# FOXEARTH & LISTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>. November 2018 at Foxearth Village Hall at 9.45am.

Present: Cllr T. Clayton (Chairman), Cllr M. Posen (Vice-Chairman), Cllr P. Cox, Cllr C. Cox, Cllr W. Binks ECC Cllr D. Finch, BDC Cllr I. Parker and Kevin Money (Clerk to the Council). There were also 8 members of the public in attendance

078/2018 Chairman Welcome. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

079/2018 Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr K. Robson

#### 080/2018 Declaration of Interest

To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or non-Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the Agenda

Cllr P. Cox declared a Non-Pecuniary interest in Foxearth PCC

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Cllr C. Cox declared a Non-Pecuniary interest in Foxearth PCC

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# 081/2018 To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of Foxearth & Liston Parish Council

To receive and agree the minutes of the last meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup>. September 2018 Cllr M. Posen proposed and Cllr P. Cox seconded. **All Agreed** 

#### 082/2018 Chairman's report and any update since last meeting

Nothing to report and any updating is covered by the Agenda except for Liston Quiet Lane scheme. Cllr T. Clayton has noticed a reduction in traffic speeds and he feels that it is has been a success. BDC have asked if the verges should be cut.

Cllr T. Clayton proposed to ask BDC not to cut the verges in Liston Lane. Cllr W. Binks seconded. All Agreed

### 083/2018 Essex County Councillors report

ECC Cllr D. Finch informed the meeting that

- ECC is working on 2019/20 budget. Saving £50m over next year
- ECC are to reduce spend to £900m per year
- They are Looking at outside contracts to save more money
- Highways and Social Care budget being heavily looked at
- Grants from Government are one-time grants
- Major works ongoing to devolve services to Parish Councils.
- Essex schools perform above the national average

Cllr D. Finch was asked about a local school who has recently been formed into an Academy and is struggling for cash and have made staff redundant and have asked them to apply for their jobs again to reduce running costs. Cllr D. Finch answered by saying that this unfortunate but this is governed by DOE.

#### ECC Cllr D. Finch left the meeting

# 084/2018 District Councillors report

Cllr I. Parker said that

- The Sudbury by-pass is not proceeding but will continue with junction improvements
- Greater Anglia is being pressured into putting a lift provision into Marks Tey Station
- Many roads will be closed soon for the installation of the broadband lines

• BDC has been nominated for the new pilot for voter ID. 2 items of identification will be required before placing the vote.

Cllr M. Posen asked I. Parker to take the views of the residents about how it would be detrimental to the turnout of residents. Some residents, especially the younger generation, do not have photo ID's.

• BDC takes fly tipping very seriously. Please report any fly tipping to BDC. BDC will take the irresponsible offender to court and some people have been fined up to £800

• BDC are working on the homelessness act.

• A new BDC initiative is "Meet up Mondays" has been launched to get together elderly people to get together

• BDC Local Plan - BDC has written to inspector regarding the additional work required. They are still awaiting a response.

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The Clerk asked Cllr I. Parker if BDC still intended to reduce grants to Parish Councils to Zero from 2019/20 financial year. Cllr Parker confirmed that no grant monies is being paid to PC's

DC Cllr I. Parker left the meeting

### 085/2018 Clerk Report

a) Housing Needs Survey – The Clerk informed the meeting that the Full Final Report can be found at <a href="http://www.essexinfo.net/foxearth-liston-parish-council/assets/documents/report-6">http://www.essexinfo.net/foxearth-liston-parish-council/assets/documents/report-6</a>

The Clerk circulated to the meeting the response from David Fahie in response to the RCCE independent Housing Needs Survey.

### 086/2018 Public Participation Session

The Chairman invited questions and observations from members of the public present. A resident asked about the village sign renovation. The Clerk informed the meeting that Mr. Binks has scheduled the renovation works for May/June '19.

Has any affordable housing been allocated to the proposed Stafford Park development? A discussion about affordable housing took place.

The farmers should have strimmed the footpaths but nothing has been done.

The Clerk to write a letter to all Land Owners outling their responsibilities regarding footpaths.

A resident asked if a working party could be set-up to strim the footpaths and hedges.

The Clerk to contact EALC regarding the "Handyman" grant

### 087/2018 Defibrillator update – Cllr M. Posen

Cllr M. Posen informed the meeting that he didn't want to say anything in advance for fear of jinxing things, but he is happy to confirm that the defibrillator was finally installed last week. Everything is working, people dialling 999 can be given the code to open the cabinet, if it is appropriate.

The defibrillator has now been registered and went live last week. He hoped all residents at the meeting noticed the defibrillator on the way into the meeting. He is sorry that it took so long but 'events' made the delays unavoidable.

He will now set about organising a community event at which the CHT people will come to the village and give us training in how to use the device in an emergency. He will also make regular checks on the equipment (as required by CHT) to ensure that all is in working order.

A vote of thanks was given to DC I.P Parker for all her support and Cllr M. Posen for all his efforts in getting the Defibrillator up and running

#### 088/2018 Broadband update – Cllr M. Posen

Nothing further to update except that road closures have been scheduled in for next year for the installation of cables.

Giggaclear is coming to Borley and Pentlow but nothing regarding Foxearth and/or Liston

# 089/2018 War Memorial update – Cllr M. Posen / Cllr C. Cox

Cllr C. Cox informed the meeting funds are now in place to do the work and a contractor was in place. The Archdeacon had given permission for the works to be done but the Chancellor stopped the project due to the relevelling was not routine maintenance. Cllr C. Cox is still awaiting a response from the Chancellor. The Archdeacon will not now give permission for the go-ahead of this project.

**090/2018** Tree Warden report. Alan Fitch has reluctantly resigned as tree Warden

The Clerk informed the meeting of the resignation of Alan Fitch. Cllr T. Clayton proposed a vote of thanks to Alan for all his hard work his has done for the trees in the village.

091/2018 Footpath update - Nothing to report

#### 092/2018 Planning Applications

18/01740/FUL - Foxearth Fisheries Glemsford Road Foxearth Essex CO10 7GA

Erection of building for storage of machinery and equipment

F&L Decision: After carefully consideration the Councillors had no comment to make on this application

18/00284/TPOCON - Pipers Cottage, The Street, Foxearth

Notice of intent to carry out works to tree in a Conservation Area - Reduce height of Sycamore back to previous area of pruning

**F&L Decision**: After carefully consideration the Councillors had no comment to make on this application Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>. November 2018

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18/01767/FUL & 18/01768/LBC - Place Farm Barn, Foxearth Road, Liston

Conversion of 6 bay barn, as well as small cartlodge/haystore, to residential dwelling with associated external amenity space and buildings

F&L Decision: After carefully consideration the Councillors had no comment to make on this application

#### 093/2018 Decision/s made by BDC on planning applications.

No decisions have been made by BDC which affects Foxearth or Liston.

#### 094/2018 Finance

• Bank balances as at 31<sup>st</sup>. October 2018 and 2018/19 budget account

Councillors noted the Bank balances and current budget account

• Councillors to agree payment of November & December 2018 finances

Clir T. Clayton proposed and Clir M. Posen seconded the payments of November & December '18. All Agreed

 Councillors to receive DRAFT Budget/Proposal figures for 2019/20 in readiness for January meeting

Councillors noted the suggested Budget/Precept figures for 2019/20 from the RFO.

#### 095/2018 Items for Next Agenda 2019/20 Budget / Precept report

#### Date of Next Full Council meeting

26.01.19, 23.03.19, 25.05.19 (Annual Electors meeting followed by AGM), 27.07.19, 21.09.19, 23.11.19

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 11am and thanked everyone for attending

Anthony Clayton