



## FOXEARTH & LISTON PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup>. July 2025 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 2 members of the public present

**059/2025 Apologies for Absence** were received from ECC Cllr P. Schweir and BDC Cllr I. Parker

**060/2025 Declaration of Interest to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or non-Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the agenda** Cllr M. Posen declared an interest in item 071/2025 (c)

**061/2025 To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of Foxearth & Liston Parish Council**  
 To receive and agree the minutes of the last F&LPC meetings held on 19<sup>th</sup>. May 2025 **All Agreed**

**062/2025 Essex County Councillors report – ECC Cllr P. Schwier** No report was given

**063/2025 District Councillors report – BDC Cllr I. Parker** No report was given

**064/2025 Public Participation Session**

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

The Village sign is looking with wear and tear. More renovation is required. The Clerk to look into who restored the sign.

**065/2025 Councillors' old Gmail email accounts being ceased – update from Cllr M. Posen**  
 Cllr M. Posen is to look into migrating all gmail accounts over to .gov.uk before the September meeting

**066/2025 Local Government reorganisation - to discuss the possibility of joining with Suffolk rather than Essex**

Cllr K. Holmes has spoken to neighbouring Parish Council who are, in principle, in favour of joining Suffolk CC. The river makes it a natural boundary and could prove problematic. Changing the Essex Suffolk border is demanding. Cllr K. Holmes to contact Pentlow Parish Council to see if they would be interested in moving to Suffolk CC. Cllr K. Holmes' view is that it would be a big ask to move without other Parish Councils joining in on the move.

**067/2025 Footpath update – Cllr K. Robson**

Contractor has cut and made a good job cutting the footpaths in first week of June. Brook Hall Farm has bought more land and placed a hard-core track along a footpath. Cllr K. Robson has contacted ECC regarding this issue. Cllr K. Holmes is meeting with Jason from ECC PROW officer soon.

**068/2025 Highway issues**

- **Speed Indicator Device (SID) – Update, traffic report and further actions – Cllr M. Posen**

Cllr M. Posen informed the meeting following the erection of the SID on 26<sup>th</sup>. May and circulated data from the SID from 26<sup>th</sup>. May to 7<sup>th</sup>. July '25 (6 weeks)

Key highlights of the traffic data are:

- Vehicle count in the period: **40,492**
- Average daily vehicle count: **953**
- Average speed of vehicles passing the SID: **27.7 mph**
- Maximum speed passing the SID: **65 mph**
- Percentage of vehicles exceeding the 30mph limit: **30%** (National average is 43%)
- Percentage of vehicles exceeding 35mph: **6%**

Whilst it is clear that a large proportion of vehicles are observing the speed limit, 30% broke the limit. This is actually a smaller percentage than the national average of 43% of vehicles exceeding a 30mph limit<sup>1</sup>.

However, given the narrow pavements on one side of the road through Foxearth, and the lack of pavements on the other side, 30% of vehicles speeding is concerning, and the fact that a number of vehicles have passed through the village at speeds between 50mph and 65mph is very troubling.

Noting these figures, Councillors considered taking action on vehicle speed, which might include:

- 1) Supporting and encouraging villagers to reinstate the Community Speedwatch scheme.

- 2) Asking Essex Police to visit the village on a regular basis to conduct formal speed checks.
- 3) Trying to find a suitable location on private land at the other end of Foxearth, where a second pole could be erected, thus allowing the SID to be moved between the two sites from time to time, in order to try to slow and monitor traffic entering the village from the Rodbridge end.

**069/2025      2025-2026 Winter Salt Bag scheme** – Does the Parish Council wish to participate in the scheme for this year? Councillors agreed not to participate in this scheme for this year

**070/2025      Planning – including any Current Planning Applications requiring a response**  
No planning applications have been submitted to BDC affecting Liston or Foxearth villages

**071/2025      Finance**

- a) To receive the Bank balances as at 30<sup>th</sup>. June 2025  
Councillor noted the Bank balances as at 30<sup>th</sup>. June 2025
- b) To receive the comparison of Actual against Budget 2025 /2026  
Councillors noted the comparison of Actual against Budget 2025 /2026
- c) Councillors to agree the June and July 2025 finances and to agree a transfer of any funds to meet the Parish Council's financial requirements **All Agreed**

**072/2025      Items for Next Agenda**

Councillor vacancies:

**073/2025      Date of Next Full Council meetings** – Monday 15<sup>th</sup>. September 2025 at 7.30pm

**Councillors to note the 2025 meeting dates. 17.11.25**

**074/2025      Closure of the Meeting**

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

The Chair then closed the meeting at 8.50pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed

*K Holmes*  
**Keith Holmes**  
**Chair**

15<sup>th</sup>. September 2025