

FOXEARH & LISTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Saturday 2nd. July 2016 at Foxearth Village Hall at 10.30am

Present: Cllrs T. Clayton (Chairman), K. Robson, M. Posen, W. Binks & Kevin Money (Clerk to the Council).

There were also 4 members of the public in attendance

16/064: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

16/065: Apologies for Absence: Cllrs C. Cox, P. Cox and Alan Fitch

16/066: Declaration of Interest

To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests relating to items on the agenda. No Councillors declared any interests

16/067: To approve the Minutes of the last meeting of Foxearth & Liston Parish Council.

To receive and agree the minutes held on Saturday 21st. May 2016

After a few amendments the minutes were proposed by Cllr M. Posen and seconded by Cllr K. Robson **This was agreed unanimously**

16/068: Chairman's report and any update since last meeting

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Local Plan is now available for public consultation between 27th June and 19th August. There is various drop in sessions operating and the dates and venues have been published on the BDC website www.braintree.gov.uk/newlp where the plans are also available to view or download. For those without access to the internet the plans are available to view at BDC reception in Braintree.

There have been further incidents of fly tipping at the junction with Liston Lane and the Foxearth to Glemsford road. I would ask all residents to be vigilant and in the event of seeing anything suspicious please take a note of the vehicle registration.

At the last meeting the Parish Council supported the application for proposed improvements to the existing access and the re-surfacing of the car park area at the Nature Reserve north west of Constables Farm on the Glemsford Road but with a concern over access during the dark hours which could attract undesirable visitors. Cllr K. Robson has been in touch with the warden and has been reassured that no access would be permitted during the hours of darkness and the site will be fully secure.

I have received a communication from Anglian Water which would be of interest to anyone who has a private pumping station on their land. Currently the landowner has the responsibility for the running costs but from October this year Anglian Water will take over the responsibility relieving the landowner of and future costs. If anyone here is affected by this the Parish Council can provide details of who to contact at Anglian Water. We will also publicise this on the Parish Council website.

We have received a communication from a resident regarding a couple of overgrown footpaths in the parish and Essex Highways have confirmed that they have responsibility for one of the paths (No.26) and will check the status on their cutting program.

The same resident kindly furnished the Parish Council with details of a company manufacturing battery powered speed awareness signs which may be a much less costly and more viable alternative to those we have previously looked at. I have made contact with the company and am awaiting a response regarding costs and specifications.

Cllr K. Robson informed the meeting that ECC cutbacks are not doing as much as in prior years regarding footpath clearance and maintenance. Councillor Robson encouraged parishioners to continue to report footpath problems, either to him or directly to Essex CC on their website.

16/069: Clerk report

The Clerk informed the meeting that Babergh DC had supplied him a planning application (B/16/00839/FUL) Land West of Station Yard Glemsford CO10 7QR
Erection of 9 no. dwellings and detached cartlodge

16/00591/FUL Land North West of Constables Farm Glemsford Road at the BDC meeting a decision on the proposals were deferred on this application.

16/070: Public Participation Session. The Chairman invited questions and observations from members of the public present.

A resident raised the issue that 2 months ago a voice application equipment was installed into the village hall. It appears not to be working at this meeting. Cllr M. Posen replied by saying that the system had been installed but the VHMC had not left out the appropriate equipment for using it at this meeting.

16/071: Essex County Councillors report. There was no report given at this meeting

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16/073: Review and agreement of the Compliments and Complaints procedure

The Clerk had distributed the 2 proposals for adopting by the Council. Cllr M. Posen proposed that the first document be approved and the second document deleted. This was seconded by Cllr K. Robson. This was agreed unanimously

16/074: Review of current F&L email and IT policy

Cllr M. Posen had nothing to report except that the new website still being developed. It still needs improving with further information on the website.

16/075: Review of improving telecommunications and broadband in F&L

Cllr M. Posen informed the meeting that the Working Party (WP) has been conducting a survey of residents in the Foxearth and Liston parishes to determine their level of satisfaction or dissatisfaction with current internet service provision.

As of today, 26 responses have been received: 20 from Foxearth, 5 from Liston and 1 who didn't say. 13 get their internet through the fixed phone line (mainly from BT), 12 through a wireless connection (all from County Broadband), 1 didn't say. A wide range of speeds are purchased, from 52 Mbps (fixed) and 16Mbps (wireless), but almost no-one achieves the quoted speed, many achieve far less. 7 of the 26 say that they never or rarely experience connection issues (6 fixed, 1 wireless) and the remainder say that they experience issues, some frequently and severely (both fixed and wireless). Very few have positive comments about their internet provision, although several note that the wireless provision is better than could be obtained through the fixed phone line. 8 find that the internet provision issues prevent them from working from home or running their business.

Other comments include a hope that County Broadband will roll out their new, faster NGA service soon and a strong desire to have access to superfast (fibre) broadband through the phone line as quickly as possible.

It would be helpful to have further responses, and we propose to leave the survey open for a few more weeks. We will try to promote it more widely through perhaps the village website and noticeboards. The WP will then seek to arrange meetings both with County Broadband and with Superfast Essex to bring the resident's concerns to these organisations and to seek their response.

Cllr T. Clayton asked about more access points especially on Church spires. Cllr M. Posen is to **discuss the various networks availability to remote villages**

16/076: Planning Applications – No applications had been received

Decision on Planning Application/s

16/00795/VAR - Liston Hall Foxearth Road Liston Sudbury Essex CO10 7HT

Application for variation of condition nos. 2 of approved application 09/00036/FUL (Erection of single storey extension, creation of two holiday lets and internal and external alterations) To allow use of the building as a residential annexe for purposes ancillary to the host dwelling, Liston Hall. **Application has been Granted**

16/077: To discuss any other planning applications received subsequent to the agenda being published. No late applications had been received

16/078: Finance:

Income 24.05.16 1st. instalment of Precept £3677

Chq. No. 788 Kevin B. Money 31.03.16 salary £569.04 (paid £379.24 chq no. 779) owed £189.80p + 30.04.16 salary £189.82p + 31.05.16 salary £189.62p + 30.06.16 salary £189.82 making a total of £759.06p

Chq. No. 789 HMRC May / June £89.80

Chq. No. 790 Kevin B. Money clerk expenses £9.75p

The above cheques for payment was proposed by Cllr M. Posen and seconded by Cllr W. Binks

This was agreed unanimously

16/079: Parish Tree Warden

In the absence of the tree warden the clerk read out a statement which stated that *The tree warden had looked at the jubilee oak in more detail and voice the following opinion. He thinks that we should leave the tree alone for another year. It will be a pity to destroy it after it has done it's best to recover*

Date of next meeting/s 17.09.16 : 12.11.16 : 28.01.17

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 11.10pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed..... 17th. September 2016
Anthony Clayton

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