

FIRBECK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 24th July 2024

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

In attendance: 4 members of the public

3659 Apologies – To Receive and Approve Reasons for Absence. Cllr D Pittard - accepted.

3660 Declarations of Interest. Nil

3661 Public Discussion Period. A parishioner reported an incident on the airfield of dogs not on leads that had caused an issue and requested the council to put up signs etc. to encourage dog owners to keep their pets on leads. The individual was advised that the council has no authority to erect such signs but would place an article in the FLAG magazine and on the council noticeboard. The incident had, apparently, been reported to the police and RMBC.

3662 To Approve the Parish Council Minutes:

a. 22nd May 2024. The minutes were approved as an accurate record.

3663 Ward Update. No Ward member was present.

3664 Finance:

a. To Approve the Bank Reconciliation – 30th June 2024. **Resolved:** that the bank reconciliation be approved.

b. To Approve the Budget Monitoring Report – 30th June 2024. **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.

3665 Updates on Current/Ongoing Issues

a. Verges/Grass Maintenance and General Street Scene.

i. Kidd Lane verge – RMBC had offered to erect wooden bollards in place of the stones currently in place on the verge – accepted by members.

ii. Rowan tree on New Road – a branch on a rowan tree on New Road had become dangerous and required removal – to be reported to RMBC.

iii. Racehorse sculptures – it was felt the size of the planned sculptures may need to be reassessed once the bollards referred to above were installed.

iv. HaHa – this had not been maintained since Covid. The Chair ascertained, during a meeting with RMBC, that RMBC owned the land up to the wall of the HaHa and had promised maintenance which had not materialized. Chair to contact RMBC.

b. 'I Love Firbeck' Project – update. The Britain-in-Bloom judging team had visited the village and were impressed with what they saw – results are expected in September. The village sign appeared to have suffered some water damage and was in the process of being repaired.

- c. Village Road Safety, Including Speed Limits and HGV Traffic. Speeding farm traffic had been reported and the relevant farmer would be contacted. The planned traffic survey would hopefully take place in September.
- d. Village CCTV – update. Two of the three cameras had been installed and were operational. The final camera would be installed once the speed sign had been moved to its new location.
- e. Second Defibrillator – update. Item deferred to next meeting.
- f. Village Neighbourhood Plan. An informal meeting was to be held after the council meeting to agree the next steps and confirm the first formal meeting of the Steering Group.
- g. Firbeck/Letwell Joint Environment Group – Update. Nothing significant to report – item to be removed from future agendas.

3666 Planning

- a. To Consider the Following Planning Applications:
 - i. RB2024/0768 - Ground floor rear extension 2 Princes Plantation New Road Firbeck
 - ii. RB2024/0805 - Non-Material Amendment to application 2019/1938 to include amendment to wording to condition 3 Park Hill Farm Park Hill Drive Firbeck
 - iii. RB2024/0806 - Non-Material Amendment to application RB2019/1942 to include amendments to conditions 2,4,5 & 8 Park Hill Farm Park Hill Drive Firbeck
 - iv. RB2024/0920 - Application to undertake works to trees protected by RMBC TPO1 1992 Firbeck Hall, West Lodge New Road Firbeck

NOT ON AGENDA

- v. RB20204/0981 - Paid Pre App for a proposed detached outbuilding 36 New Road Firbeck

Members had no comments on the above planning applications.

- b. To Note the Following Planning Determinations. Nil

3667 To Adopt Updated Financial Regulations. Model Financial Regulations had been completely re-written to reflect modern practices. **Resolved:** to adopt the Financial Regulations as presented.

3668 To Consider Adopting a .gov.uk Domain. Parish councils were being encouraged to adopt a .gov.uk domain to reflect the fact that such councils are a tier of UK government and the domain offers better protection for websites etc. Members agreed to procure the domain for the council's website and for email accounts for all members and the clerk through the council's current website provider.

3669 To Discuss the Maintenance of the Village Sign. Covered in item 3665b above.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7:50pm.

The next meetings would be held at 7pm on **Wednesday 25th September 2024.**

Signed:.....

Date:.....