

FIRBECK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 19th July 2023

Present: Cllr C Jopling (Chair), Cllr D Pittard, Cllr J Pittard, Cllr B McManus, Cllr R Potts.

In attendance: 0 members of the public

- 3593** Apologies – To Receive and Approve Reasons for Absence. Cllr R Potts – accepted.
- 3594** Declarations of Interest. Cllr R Potts – item 3600a.
- 3595** Public Discussion Period. Nil
- 3596** To Approve the Parish Council Minutes:
- a. 31st May 2023. The minutes were approved as an accurate record.
- 3597** Ward Update. Nil
- 3598** Finance:
- a. To Approve the Bank Reconciliation – 30th June 2023. **Resolved:** that the bank reconciliation be approved.
- b. To Approve the Budget Monitoring Report – 30th June 2023. **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 Discuss Ideas for Possible CIL Spends.
- i. The Horse Sculpture Project for the Kidd Lane Bridge Triangle. Designs had been received, with horses to be made from a ‘weathering’ steel to give a ‘rustic’ appearance. The steel will have no scrap value. Quotes accompanying the designs had been received for sculptures of 3mm and 5mm thickness, plus single and double-sided sculptures. Single-sided, 5mm sculptures were preferred by members, and had an installed cost of £4903. Ideas and options for the sculptures were to be presented to the village for feedback before any decision was made.
- 3599** Updates on Current/Ongoing Issues
- a. Verges/Grass Maintenance and General Street Scene. Application forms for permissions from RMBC were required to be completed before any permanent planter or horse sculpture could be installed.
- b. ‘I Love Firbeck’ Project – update. RHS judging for Britian-in-Bloom took place on 12th July, with the outcome expected in September. The old phone was now planned to be used as a ‘museum/information point’. The location of a 2nd defibrillator (if purchased) would need to be reconsidered as the cost to install in the phone box was prohibitive. The church porch was felt to be an ideal location but would need to be coordinated with the church. The new village sign was now in place.
- c. New Siting/Positioning for Wooden Village Sign. No significant progress.

- d. Arrangement for Unveiling of new Painted Village Sign. A letter was to be sent to the Earl of Scarborough requesting him to do an official unveiling. Ongoing.
- e. Village Road Safety, Including Speed Limits and HGV Traffic. The footway along Kidd Lane had recently seen some repairs completed.
- f. Village CCTV – update. No significant progress.
- g. Second Defibrillator – update. See 3599b above.
- h. Village Neighbourhood Plan. Still awaiting information on government grant funding.

3600 Planning

- a. To Consider the Following Planning Applications:
 - i. RB2023/0745 – Prior notification for the proposed change of use of an agricultural building to a dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) land off New Road Firbeck.
Members had concerns over the fact that no neighbour notification appeared to have taken place, and with increased traffic on a single-track lane should this development be approved. Clerk to submit comments to RMBC.
- b. To Note the Following Planning Applications Processed Since the Last Meeting.
Nil

3601 To Discuss Carbon Literacy Training. The YLCA had requested councils to gauge whether there was any interest in carbon literacy training for members. No interest was submitted by members.

3602 To Note a Re-Declaration of Compliance with Auto-Enrolment Pension Regulations. The Clerk advised members that the council had recently re-submitted its auto-enrolment pension details, in line with regulations, and the council was in compliance with these regulations.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8:05pm.

The next meeting would be held at 7pm on **Wednesday 27th September 2023.**

Signed:.....

Date:.....