

## FOXEARTH & LISTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>. November 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 2 members of the public in attendance

**16/094: Chairman welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

**16/095: Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllrs C. Cox, P. Cox, DC I. Parker and ECC D. Finch

**16/096: Declaration of Interest**

To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests relating to items on the agenda

Cllr K. Robson declared an interest in Planning application in Land North West of Constables Farm

**16/097: To approve the Minutes of the last meeting** of Foxearth & Liston Parish Council.

To receive and agree the minutes held on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>. September 2016

Cllr M. Posen proposed and Cllr W. Binks seconded that the minutes represent a true and accurate record of the meeting. **This was agreed unanimously**

**16/098: Chairman's report**

The Chairman said that the road works are successful so far but the signage is inappropriately placed.

Cllr K. Robson thought it would have been a good idea to do a traffic survey of how the traffic may go at a later date. An oil delivery driver had a problem with his deliveries as he could not get through to residents. The Chairman said he would contact the oil company regarding deliveries whilst the road works are being carried out.

**16/099: Clerks report**

a) Councillors to support the School Street signage –

Cllr T. Clayton informed the meeting about speaking to Essex Highways regarding additional signage in School Street Foxearth. Cllr T. Clayton proposed to contact Essex Highways. Cllr W. Binks seconded the proposition. **This was agreed unanimously**

b) PKF Littlejohn External Auditor report.

The RFO had received the 2015/16 Annual return from the external auditors with a glowing report.

**16/100: Public Participation**

A resident stated that the village war memorial in the churchyard is getting into a poor state. Its leaning and the wording has become un-readable. It is in a sad state of affair. Can this be rectified by the Parish Council? The Heritage Society could be approached for a grant. Councillors agreed to place this repair into the 2017/18 Budget. A resident informed the meeting that, after speaking with the workmen, that the main road through the village (Mill Road) will be closed when the road repairs moves towards the village hall area. This is likely to cause residents a tremendous problem with car parking in the village, since many cars park in Mill Road and these may end up parked on the main road through the village.

**16/101: Essex County Councillor report.** There was no report given but Cllr T. Clayton had contacted ECC David Finch and was told that Saturday mornings are good for Cllr D. Finch and he will be attending future meeting.

**16/102: District County Council report**

The clerk circulated a report from DC I. Parker which read: -

*There is a big focus within BDC on economic growth in the District. Increasingly the funding structure for local authorities will be linked to economic growth and government wants to see evidence that infrastructure projects will lead to increased economic activity before committing to them e.g. improvements to the A120. BDC is putting £28m into a District Investment strategy to support growth. Projects announced so far include purchase of a building at Braintree College to provide a new GP surgery, improvements to Braintree Town Centre to try to stimulate development there and an extension to the Ignite business park in Braintree which provides incubator units and support for start-ups. All the investments must provide a good return for the Council. BDC also held a jobs fair in September which 240 people attended as well as a large number of local employers. In general, the District is short of well paid jobs and there is a shortage of office space. There is also a shortage of skills. The Local Plan sub committee are now holding a series of meetings at which they are considering comments submitted on sites proposed for development and new sites put forward. No new sites have been allocated in Foxearth and Liston. A reminder that the large green bin will not be collected in December, January and February.*

I will be attending the users' meeting for the new DaRT bus service at the end of the month. Usage has increased by 194% since the service launched in April. There are however still a few problems in that the service is not yet capable of providing a truly demand led service except when the bus is not busy. It is effectively running routes but is more flexible in that it will only pick up and drop off in villages where a booking has been made, allowing the bus to take the most direct, and quickest, route possible. The operators have confirmed that the bus will go to the GP surgery in Long Melford if a bus is available. It would be best to arrange regular appointments for Wednesdays as there are several buses in Sudbury on that day. Please let me know if you would like to apply for funding for any projects under the new Councillor's grant scheme. Each councillor has been allocated £1500 to award to projects in their ward which benefit the local community.

**16/103: Planning applications**

**16/01587/FUL** – Brook Hall Brook Hall Lane Foxearth CO10 7HP

Retrospective application for a change of use and alterations to disused agricultural outbuildings to form 3 no. dwellings with proposed associated private gardens and car parking spaces – **APPLICATION REFUSED 28.10.16**

**16/00308/TPOCON** – Pipers Cottage The Street Foxearth CO10 7JH

Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area - Reduce Leyland cypress hedge to previous pruned height and Reduce Sycamore to previous pruning cuts

The clerk read out a statement from the Parish Tree Warden regarding the planning application

16/00308/TPOCON which states "I have visited Pipers Cottage 16/00308 TPOCON and have no objection to the proposed tree work being carried out"

**F&L Decision: No objection to this application**

**16/104: Decision/s Made by BDC on planning application/s**

**16/00230/TPO** – 1 Orchard Cottages The Street Foxearth CO10 7JG

Notice of intent to carry out works to tree protected by TPO – Fell 1 Norway Spruce tree.

**Application GRANTED**

**16/00591/FUL** - Land North West of Constables Farm Glemsford Road Foxearth

Proposed improvements to existing access, resurfacing of parking area in association with the use of the land as a nature reserve. **Application GRANTED**

**16/105: Finance:** Credit Received: 2<sup>nd</sup>. Instalment of Precept £2494.00p

Chq No.	Inv. No.	Payee	Cost	VAT	Total
s/o	Oct '16	K. B. Money Oct salary	£189.82	£0	£189.82
s/o	Nov '16	K. B. Money Nov salary	£189.82	£0	£189.82
795	Oct '16	HMRC October salary	£ 45.00	£0	£ 45.00
	Nov '16	HMRC November salary	£ 44.80	£0	£ 44.80
796	29845	A&J Lighting Solutions Annual maintenance	£105.00	£21.00	£126.00
	29674	A&J Lighting Solutions repairs to lights	£ 17.50	£ 3.50	£ 21.00
797	001	Remembrance Day poppy wreath	£ 20.00	£0	£ 20.00
Total:			£611.94	£24.50	£636.44

The above cheques were proposed for authorisation by Cllr T. Clayton and seconded by Cllr. W. Binks

**This was agreed unanimously**

The RFO circulated the Bank reconciliation and 2016/17 Budget figures to Councillors.

The RFO then circulated the recommendation of 2017/18 budget / Precept figures. The Councillors discussed and amended the Budget figures. After this a Precept figure of £6858 for the 2017/18 year was agreed. This figure was increased due to the 2 main projects suggested by residents. Namely Footpath & Hedge cutting & War Memorial repairs. BDC had also reduced the localism grant by a third to £737. The future of the localism grant will be £368 in 2018/19 & £0 in 2019/20. This Precept figure of £6858 was proposed by Cllr T. Clayton and seconded by Cllr. K. Robson. **This was agreed unanimously.**

**16/093: Parish Tree Warden**

There was nothing further to report

Date of next meeting/s: **28.01.17: 25.03.17: 13.05.17 APM: 20.05.17 AGM: 15.07.17: 09.09.17: 04.11.17**

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 11.30am and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed.....18<sup>th</sup>. February 2017

**Anthony Clayton**