maintenance. Salt Hill to be completed once any drainage works have been completed. Cllr Jopling to chase up other outstanding footpath issues with RMBC.
 - d. Public Use of Non-Dedicated Footpaths. Nothing significant to report.
 - e. Emergency Plan. Chair to complete one outstanding action before completion.
- 3373** Correspondence – Nil

3374 Planning

a. To Consider the Following Planning Applications:

- i. RB2021/0124 - Discharge of conditions 01 – 13 imposed by planning application RB2016/0396 land at former Parkhill Social Club New Road Firbeck

Comments: Nil

- ii. NOT ON AGENDA. RB2021/0549 - Application to undertake works to a tree(s) protected by TPO No. (No.5) 1977 – 24 New Road Firbeck

Comments: Request RMBC to continue to adopt the policy of minimum intervention and ask that all reasonable steps be taken to preserve the tree whilst making the situation safe. Also, if the tree must be removed, request a replacement lime tree is planted in its place.

b. To Note the Following Planning Applications Processed Since the Last Meeting:

- i. RB2021/0070 – Application of lawful certificate re: proposed use class as care home for 5 children and 6 staff – Three Acres Lamb Lane Firbeck. REFUSED. Noted

c. To Discuss Suspected Planning Violations. There had been three suspected planning violations recently in the village, which had been reported with little response so far. Members agreed to request RMBC to take follow-up action immediately in respect of two of those properties. Members were liaising with the occupiers of the third property in question and attempting to resolve issues informally.

3375 Neighbourhood Plan – Update. Initial meeting with the Planning Advisor to take place as soon as possible after the election. Members were to gather ideas prior to the initial meeting.

3376 To Discuss Village Speed Signs. A sign had appeared at the end of St Martin's Close but it was unclear if this was a permanent or temporary installation – Clerk to clarify.

3377 To Discuss and Agree Councillor Roles and Responsibilities.

3378 To Discuss the Possibility of Re-Instating Firbeck in Bloom. Firbeck had been registered into Yorkshire in Bloom, with judging to take place in July. To form part of a wider 'I Love Firbeck' project in the near future.

3379 To Discuss and Agree Planting for 2021. The members agreed that Mrs Dunker would continue to support the council/village by looking after the planting arrangements, as she has in the past.

3380 To Discuss a Children's Firbeck History Project. To be included in the 'I Love Firbeck' project.

3381 To Discuss Surface Drainage. The council are attempting to gain a full understanding of the village infrastructure and capacity, but it was noted that the authorities had at least acted recently to resolve recent issues.

3382 To Discuss Village Sewerage Issues. The council was to write to Severn Trent for a more formal response to recent issues following a lack of response via informal channels.

3383 Items For Future Agenda.

New Code of Conduct

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8:32pm.

The Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Wednesday 28th April 2021 online via Zoom.

The next meeting of the parish council would be held at 7pm on Wednesday 19th May 2021 possibly online via Zoom (to be confirmed).

Signed:.....

Date:.....