

# FIRBECK PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Present: Cllr C Jopling (Chair), Cllr D Pittard, Cllr J Pittard.

1 member of the public

- 3491** Appointment of a Chair of the Council for the Year 2022-23. Cllr Jopling was proposed and seconded by Cllrs Stanton and J Pickard. Vote: unanimous.
- 3492** Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Cllr Jopling signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office to become the Chair for 2022-23.
- 3493** Appointment of a Vice-Chair. Cllr J Pittard was proposed and seconded by Cllrs Jopling and D Pickard. Vote: unanimous.
- 3494** To Agree any Nominations to Represent the Council with the south Yorkshire Branch of the YLCA. No nominations.
- 3495** Apologies – To Receive and Approve Reasons for Absence. Cllr S Copley – personal reasons. Accepted.
- 3496** Declarations of Interest. Nil.
- 3497** Public Discussion Period. Concerns were raised re the proposed tree works at 24 New Road (see planning below).
- 3498** To Approve the Parish Council Minutes:
- a. 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022. The minutes were approved as an accurate record.
- 3499** Ward Update. Nil.
- 3500** Finance:
- a. To Approve the Bank Reconciliation – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022. **Resolved:** that the bank reconciliation be approved.
- b. To Approve the Budget Monitoring Report – 30<sup>th</sup> April 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, including a late received invoice, payment of which was approved for the purchase of the board at a cost of £470 inc. VAT for painting a new sign which will be erected in place of the original wooden sign. In addition, restoration of the original carved wooden sign to proceed against estimate of £1,200. This being specialist work it was agreed we would proceed on the basis of this one quote. It was decided the above works would be paid for using CIL monies received.
- d. To Approve the Annual Accounts for 2021-22 and Annual Return Sections 1&2. **Resolved:** that the annual accounts be approved.  
**Resolved:** that Section 1 of the annual return, the Annual Governance Statement be approved and signed by the Chair and Clerk.

- Resolved:** that Section 2 of the annual return, the Annual Accounting Statements, be approved and signed by the Chair and Clerk
- e. To Receive a Report from the Internal Auditor. Members received the report from the internal auditor – no issues were raised.
  - f. To Agree Exemption from External Audit. **Resolved:** that the council, due to its level of turnover, qualified to be exempt from external audit.

### 3501 Updates on Current/Ongoing Issues

- a. Verges/Grass Maintenance and General Street Scene. It was decided to seek the help of a professional to draw up plans for the verges on Kidd Lane and near the village sign, with the costs being met from CIL monies received.
- b. Costings for Second Defibrillator in Phone Box and Interim Use. Nothing significant to report.
- c. 'I Love Firbeck' Project – update. Firbeck had been entered into the Britain-in-Bloom contest and judging was to be held in July (date to be confirmed). A village litter picks had taken place in April, with further picks planned for May and June.
- d. Councillor Roles and Responsibilities. Nothing significant to report.
- e. Wooden Village Sign Maintenance. Painting had started, and restoration costings were expected to be c.£1.2k (see above).

### 3502 Planning

- a. To Consider the Following Planning Applications:
  - i. RB2022/0492 - Demolition of part of existing garage and replacement of hipped & flat roof with gable roof including increasing the roof height & dormer window and first floor balcony to front 1 Park Hill Drive Firbeck. No comments
  - ii. RB2022/0553 – Two storey side extension 36 New Road Firbeck. Concerns re possible parking issues were raised due to likely increased street parking resulting from this development.

#### ADDITIONAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS NOT ON AGENDA

- iii. RB2022/0776 - Erection of detached garage 1 Princes Plantation New Road Firbeck. No comments.
- iv. RB2022/0808 - Application to remove a lime tree protected by Tree Preservation Order No. 5 1977 24 New Road Firbeck. The members objected to this application in the strongest possible terms, as this tree was protected (like others in the village) due their historical significance, immense landscape value and potential for precedents being set if permission were given. The tree is only just recovering from previous, excessive, work, and presents no risk to either public or property, and the council therefore sees no justification for the removal of this tree.
- b. To Note the Following Planning Applications Processed Since the Last Meeting:
  - i. RB2021/1801 - Application to vary condition 2 (replace approved drawings) imposed by RB2017/0875 and RB2017/0890 at Firbeck Hall New Road Firbeck – Granted conditionally
  - ii. RB2021/1905 - Listed Building Consent for internal and external alterations to the previously approved scheme (RB2017/0890) for conversion of the Grade II Listed Firbeck Hall to form 21 No. apartments and the Grade II Listed Stable Block to form 3 No. apartments at Firbeck Hall New Road Firbeck – Granted conditionally

- iii. RB2022/0230 - Detached timber summerhouse to rear at 79 New Road Firbeck – Granted conditionally
- c. Firbeck Hall Update. Nothing significant to report.
- d. Three Acres Update. Nothing significant to report.

**3503** To Discuss the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. The flag pole and flag had arrived, and the PC agreed to fund a ‘strawberry tea’. Other arrangements in place included a flower festival, history exhibition, village bunting and a cake competition.

**3504** Neighbourhood Plan.

- a. Update. Nothing significant to report.
- b. Review and Finalise Terms of Reference for the Neighbourhood Plan Committee and Steering Group. Nothing significant to report.

**3505** Items for Future Agenda. Nil

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7:55pm.

The next meeting would be held at 7pm on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2022**. (Note change of date from previously advertised)

Signed:.....

Date:.....