



FOXEARTH & LISTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18th. November 2024 at 7.30pm in Foxearth Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs K. Holmes (Chair), K. Robson (Vice-Chair), S. Ham, M. Posen and Kevin B. Money (Parish Clerk). There were also 6 members of the public present

096/2024 Chairman welcome and Announcements

097/2024 Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from BDC Cllr I. Parker

098/2024 Declaration of Interest to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or non-Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the agenda. None Declared

099/2024 To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of Foxearth & Liston Parish Council
 To receive and agree the minutes of the last F&LPC meeting held on 30th. September 2024. **All Agreed**

100/2024 Essex County Councillors report – ECC Cllr P. Schwier. No report was given

101/2024 District Councillors report – BDC Cllr I. Parker No report was given but a report was sent prior to the meeting. It read

The timetable for the new Local Plan has been revised. The Local Plan subcommittee will meet in February and March 2025 to discuss the Issues and Options for the new Local Plan. This will then be followed by a series of meetings in May and June 2025 at which the sites which have been put forward in the call for sites will be considered for allocation for housing or employment. The Local Plan will need to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate by December 2026. The Government's ambition is to increase the number of new homes and is proposing giving Councils mandatory housing targets. Braintree's housing target is to increase by 35% to 1098 new homes per year. Many more sites have been submitted than are needed to meet this target including some very large sites.

BDC are consulting on a new Design Code for the District. I would encourage parish councils to respond to this.

The Government is keen to proceed with devolution and meetings are taking place with Essex leaders about proposed devolution for Essex. This is likely to involve elected mayors.

The Government is also proposing changes to waste collection. Officers are currently considering these proposals and I will be attending a presentation on this next week at which we will find out the implications for households and the Council.

In the first half of this year, BDC secured 128 affordable homes against an annual target of 250.

In the second quarter, BDC prevented 48 cases of homelessness.

In the second quarter, there were 134,196 visits to our 3 leisure centres. This is less than our target and we are investigation which visits have reduced.

Licensing officers in collaboration with Essex Police have conducted a series of our of hours checks on licensed taxis and premises.

A Public Spaces Protection Order has been imposed in certain parts of Braintree. This prohibits certain activities and is a way of controlling anti-social behaviour.

I have been notified that Suffolk CC is consulting on imposing a weight restriction on HGVs over 7.5 tons using the A1092 between Long Melford and Baythorne End except for access. Traffic would be routed via Bury and Halstead. The consultation closes on 9th December. I have details of how to respond if needed.

102/2024 Public Participation Session

The Chairman will invite questions and observations from members of the public present.

Pam Pluck gave a complete update on all the numerous emails she has had with Essex County Council regarding potholes and speeding in the village..

Speeding in the village still continues. Can a photographic log be kept and to notify the police when incidents occur?

Hedge planting and screening update at the Solar Farm was requested.

103/2024 Councillor vacancies – update from the Clerk

No applications from residents have been received

104/2024 Street Light in Claypits Road – Councillors to discuss whether the use of resident's money to maintain a tree blocking the street light on private land is good value for money
The post for the street light is on private land. Councillors have 2 choices. 1 to totally remove the tree with the landowner's consent or 2. To do nothing.
Cllr S. Ham proposed that no action be taken to remove the tree and foliage. Cllr M. Posen seconded.
All Agreed

105/2024 Flooding working group in Liston and Foxearth – update from the chair of the group
In the absence of the group Chair the report is below
In terms of an update of the Flood Working Group, we had another very encouraging turnout of volunteers at our latest working party on Sunday 20th. October. With shovels, shears, scythes and a valuable chain-saw, we cleared a good length of overgrown ditch between Foxearth and Foxearth Road, Liston. (working towards Foxearth from the point it goes under the road at the Liston turning)
This stretch, running behind Red Cottages is the route the water takes from Foxearth towards the river and is particularly overgrown with vegetation and fallen trees, so dense that most of its length the stream is not visible from the adjoining field.
To clear the length will require further working parties, but we made a very encouraging start. Many thanks to all those who attended to help. After a break for December when I am sure volunteers have busy weekends, we will reconvene next year. In the meantime, I will ask Colin Flux to see if he can offer assistance with some or the more densely overgrown parts of this stream and also make a mental note not to bring my favourite biscuits again!!

106/2024 Footpath update – Cllr K. Robson
In contacted with highways regarding a couple of blocked footpaths. Subsequently the footpaths are all clear for access. A numerous amount of reporting has been done to Highways who have not been very responsive in replacing fingerposts etc. Cllr K. Robson proposed using the same contractor for next year.

107/2024 Highway issues

- **Speed indicator device update – Cllr K. Holmes**

Pam Pluck agreed to have the SID erected on her private land. A contractor to erect a pole.

108/2024 Planning Application/s No planning applications have been received

109/2024 Planning Decisions made by BDC affecting Foxearth and Liston

24/01898/HH - Oak House Claypits Lane Foxearth Essex CO10 7JD

Proposed freestanding EV charging point - **Application GRANTED**

110/2024 Finance

- To receive the Bank balances as at 30th. October 2024
Councillors noted the Bank balances as at 30th. October 2024
- To receive the comparison of Actual against Budget 2024/25
Councillors noted the comparison of Actual against Budget 2024/25
- Councillors to agree the October and November 2024 finances and to agree a transfer of any funds to meet the Parish Council's financial requirements. **All Agreed**

112/2024 Budget 2025/2026. Councillors to discuss the provisional budget for 2025/2026.
Councillors discussed the 2025-2026 budget. This item to be finalised at the January '25 meeting

113/2024 Items for Next Agenda

History Grant: PCC Grant:

114/2024 Date of Next Full Council meetings – Monday 20th. January 2025 at 7.30pm
Councillors to note the 2025 meeting dates. 17.03: 19.05: 21.07: 15.09: 17.11.25

115/2024 Closure of the Meeting

To Close the meeting having considered and determined all items of business

The Chair then closed the meeting at 9.30pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed

K Holmes
Keith Holmes
Chair

20th. January 2025