

FIRBECK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 25th September 2024

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

In attendance: 2 members of the public, RMBC Ward Cllr Clarke

3670 Apologies – To Receive and Approve Reasons for Absence. Cllrs D and J Pittard - accepted.

3671 Declarations of Interest. Nil

3672 Public Discussion Period. A parishioner questioned the origin of new dog control signs on the airfield. The Chair stated that they had probably appeared after a recent incident and complaint to RMBC, although she believed the wording on the signs to be inaccurate as 'keeping dogs under control' was 'advisory' under the Countryside Code, and not law. In discussion, it also appears that unauthorised signs had appeared on an unadopted lane on the north side of West Lodge. The Clerk was to query both sets of signs with RMBC.

3673 To Approve the Parish Council Minutes:

a. 24th July 2024. The minutes were approved as an accurate record.

3674 Ward Update. Cllr Clarke updated members on a variety of issues and events affecting the area, including:

- a. The Ward members were to join with neighbouring Ward members to work with the police to tackle rural crime.
- b. A new banking hub will hopefully be operational in Dinnington by Feb 25.
- c. The Post Office outlet at Laughton Common was to close in Jan 25.
- d. One of the main 'Ward Priorities' for this year was 'fitness', and members would be looking to support initiatives in this area in particular.
- e. Funding was also available for numerous resurfacing initiatives across the Ward and members welcomed suggestions.

3675 Finance:

- a. To Approve the Bank Reconciliation – 31st August 2024. **Resolved:** that the bank reconciliation be approved.
- b. To Approve the Budget Monitoring Report – 31st August 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.

3676 Updates on Current/Ongoing Issues

- a. Verges/Grass Maintenance and General Street Scene.
 - i. Kidd Lane verge – RMBC had installed wooden bollards on the verge.
 - ii. HaHa –RMBC had visited the site as part of the on-going investigations regarding surface water drainage issues in the village and the Ha Ha has standing water to quite a depth for much of the time following rain.

Subsequently, RMBC discovered that the new field entrance had been put in without planning permission and were following up.

- b. 'I Love Firbeck' Project – update. The Britain-in-Bloom results were expected tomorrow (26th September).
- c. Village Road Safety, Including Speed Limits and HGV Traffic. Nothing significant to report.
- d. Village CCTV – update. All cameras now installed; item closed.
- e. Second Defibrillator – update. Item deferred to next meeting.
- f. Village Neighbourhood Plan. The first Steering Group had been held, with the next meeting scheduled for 1st October. A grant application of £4.8k to help meet costs had been successful.

3677 Planning

- a. To Consider the Following Planning Applications:
 - i. RB2024/0921 - Change of use from dwellinghouse to 3 holiday-lets Three Acres Lamb Lane Firbeck

Members had no comments on the above planning application.

- b. To Note the Following Planning Determinations.
 - i. RB2024/0768 - Single storey rear extension at 2 Princes Plantation New Road Firbeck – Granted Conditionally
 - ii. RB2024/0921 - Change of use from dwellinghouse to 3 holiday-lets Three Acres Lamb Lane Firbeck – Granted Conditionally

3678 To Consider any Nominations to Represent the Council on the Rotherham Transport Advisory Group. No nominations.

3679 To Discuss the Christmas Tree Festival. The festival was scheduled for Advent Sunday (1st December) and there was a potential there may be no Santa or sleigh for the event, so the Chair invited any ideas/suggestions to overcome this issue. In addition, help would be required to install the main village tree. Otherwise, arrangements would be the same as previous years.

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

The next meetings would be held at 7pm on **Wednesday 27th November 2024.**

Signed:.....

Date:.....