

# FIRBECK PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Present: Cllr C Jopling (Chair), Cllr D Pittard, Cllr J Pittard.  
Cllr S Allen, Deputy Leader, RMBC + assistant, RMBC Cllr B Whomersley  
0 member of the public

- 3477** Apologies – To Receive and Approve Reasons for Absence. Cllr S Copley – personal reasons. Accepted.
- 3478** Declarations of Interest. Nil.
- 3479** Cllr Sarah Allen, Deputy Leader RMBC. Cllr Allen introduced herself and her role as the RMBC lead for parish and town councils. She explained that a 'Joint Working Agreement' was in place that detailed how RMBC and parish/town councils would work together, and detailed the structure through which the organisations work, in particular the Joint Working Group that meets regularly with nine representatives for the parish/town councils. She fielded questions from those present over improving liaison with RMBC (in particular the ease (or lack of) in finding the right contact over any issues), and the ongoing issues with the Three Acres/Limestone Cottage area.
- 3480** Public Discussion Period. Nil
- 3481** To Approve the Parish Council Minutes:
- a. 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022. The minutes were approved as an accurate record.
- 3482** Matters Arising from the Minutes. Nil
- 3483** Ward Update. Cllr Whomersley updated members on a variety of local issues including a possible option for security cameras for the village. He advised that reporting of crimes (if not via 999) would be better via the online reporting portal rather than calling 101 as this service was experiencing significant problems.
- 3484** Finance:
- a. To Approve the Bank Reconciliation – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022. **Resolved:** that the bank reconciliation be approved.
- b. To Approve the Budget Monitoring Report – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022. **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 bank Signatories. **Resolved:** to appoint Cllrs Jopling and D Pittard, and the Clerk, as the council's authorised bank signatories and authorisers, with 2 from 3 to sign.
- 3485** Updates on Current/Ongoing Issues
- a. Verges/Grass Maintenance and General Street Scene. Ideas were being investigated to improve the entrances to the village, including the possible installation of planters.

- b. Costings for Second Defibrillator in Phone Box and Interim Use. A possible grant opportunity had been identified but confirmation of eligibility was yet to be clarified.
- c. 'I Love Firbeck' Project – update. Firbeck had been entered into the Britain-in-Bloom contest but there was now going to be just one competition this year, in the summer. Village litter picks were to be arranged for April, May and June on dates to be confirmed.
- d. Councillor Roles and Responsibilities. Nothing significant to report.
- e. Wooden Village Sign Maintenance. A replacement sign was to be created, with the current sign to be retained in the village for public display, cost c.£1k.
- f. Council Newsletter – Report from Chair. The new council newsletter had been distributed and well received, with numerous positive comments.

**3486** Planning

- a. To Consider the Following Planning Applications:
  - i. RB2022/0230 – Detached timber summerhouse to rear 79 New Road, Firbeck – no comments.
  - ii. RB2022/0353 – Application to undertake works to a tree(s) protected by TPO No. (No.5) 1977 24 New Road, Firbeck. Although the scope of works was unclear, the council wished to object to this application due to the volume of recent work which had seriously affected the health of the tree, from which it was only just starting to recover. It was felt any further works could irreparably harm the tree.
- b. To Note the Following Planning Applications Processed Since the Last Meeting:  
Nil
- c. Firbeck Hall Update. Nothing significant to report.
- d. Three Acres Update. Nothing significant to report.

**3487** To Discuss the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee. It was decided to procure a temporary flag pole for the event. A flower festival was planned for Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June and a ‘history project’ was discussed to depict Firbeck during the reign of HM The Queen. Clarification was required as to whether or not permission was required from RMBC should the council wish to display bunting from street lights.

**3488** Neighbourhood Plan.

- a. Update. Nothing significant to report.
- b. Review and Finalise Terms of Reference for the Neighbourhood Plan Committee and Steering Group. The Chair had completed a draft Terms of Reference, for which comments were now required from members before finalising.

**3489** Meeting Dates 2022. The date of the next meeting was to be added to future agenda.

**3490** Items for Future Agenda. Nil

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9:00pm.

The next meeting would be held at 7pm on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

Signed:.....

Date:.....