

Minutes of a meeting of Letwell Parish Council held at 24 Barker Hades Road, Letwell, at 7.30 pm on Monday May 24th 2021.

Present: Alan Nettleship, chairman, Duncan Biggins, Jenny Straw, Martyn Sharpe and Matthew Bell.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Matters Arising: 797/21 The five parish councillors had been re-elected unopposed on May 6. All five councillors made a declaration accepting their office, and signed the appropriate declaration. 798/21 There was no further word about the planning application for Firbeck Hall which had yet to be considered by RMBC. 799/21 The council had arranged for the verges to be cut on the Ramper, and had spread bonemeal round each of the trees to improve growth.

800/21 It was agreed that the missing daffodils would be replaced in the autumn. 801/21 It was reported that the new bench had been installed near the site of the Leger track. Thanks were expressed to the chairman and his neighbours at Gally Knight.

Accounts: 802/21 The council agreed to certify itself Exempt under the terms of the audit for 2020/21 and sign and return the relevant document to the external auditor. 803/21 The council approved the accounts for 2020/21. 804/21 The council noted the annual internal audit report, and decided to look at taking appropriate action where necessary. 805/21 The council approved the completed Section 1 Governance Statement. 804/21 The council further approved Section 2 Accounting Statements 2020/21 which had been duly completed. 805/21 The necessary period for the public access to the accounts would begin on Thursday June 3 and continue for 30 working days until Wednesday July 14. Notices would be posted asap after the meeting.

Online Payments: 806/21 BHIB Insurance policy £451.38p, proposed M Sharpe, seconded A Nettleship; 807/21 Faye Hazlehurst £110, annual internal audit, proposed M Bell, seconded D Biggins; 808/21 Firbeck Parish Council £61, FLAG magazine, proposed M Sharpe, seconded J Straw; 809/21 Louise Addy, duck feed £25.80, proposed J Straw, seconded D Biggins; 810/21 RMBC £324, rat catcher, proposed M Bell, seconded M Sharpe; 811/21 Eon, phone box light, £20.19p, proposed A Nettleship, seconded J Straw; 812/21 Spencer with Hall £130, grass cutting, proposed D Biggins, seconded A Nettleship; 813/21 The clerk reported the current account balance was £973.82, and the reserve account was £293.

814/21 Payment received: £10 cash paid into current account for FLAG copy to Elsie Gildingwells.

AOB: 815/21 The council was informed that RMBC had agreed to return at a later point and inspect the tree which had been subject of concern at the junction of Gildingwells road and Church Lane.

816/21 The clerk reported his intention to retire from the post after 42 years of unpaid service. The burden of the admin had grown out of all proportion, and the scale of the bureaucracy was impossible for a layman to comprehend. The clerk intended to remain as a parish councillor. Efforts would be made to find a new clerk on a paid basis.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.