

Minutes of the Firbeck ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held on the 26th April 2023 at Firbeck Village Hall, New Road Firbeck

Present: Parish Council Chair, Cllr Caroline Jopling.
13 Parishioners

1. Approval of the 2022 Annual Parish Minutes.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of the 27th April 2022 be approved.

2. Annual Report by the Chair of the Parish Council

The Chair presented her report on this year's activities, which included:

- a. Thanks were expressed to Simon Copley for his spell as a councillor, and new members co-opted during the year were Bev McManus and Richard Potts, taking membership back up to the quota of 5.
- b. A highly successful celebration of the Queen's platinum jubilee, which included a garden party, flower festival, history exhibition and village picnic.
- c. The village received a silver medal from the Royal Horticultural Society for its entry in the Yorkshire in Bloom competition.
- d. Another excellent Christmas tree festival was held, attracting more people than ever!.
- e. Thanks were expressed to Julie and Brian Dunker for their continued efforts with the village planters that always enhanced the appearance of the village.
- f. In the pipeline for the near future is getting a scheme agreed with RMBC for the improvement of the verges at the junction of Kidd Lane and New Road.
- g. The renovated wooden village sign will soon be sited in the church for posterity, whilst the newly painted sign will soon be erected to take pride of place in the village.
- h. Assessment will be carried out to look at a CCTV scheme for the village.
- i. The village phone box will be re-purposed as an information point.
- j. There are also plans for laser cut artwork of a racehorse (referencing the village's link to the St Leger Race) on the Kidd Lane grassed area over the bridge. Some of the schemes above will be financed from the CIL money the council has received from the Firbeck Hall development.
- k. The village Neighbourhood Plan has been put on hold pending government statements about policy and funding, but it is still the council's wish to develop a Plan.

3. Firbeck Community Enhancement Projects. I Love Firbeck – following the silver medal in 2022, Jo Pittard and the team will be going for gold this year! Prior to judging in June, there will be 2 x litter picks and a plant exchange, in addition to the development of the phone box mentioned above. Flyers will be distributed with further information. Later in the year there will be Christmas wreath making along with historical research with a view to creating a book.

4. Celebrating the King's Coronation – plans for Firbeck. A 'Big Sunday Lunch' will be held on Sunday 7th May for the coronation weekend. Arrangements for the preparation of the event, including refreshments, cake competition and decorations, were discussed and agreed among those present. Further details were available on the flyer that has been distributed.

5. Presentations by Organisations and Groups

Some presentations were written rather than verbal.

Village Hall Committee.

Richard Collins thanked all committee members for their efforts and the village for its support. A range of events were held in the Hall including monthly film nights, weekly coffee mornings, entertainment acts, a summer bbq, scarecrow trail, social nights, and the Christmas fayre. The Hall was also used regularly by a variety of groups. A clothing bank had been installed in the car park and work had commenced on re-vamping the garden.

Parochial Church Council

Nicky Blythe provided a summary of PCC activities including support to families from Ukraine and to those families supporting them. The church was a focal point during the Queen's jubilee and funeral (including opening a book of condolence). The church also supports the Dinnington food bank and gladly take donations.

Poppy Appeal

(Written) Chris Stanton advised that collections in 2022 totalled £2460, of which £1463 came from house -to-house collection, £646 from static collection points and £351 in donations for wreaths etc. Thanks to all those who volunteered and gave generously, Additional collectors were sought for the 2023 collection and anyone interested should contact Chris via cdstanton@hotmail.com

Worksop Probus

(Written) Chris Stanton informed those present that the group meets fortnightly for eight months of the year at the Civic Centre in Carlton-in-Lindrick. A variety of events, including guest speakers and day visits, were held and enjoyed by all. New members are welcome (please contact Chris via the email address above). A day trip to the Shuttleworth Collection near Biggleswade on Friday 9th June has been opened up to non-members at £35 per head; anyone interested should contact John Colver.

YCA

Shiela Halse informed those present that the YCA meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm, and activities over the year included a range of speakers and demonstrations.

Friends of Firbeck Hall

(Written) Since being formed in 2009, the group of volunteers has worked with relevant authorities to preserve the Grade II listed building and its history. The group are therefore delighted to see the beautiful, restored buildings in place today after a restoration/development project was finally agreed following several false starts. Whilst the main aim the group has been achieved, they remain ready to assist with local historical research and ready to help Firbeck preserve its past, buildings and history in any way it can.

Table Tennis

A table tennis group meets each Wednesday 1630-1830hrs in the Village Hall, with a £2.50 cost to players, refreshments provided. There is also an indoor bowls group that meets on Monday evenings 1830-2030 at a cost of £2. Both are open to all.

6. **Any Other Business.** The issue of speeding traffic through Stone was raised, along with crime in the vicinity. Those present were advised that crime figures showed no change overall year-on-year, although the recent incident at the Black Lion had led to an increase in police patrols.

The meeting was closed at 8:00pm

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